



The Official Disney Fan Club

DISNEY TWENTY-THREE UNLOCKS THE GATES TO SHANGHAI DISNEY RESORT

**THROUGH SPECTACULAR PHOTOGRAPHY AND IN-DEPTH ARTICLES, DISNEY FANS
WILL GET AN ADVANCE LOOK AT THE ONE-OF-A-KIND THEME PARK THAT IS
AUTHENTICALLY DISNEY AND DISTINCTLY CHINESE**

**PLUS, D23'S SUMMER MOVIE PREVIEW FEATURES EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH
FINDING DORY'S ELLEN DEGENERES, PETE'S DRAGON'S BRYCE DALLAS HOWARD,
AND THE BFG DIRECTOR STEVEN SPIELBERG**

BURBANK, Calif. – May 11, 2016 – On June 16, Disney will officially open Shanghai Disney Resort, and *Disney twenty-three* is giving fans an advance peek at this breathtaking one-of-a-kind destination. From its opening pages, with a welcome from Disney Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bob Iger, to the back cover, featuring a map of the park—in Chinese—the issue is packed with exciting details about this new resort that celebrates everything guests love about Disney, while honoring China's distinct cultural heritage.

The issue, exclusively for Gold Members of [D23: The Official Disney Fan Club](#), provides a detailed look at how Shanghai Disney Resort was built from concept to concrete, including fascinating insights into the partnership between Walt Disney Imagineers and the incredibly talented artisans of mainland China. Readers will be able to explore all the exclusive attractions opening at the park including *Voyage to the Crystal Grotto*, which recreates moments from beloved Disney animated films as riders travel along the waterways of Fantasyland and under the Enchanted Storybook Castle—the largest castle in any Disney park. The thrilling adrenaline rush of *TRON Lightcycle Power Run* puts guests in the driver's seat of a high-tech race, and the high seas adventures of *Pirates of the Caribbean: Battle for the Sunken Treasure* boasts some of the most advanced technologies of any Disney attraction.

More than 30 pages of exclusive interviews and vibrant photography come together to highlight this jewel in the Disney Parks crown, from all-new shows, experiences, merchandise, and dining options to a rare glimpse behind the scenes of the creation of the resort.

Plus, *Disney twenty-three* turns up the heat with its annual summer movie preview. Highlights include exclusive interviews with Ellen DeGeneres discussing the upcoming *Finding Dory* as well as her first trip to Disneyland, Bryce Dallas Howard talking about the reimagining of *Pete's Dragon*, and Academy Award® winner Steven Spielberg revealing details about his Disney directorial debut, *The BFG*.

Also included in the summer issue of *Disney twenty-three* is a look at how *The Reluctant Dragon*, celebrating its 75th anniversary, gave audiences a peek at the making of Disney animated films, while paving the way for the Disney Studio's respected documentary films.

Disney twenty-three, which is delivered directly to fans' doorsteps, is offered exclusively to D23 Gold and Gold Family Members as a benefit of their membership. The latest issue will begin arriving in late May.

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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 90-plus-year history. It gives its members a greater connection to the entire world of Disney by placing them in the middle of the magic through its quarterly publication, *Disney twenty-three*; a rich website at D23.com with members-only content; member-exclusive discounts; and special events for D23 Members throughout the year.

Fans can join D23 at Gold Membership (\$74.99), Gold Family Membership (\$99.99), and General Membership (complimentary) levels at D23.com and at DisneyStore.com/D23. To keep up with all the latest D23 news and events, follow DisneyD23 on Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram, and YouTube.

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