



The Official Disney Fan Club

## **DISNEY TWENTY-THREE CELEBRATES THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

**INTERVIEWS WITH PAIGE O'HARA, ROBBY BENSON, ALAN MENKEN, ANGELA LANSBURY, LINDA WOOLVERTON, AND MANY MORE GIVE FANS A RICH LOOK AT THE CREATION AND ENDURING LEGACY OF THE BELOVED CLASSIC.**

**PLUS, DISNEY TWENTY-THREE'S FALL TV PREVIEW FEATURES EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH THE CREATIVE TEAMS BEHIND *ONCE UPON A TIME*, MARVEL'S *AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D.*, AND *MILO MURPHY'S LAW*, AS WELL AS *CONVICTION* STAR HAYLEY ATWELL.**

BURBANK, Calif. – August 2, 2016 – This year, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*—the first animated film ever to be nominated for an Academy Award® for Best Picture—celebrates its 25th anniversary, and *Disney twenty-three* is giving fans a spectacular look at the film from its inception to its timeless legacy. The issue features interviews with Paige O'Hara (Belle), Robby Benson (Beast), Angela Lansbury (Mrs. Potts), David Ogden Stiers (Cogsworth), Richard White (Gaston), composer Alan Menken, screenwriter Linda Woolverton, producer Don Hahn, and many more, as well as stories about how the film has been equally successful in Disney theme parks and on stage. Plus, readers will learn more about the live-action adaptation of the film, coming to theaters in 2017.

The issue, exclusively for Gold Members of [D23: The Official Disney Fan Club](#), also features a Fall TV Preview, which includes interviews with ABC's *Once Upon a Time* creators Eddy Kitsis and Adam Horowitz; the producers and stars of Marvel's *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*; and Dan Povenmire and Jeff "Swampy" Marsh (who created *Phineas and Ferb*), who reveal details about their new Disney XD show, *Milo Murphy's Law*. Plus, Hayley Atwell of *Agent Carter* and *Cinderella* gives fans a preview of her new ABC show, *Conviction*, and shares with readers her favorite Disneyland attractions.

Also included in the fall publication of *Disney twenty-three* is an exclusive interview with Benedict Cumberbatch about his upcoming Marvel film *Doctor Strange*; a look at how Disney Theatrical Group creates spectacular shows for Broadway and beyond; a peek at the creation of Disney's newest princess, Elena of Avalor; and a story focusing on the timeless artwork of *Dumbo* to toast the film's 75th anniversary. The issue also includes regular columns such as Ask Dave, From the Vault, A Walk with Walt, and a special "From the Desk of" to celebrate the fifth anniversary of *Aulani*, A Disney Resort & Spa.

The celebration of *Beauty and the Beast's* 25th anniversary continues on September 5, when D23 Members—and Disney fans—are invited to join the festivities as the club kicks off its annual *Fanniversary* event. D23 will be holding member screenings of the groundbreaking film around the country, Gold Members will receive special "selfie kits" with the fall publication, and D23.com will offer fans exclusive features, new videos, printables, recipes, and much more. Fans are invited to "be our guest" for this 25-day event, and to use the hashtag #D23Fanniversary on social media to join the conversation. More details will be available in the coming weeks at [D23.com/D23Fanniversary](#).

*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 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 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](http://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](http://D23.com) and at [DisneyStore.com/D23](http://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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