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The galaxy has been waiting  
for a long, long time....

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STAR WARS VIII  
THE LAST JEDI

# THE BIGGEST STAR AMONG ALL MOVIES

In times of rivalry between classic movie theaters and high-definition TV's, computers, media centers and Internet-streaming, every cinema operator can be delighted about the fact, that the greatest movie saga of the galaxy has finally found its way back on the big screen again.

Furthermore, the gaming industry, souvenirs, fan clubs, fashion and jewelry brands as well as the media: simply everyone, but especially millions of fans have waited a long time to fly to the stars again accompanied by the old and new STAR WARS heroes. Never before has a movie caused quite an enormous hype like The Force Awakens in 2015. Now, two years later, the saga finally continues.

And again, the Internet has been overflowed with millions of fans chats in anticipation of this moment. Filled with pre excitement the fans discussed the potential story, the cast and many other aspects. The official trailers - as well as the unofficial ones - were clicked million times in just a few days. In public, official news were shared and rumors were spread. Of course, also the STAR WARS website had vast traffic.

STAR WARS – THE FORCE AWAKENS broke all records. Around 600.000 people saw the prequel in Germany alone on the first day of screening in 2015. It resulted in 6.6 million Euros at the box offices. After the first weekend, Walt Disney announced a visitor number of 2.15 people and a turnover of 25 million Euros in Germany, and 238 million US Dollars in the United States. In order to cope with the rush of visitors, movie theaters provided additional screens for the fans.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, 2015, The Force Awakens was honored for 3 million visitors with the German award “Goldene Leinwand”. Three days later, on December 27 it was announced, that STAR WARS has grossed a total of \$1.086 billion in contrast to a production budget of \$200 million. Thus, The Force Awakens was the first film that had ever surpassed the \$1 billion Dollar benchmark in just 12 days. Hence, it was the most successful movie start of all time.

## 40 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

Therefore, the expectations towards THE LAST JEDI are very high. VALEUR dedicates this Birthday Special Edition to the Movie Saga that has been fascinating millions with its legacy for 40 years. Since then, an imaginative and fantastic story fulfills the dreams of any age, from the very young to old. A special thank goes to Valentina Culley-Foster, Wald Disney, 20th Century Fox, Frandly PR, MeinFreiraum PR, Media Networx and in particular IMAX® for their caring and active support.

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.  
ALWAYS.

# EDITORIAL

## A LONG TIME AGO, FROM A WORLD FAR, FAR AWAY...

In that way - slightly modified - my own personal story could start. A long time ago, coming from a world far, far away - in my case Eastern Germany - I set my feet on West German soil for the first time. In that moment, I noticed that things were very different than I had imagined before. Instead of a colorful and creative world, I found a cold and dreary one. Even more grey, than those East German cities, which had been characterized by years of mismanagement and an economy of scarcity, ever could be. There, behind grey facades existed a colorful life, be steeped in friendships and merriment. But in my new home Frankfurt, I looked in vain for true friendships or a romantic love affair. So, I started to focus on education and work, to earn own money and to create and explore my own world. Therefore, the first money I earned was spent on a video recorder, which I used immediately to watch three movies that I had only heard about and dreamed of before: STAR WARS.

The ultimate battle between good and evil, between egoism, envy or hate and courage, love and amity. Aspects of human characteristics, that naturally shape our daily lives. From the very first time, I was excited to see, how essential values of our life were skillfully projected onto a galaxy far, far away. Moreover, I was surprised by its effect upon the audience and me. Shifting space and time, the story enables to create an understanding of reality much better, than an authentic drama could. The best way to make things easier to understand is the activation of our fantasy. I was and still am simply overwhelmed by the spirit of the saga of STAR WARS.

Certainly, there are many people, who aren't able to open their minds to the true story behind STAR WARS. Those people only see action and science fiction in these movies. That's ok, but those who take time to pay closer attention, who listen to the words and dare to look beyond the horizon, those will recognize the true depth of the story of STAR WARS.

STAR WARS is more than pure science-fiction or a mere action spectacle. It is a confrontation with our world with all of its problems. Similar to a fable, the STAR WARS story presents issues and happenings relating to our everyday lives displaced to imaginative places and embodied by likeable characters or unpleasant creatures. Those, who are able to feel - besides just thinking - will experience a simple as well as ingenious story, including a partially naive but always authentic representation of good and evil.

