



THE OFFICIAL  FAN CLUB

## FALL ISSUE OF *DISNEY TWENTY-THREE* TO HONOR THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY'S 100-YEAR JOURNEY

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE TO EXPLORE DISNEY'S 100-YEAR LEGACY OF  
STORYTELLING AND INNOVATION WITH EXCLUSIVE CELEBRITY MEMORIES,  
A SPECIAL LETTER FROM BOB IGER, RARELY SEEN PHOTOS, AND MORE

BURBANK, Calif. – July 6, 2023 – In celebration of the 100th anniversary of The Walt Disney Company, the upcoming Fall 2023 issue of *Disney twenty-three* will take fans on a trip down memory lane in honor of the company's centennial this October.

The special commemorative issue—a meaningful keepsake as part of the Disney100 celebration—will feature an original and exclusive cover of Mickey Mouse from artist and “Mickey” voiceover performer **Bret Iwan**, and a letter of gratitude to the passionate fans from the CEO of The Walt Disney Company, **Bob Iger**.

The new issue, to be delivered directly to Gold Members of [D23: The Official Disney Fan Club](#), will include an in-depth look from Walt Disney Archives experts on how **Walt and Roy O. Disney** defied all expectations to become the founders of the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio in 1923 in addition to quotes from the brothers themselves as first-hand testimony of their fascinating journey. Plus, readers will learn more about the art and science behind the revolutionary technologies and techniques that have shaped Disney stories and experiences through the decades.

The commemorative issue will also feature personal stories from Disney Legends **Josh Gad** and **Tracee Ellis Ross**, the cast of *High School Musical: The Musical: The Series*, and **Rosario Dawson**, star of the upcoming Disney+ show *Ahsoka*. Then, discover a century of fandom and the creative ways fans found to gather together and celebrate what they love, from the Mickey Mouse Clubs of the 1930s to modern cosplay for *Marvel* and *Star Wars*.

Music plays a large part in fans' connection to Disney stories and experiences, and there is one unparalleled partnership that created the standard for Disney music. Whether floating through a world of laughter in “*it's a small world*,” being reminded that “There's a Great Big Beautiful Tomorrow” in *Walt Disney's Carousel of Progress*, or taking a “Step in Time” with Bert and Mary in *Mary Poppins* (1964), brothers **Richard M.** and **Robert B. Sherman** were instrumental in creating songs that have captured hearts for generations. In this issue, readers will find archival interviews from the brothers as they recount intimate moments in their own words and share magical memories of making music.

Plus, follow beloved stories from page to parks and get a behind-the-scenes look at how the magic-makers at Disney turn drawings, storyboards, and animation into real-life experiences. Later in the issue, dive into the unknown with director **Chris Buck** and the *Frozen* design team, as well as producer **Mary Livanos** of Marvel Studios' upcoming *The Marvels*, as they share the inside scoop on how these imaginary worlds are built for the big screen, creating intricate new realms for fans to enjoy across multiple stories.

Also in the Fall 2023 issue of *Disney twenty-three*:

- Revisit star-studded movie premieres through the years in a unique D Society feature.
- Step up to the plate and discover Disney's long history of telling stories through sports, from early animated Mickey Mouse and Goofy shorts to modern-day ESPN programming.
- Walk in Walt's footsteps through The Happiest Place on Earth with legendary Walt Disney Imagineer **Kim Irvine**.
- Take a closer look at the ways The Walt Disney Company has given back to the community, a legacy started by Walt Disney himself.
- Read a special By the Numbers: Disney100 looking back at The Walt Disney Company from 1974–1998—the third in a four-part series.
- Journey down memory lane in an eye-popping parade of 100 characters from all 62 Walt Disney Animation Studios feature films, from 1937's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* to *Wish*, coming to theaters this November.

This year, D23 Members will enjoy even more ways to join in the Disney100 celebration:

- **Destination D23 Presented by Lug – Celebrating 100 Years of Disney:** The biggest Disney fan event of the year will take place at Walt Disney World Resort September 8–10. For those unable to attend in person, select presentations at Destination D23 will be livestreamed on [D23.com](https://www.d23.com) for audiences to enjoy no matter where they are in the world. **Check out the latest details [here!](#)**
- **DISNEY100 Anniversary Event:** D23 Members are invited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the company in October at a very special event taking place at The Walt Disney Studios lot. Ticket information and additional event details will be shared soon.
- **D23 Gold Member Pin:** An exclusive D23 Gold Member pin features a miniature bas-relief likeness of the Mickey Mouse “Leader of the Club” Milestone Statue that is part of the D23 Gold Member Collector Set. Celebrate the gold and the platinum with this collectors' keepsake. Learn more [here](#).

In addition to access to these great offerings, D23 Gold Members will also receive the 2023 Gold Member Collector Set, which features the Mickey Mouse “Leader of the Club” Milestone Statue, when renewing or joining this year. This icon of the Disney100 celebration was designed with platinum panache [by artist James Fauntleroy](#). The 2023 Gold Member Collector Set also includes a choice among four Membership Card designs featuring many beloved characters from Disney, Marvel, Pixar, and *Star Wars*, plus a special Disney100-themed Membership Certificate.

***Disney twenty-three*** is delivered directly to fans' doorsteps and is included as a benefit of their D23 Gold Membership. The latest issue will begin arriving before the end of August.

### **About D23**

The name "D23" pays homage to the exciting journey that began in 1923 when Walt Disney opened his first studio in Hollywood. D23 is the first official club for fans in Disney's nearly 100-year history. It gives its members a greater connection to the entire world of Disney by placing them in the middle of the magic year-round through its quarterly publication, *Disney twenty-three*; the latest news and stories on [D23.com](https://www.d23.com); member-exclusive offers and discounts; the popular [D23 Inside Disney podcast](#); and special experiences for D23 Members throughout the year.

Fans can join D23 at Gold Membership (\$99.99/year), Gold Duo Membership (\$129.99/year), and General Membership (complimentary) levels at [D23.com](https://www.d23.com). To keep up with all the latest D23 news and events, follow DisneyD23 on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube.

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