



MULAN GOES TO BATTLE ON THE COVER OF THE NEW ISSUE OF *DISNEY TWENTY-THREE*

THE DIRECTOR AND STARS OF THE FILM DISCUSS ADAPTING THE BELOVED TALE INTO
AN EPIC LIVE-ACTION FEATURE

PLUS, EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH CHRIS PRATT, SCARLETT JOHANSSON,
FLORENCE PUGH, AND JANE GOODALL HIGHLIGHT THE SPRING ISSUE

BURBANK, Calif. – February 6, 2020 – While the tale of *Mulan*—the young woman who masqueraded as a man in the Imperial Army to fight Northern Invaders attacking China—may date back centuries, director Niki Caro says, “It felt to me that the story was as resonant now as when it was written.” Caro, and cast from Disney’s incredible live-action adaptation of *Mulan*, which opens this March, discuss making the epic film that honors both the beloved animated classic and the original story of the heroic warrior. In the new issue of *Disney twenty-three*, available exclusively to Gold Members of [D23: The Official Disney Fan Club](#), author Bruce Steele traveled to the set of the film to witness the elaborate battle sequences and the intimate, self-reflective moments that make this new movie so spectacular.

Plus, star Chris Pratt and members of the creative team from Disney and Pixar’s *Onward* reveal how they made movie magic, while its two leading characters search for a little magic in their own realm. And Pratt talks about the bond he shared with costar (and fellow Avenger) Tom Holland: “Tom really is like a little brother to me, and you see that in this movie.”

And speaking of Avengers, Scarlett Johansson is back as the eponymous star of *Black Widow*, and the actor and her costar Florence Pugh discuss what it’s like to exchange barbs—and punches—in the new film.

In honor of Earth Month, *Disney twenty-three* explores The Walt Disney Company’s extensive history of conservation, dating back to Walt himself. And to celebrate both the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and the 25th anniversary of the Disney Conservation Fund, the publication takes a look at the many ways Disney upholds Walt’s vision, from new DisneyNature movies and specials coming to Disney+, to National Geographic’s enduring legacy of protecting nature, to an exclusive interview with world-renowned anthropologist Jane Goodall.

Also included in the Spring issue of *Disney twenty-three*:

- An oral history of *A Goofy Movie*—in honor of its 25th anniversary—with the stars and director of the fan-favorite film
- Todrick Hall talks about crafting the music for the new *Magic Happens* parade at Disneyland
- A first look at the dazzling new show *Drawn to Life*, a breathtaking partnership between Cirque du Soleil, Walt Disney Imagineering, and Walt Disney Animation Studios coming to Walt Disney World Resort this spring
- The voice cast of *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* prepares us for the stunning final season coming to Disney+
- Grace VanderWaal and the cast of *Stargirl* talk about adapting the YA favorite into a Disney+

original

- A sneak peek at *Inside the Walt Disney Archives: 50 Years of Preserving the Magic*, an exhibition of more than 400 treasures opening this March at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana, Calif.
- Regular features including From the Desk Of, By the Numbers, Character Analysis, D Society, and Ask the Walt Disney Archives

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 mid-February.

About D23

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