On the one hand, there is the dark side, characterized by suspicion and temptation, by carelessness and fear, by power, greed and hate. On the other side, there is the light side that obtains its power from the courage, loyalty, trust, love and the unconditional friendship of its heroes.

We know all of this, because these are the values and problems we face in our everyday lives. Most of us search for peace and loyal friends like Han Solo, Chewbacca and Luke Skywalker. They are idols for many people. Furthermore, quite a lot of people wish to travel to the stars, to fight for the good with glory and honor. So not only our mind, but rather our longings and feelings are equally addressed without any detours. Thereby, the age or generation of the audience becomes completely unimportant.







As a young man in the 90ies, I deplored the fact that I had never seen the powerful visuals of STAR WARS on the big screen. That regret lasted until the time when LucasArts announced the release of the Remastered Versions. I was playing hooky, to see the movies as much as possible. On the release day of The Return of the Jedi I saw this episode four times in the cinema. I don't know, how often I saw it in total over the years. I just can't get enough. Especially this episode gives me power and peace, it makes me happy and calm, it makes me sad in one minute and makes me smile in another.

When George Lucas announced the next episodes, which play before the older ones, I hoped, that I would experience a continuation of these intense emotions. But instead I was disappointed, because of the lack of mystic, romance and good performance of actors. The CGI-locations were colorful but cold. The story wasn't logical

and focused on effects and action scenes. Of course, the times change and the young generation especially loves these episodes, because they reflect the respective spirit of that time. Similar to the movie "The Polar Express" I thought, I become too old to hear the little magic bell ringing.

With this background and with mixed feelings I experienced the year 2015. On the one hand full of both curiosity and enthusiasm, but on the other hand full of worry to be disappointed. Also, the sale of the copy rights and licenses to Walt Disney raised new questions in my mind. Of course, Disney is the biggest player in the movie business and certainly able to create exceptional movies, but would the team really able to feel the emotions? I asked myself, if the crew could handle the refinement, all of the important features, which are closely related to the old prequels of The Force Awakens and now The Last Jedi? I was

happy, when I heard that Harrison Ford will come back, but I ask myself, if it will fit with the story? Is his return logical or only a commercial feature to reach a wide range of viewers?

However, because of my questions and insecurity I evaded the hype of the month before the film start, until the 15. December 2015, when I had the special honor to belong to the international press guests, who were invited to see STAR WARS - The Force Awakens. On this day, the circle was completed. The Force Awakens continues seamlessly The Return of the Jedi; and to do so not simply in terms of the content, but also with regard to the atmosphere, profoundness, emotion, humor and imagery. I was enthralled by the bombastic visuals for 135 magical minutes. A presence I haven't felt since...

I met the heroes of my youth and I recognized that they were always on my side. Moreover, they even bring new friends, which we must simply

love, some more than others. As most colleagues on that day, I came out of the cinema with a relaxed smile on my face, feeling calm and happy. It needed a while, until I returned to reality, the trip to the stars was simply too amazing.

Now, after 40 years, Episode XIII is in cinemas. This special anniversary edition will show you what makes Star Wars - The Last Jedi as well as the entire STAR WARS universe so special.

Have fun and...

May the force be with you.



EDITOR IN CHIEF MARCO KOKKOT WITH THE GERMAN GARRISON OF THE 501ST LEGION



# THE LAST JEDI ENTERS THE GALAXY

## THE PREMIERES

DAISY RIDLEY ATTENDS THE EUROPEAN PREMIERE OF STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI IN THE PRESENCE OF HRH DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE AND HRH PRINCE HARRY AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL IN LONDON, UK ON TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2017. THE WORLD PREMIERE TOOK PLACE AT THE SHRINE AUDITORIUM IN LOS ANGELES, USA ON DECEMBER 9, 2017.

# THE EUROPEAN PREMIERE OF THE LAST JEDI IN LONDON

MARK HAMILL AND MARILOU YORK ATTEND THE EUROPEAN PREMIERE OF STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI IN THE PRESENCE OF HRH DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE AND HRH PRINCE HARRY AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL IN LONDON ON TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2017.

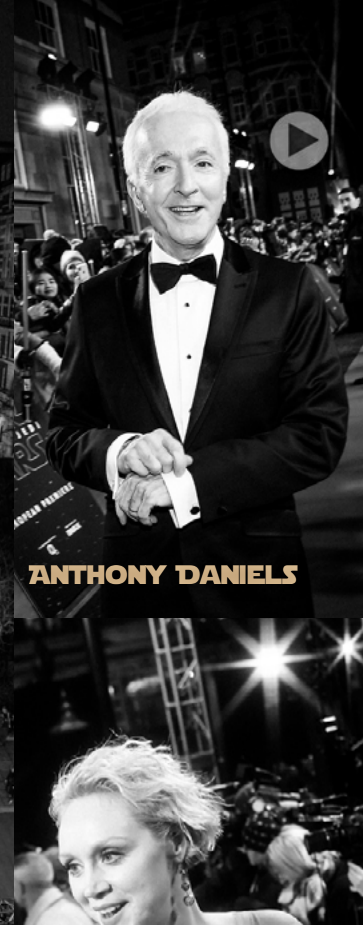




**JOHN BOYEGA ATTENDS THE EUROPEAN PREMIERE OF STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI**



**THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL IN LONDON**



**ANTHONY DANIELS**



**THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL IN LONDON**



**BEAUTIFUL DAISY RIDLEY**



**LAURA DERN ATTENDS THE EUROPEAN PREMIERE**



**CWENDOLINE CHRISTIE**



**JOHN BOYEGA WITH FANS (ALSO MIDDLE BELOW)**



**ADAM DRIVER (LEFT)**



**R2-D2 AND 3-CPN ON THE RED CARPET**



# BENICIO DEL TORO

THE SUPER STAR ATTENDS THE EUROPEAN PREMIERE OF  
STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI IN LONDON



▶ PRINCE WILLIAM  
AND PRINCE HENRY  
WELCOME THE STAR WARS  
CAST IN LONDON

**DAISY RIDLEY**  
WITH STORM TROOPERS AT THE EUROPEAN  
PREMIERE IN LONDON





# A FRIENDLY INVASION OF LOS ANGELES THE WORLD PREMIERE

A VIEW OF THE ATMOSPHERE AT STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI WORLD  
PREMIERE AT THE SHRINE AUDITORIUM ON DECEMBER 9, 2017 IN  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. (PHOTO BY CHARLEY GALLAY)

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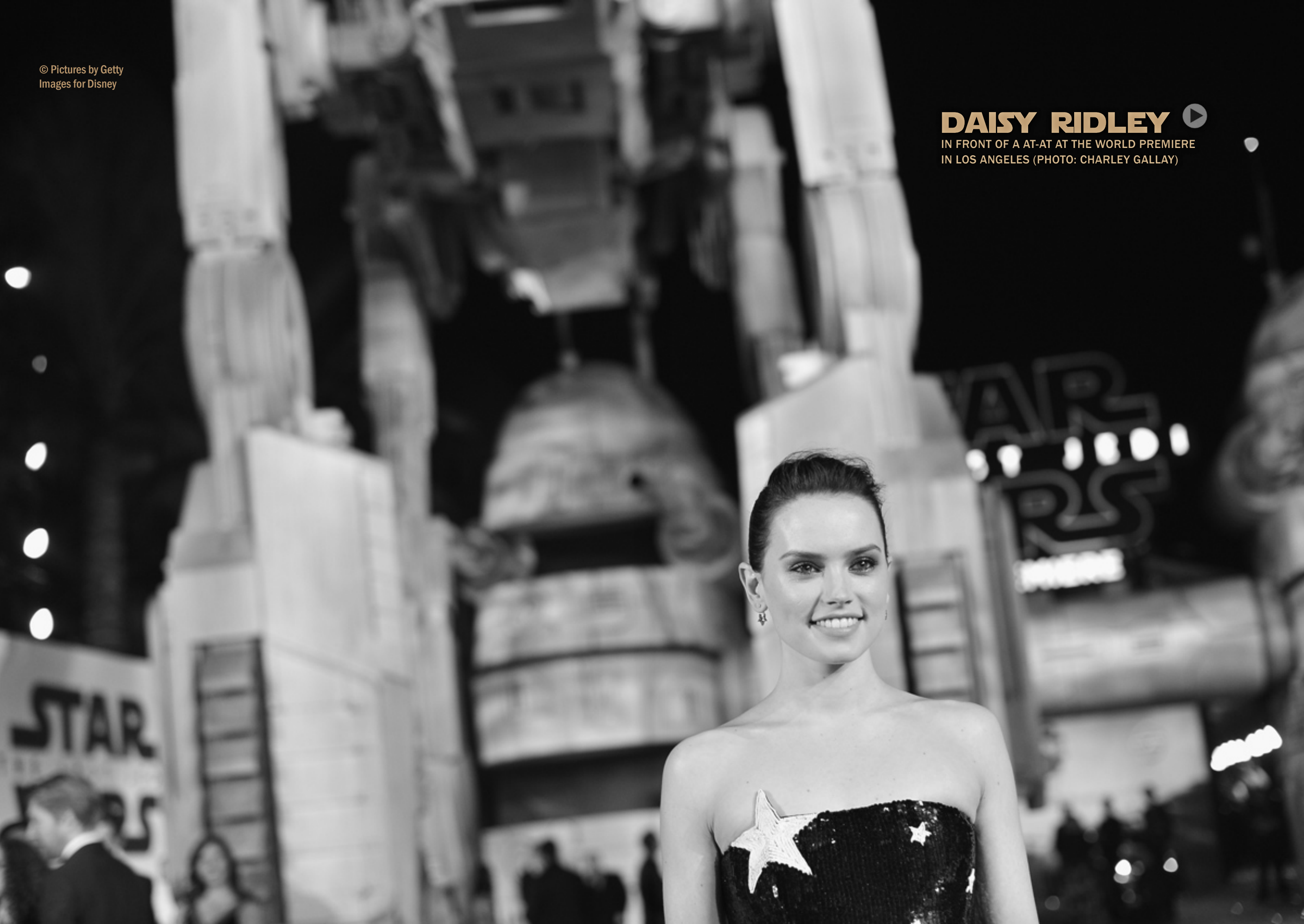


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**DAISY RIDLEY** 

IN FRONT OF A AT-AT AT THE WORLD PREMIERE  
IN LOS ANGELES (PHOTO: CHARLEY GALLAY)





# DAISY RIDLEY

SIGNS AUTOGRAPHS WITH COUNTLESS FANS  
IN L.A. (PHOTO BY CHARLEY GALLAY)





**EXECUTIVE PRODUCER  
J.J. ABRAMS AND  
KATIE MCGRATH  
(RIGHT SIDE)  
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**WITH A TOUCH OF  
THE DARK SIDE  
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IN LONDON**

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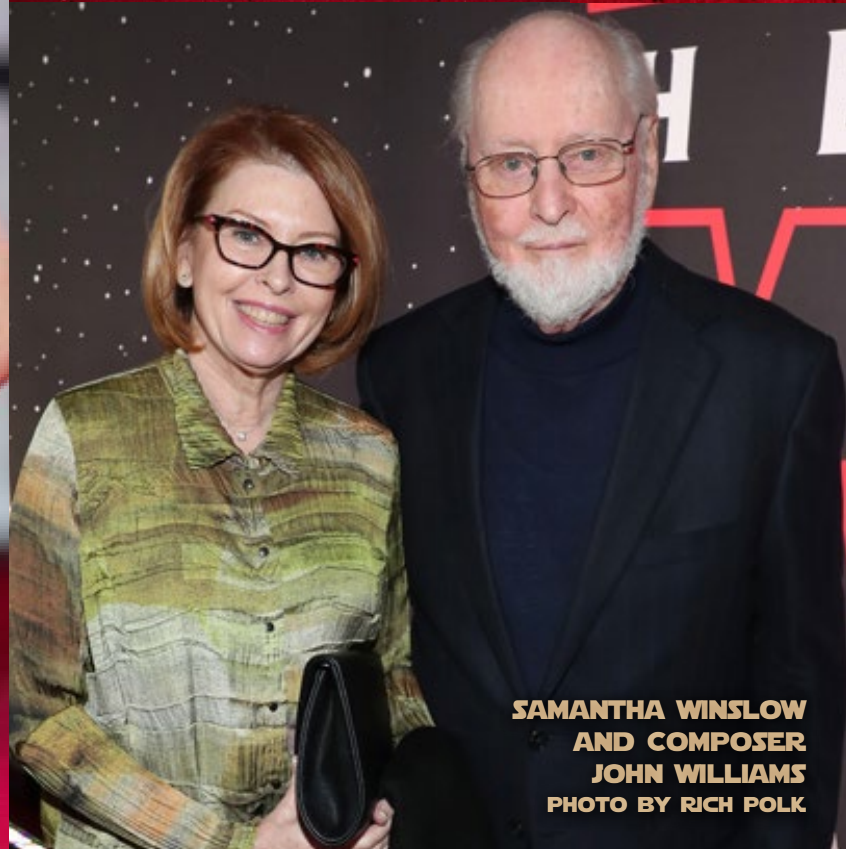
**WARWICK DAVIS (L) AND  
ACTOR JOONAS SUOTAM  
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**DAISY RIDLEY AND  
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IN LONDON**



**ADAM DRIVER WITH  
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**SAMANTHA WINSLOW  
AND COMPOSER  
JOHN WILLIAMS  
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**THE PRAETORIAN GUARD  
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**R2-D2 AND  
C-3PO IN L.A.  
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**STORMTROOPERS  
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**BILLIE  
CATHERINE  
LOURD**



**MARK HAMILL AND DAISY RIDLEY**  
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**STORM REID IN L.A.**  
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**AT-AT ATTENDS  
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**DAISY RIDLEY IN L.A.**  
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**LUPITA NYONG'O**  
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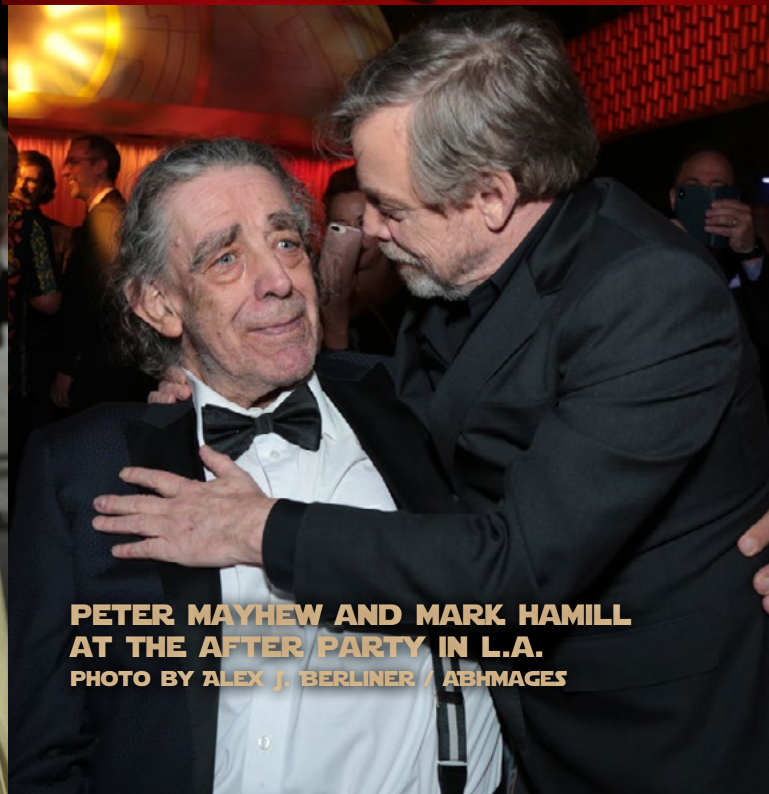
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**RIAN JOHNSON**  
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**PETER MAYHEW AND MARK HAMILL  
AT THE AFTER PARTY IN L.A.**  
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**WARWICK DAVIS**  
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**JOONAS SUOTAMO (L)  
AND PETER MAYHEW  
ABOVE RIGHT, PHOTO BY  
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**STORMTROOPERS ATTEND  
THE PREMIERE IN L.A.**  
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**C-3PO AND R2-D2**  
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**FRANK OZ  
AND VICTORIA  
LABALME (RIGHT)**  
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**KELLY MARIE TRAN  
WITH A STORMTROOPER**  
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**ANDY SERKIS**  
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**MEREDITH  
SALENGER (L)  
AND PATTON  
OSWALT**  
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**LUPITA NYONG'O,  
JOONAS SUOTAMO,  
JOHN BOYEGA, AND  
KELLY MARIE TRAN**  
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**MARK HAMILL, MARILOU YORK, AND LAURA  
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**MARILOU YORK  
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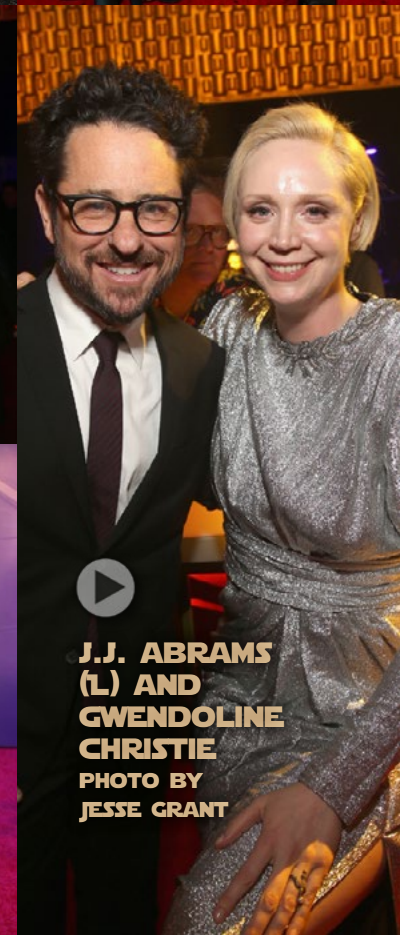
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**ADAM DRIVER (L)  
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**THOM YORKE WITH BB-8**  
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**J.J. ABRAMS  
(L) AND  
GWENDOLINE  
CHRISTIE**  
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**DOMHNALL GLEESON AND KELLY MARIE TRAN POSE WITH THE PRAETORIAN GUARD**  
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**BB-8, RIAN JOHNSON AND ANTHONY DANIELS**  
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**JOHN WILLIAMS AND PRODUCER KATHLEEN KENNEDY**  
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**DOMHNALL GLEESON WITH FANS**  
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**DOMHNALL GLEESON**  
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**ANDY SERKIS AND DOMHNALL GLEESON**  
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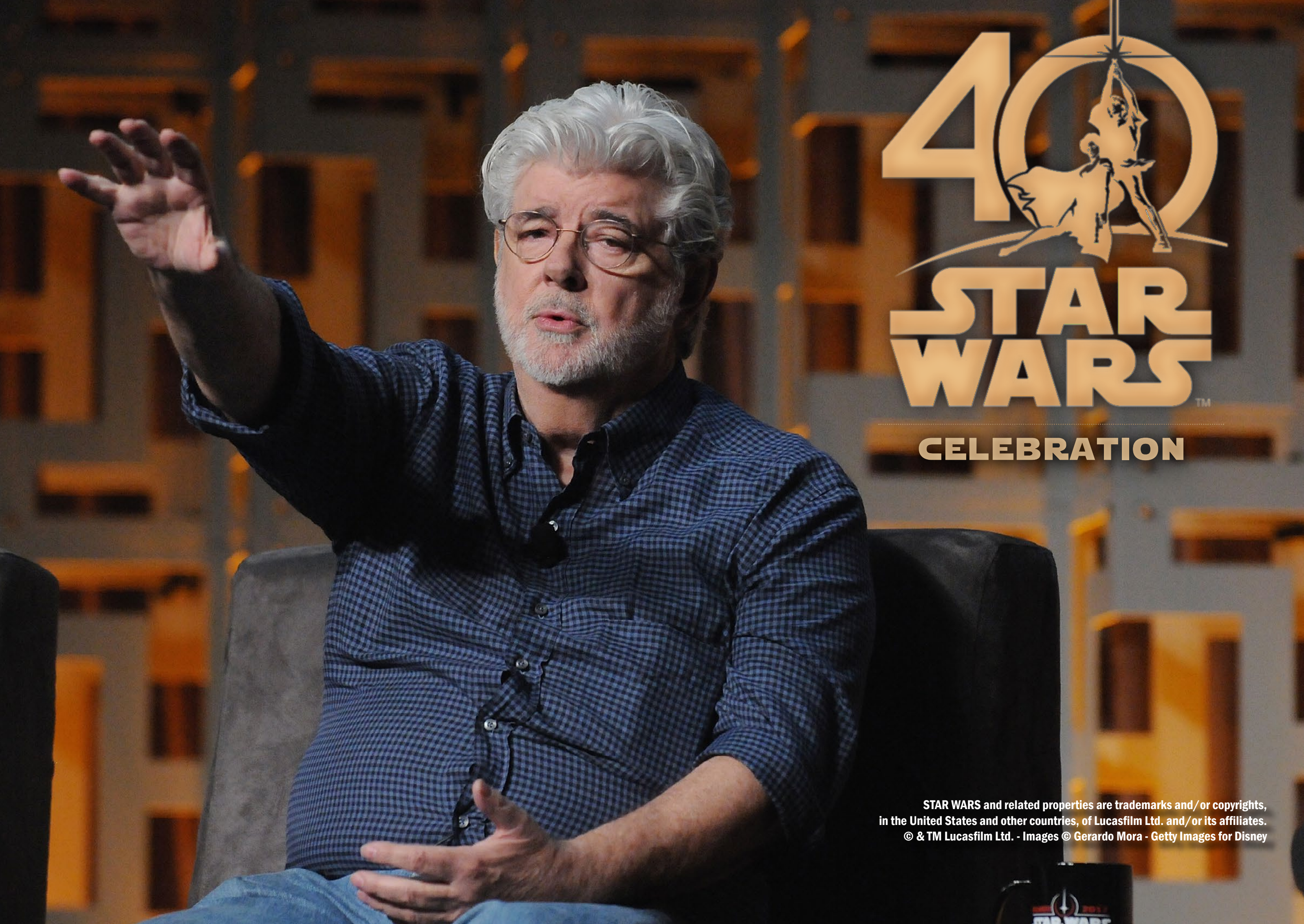
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**STORMTROOPERS**  
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**ANDY SERKIS, LAURA DERN, BENICIO DEL TORO, KELLY MARIE TRAN, ADAM DRIVER, MARK HAMILL, DAISY RIDLEY, JOHN BOYEGA AND GWENDOLINE CHRISTIE**  
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## THE STAR WARS CELEBRATION 2017



Nobody expected this success, probably not even the creator George Lucas. What started with a low-budget production in 1977 is now the most successful movie saga of today. For 40 years, Star Wars entralls and inspires the masses. Hardly any other movie has had a comparable and loyal fan community such as Star Wars. And the fans desire toys, costumes and many other products, to make Star Wars a part of their everyday life. Besides many creative people, who create their own Star Wars outfits, there is a wide range of products available from the Disney Store or from third party providers. However, George Lucas can be considered as the inventor of merchandising.



*"40 years, can you imagine? It's really bizarre. No, it's great, it's amazing, I mean it's a phenomenon. Well this whole experience is a phenomenon. I've got grandkids now they are into it. So, there's another 40 years to go I guess."* Billy Dee Williams.

A commercial aspect for Walt Disney nowadays, is a blessing for the fans. Everyone can change his or her appearance to look like one of his/her personal favorite hero or villain, including the matching lightsaber. You can even sleep in linen with the design from your favorite scene. Or you can build your own Millennium Falcon or Tie Fighter. Moreover, Star Wars fans want to show off and share their looks and creations, they want to be informed about the newest products on the market and they love the exchange of ideas and experiences with others. So, they can make a pilgrimage to visit the worlds' biggest Star Wars community event- the Star Wars Celebration. It is the ultimate fan experience focused on a galaxy far, far away...

In April this year, it took place in Orlando. It was a very exciting time for all Star Wars fans. Once more, the Star Wars Celebration brought fans of all ages together, from all around the world. Together, they celebrated the pop culture phenomenon that is Star Wars - all on the cusp of new Star Wars movies and television shows! Looking ahead, while celebrating all that has come before.

Star Wars Celebration is four fun-filled days of costumes, exhibits, a vibrant and interactive show floor, screenings, exclusive merchandise, celebrity guests, panels, autograph sessions, fan-inspired activities, and other surprises celebrating all things Star Wars! Star Wars Celebration delivers a landmark experience where memories are made and families brought together, old friends are reunited, and new friendships are formed – all in the setting of the ever-evolving Star Wars universe.

## 40 YEARS GOOD VS. EVIL

As Star Wars celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, Star Wars Celebration Orlando was especially important for Lucasfilm.

Walt Disney wanted to honor what came before and what comes next, from A New Hope to The Last Jedi, and George Lucas to Rian Johnson.

The company wanted to create compelling experiences, from The Star Wars Show LIVE! to panels on everything from Star Wars Battlefront II and Star Wars Rebels to theme parks and "Heroines of Star Wars." And they wanted to remember Carrie Fisher (Princess Leia) and Kenny Baker (R2-D2), which made this anniversary a bittersweet one.

For this reason, the Star Wars all-stars appeared on stage. Among all, George Lucas addressed warm thankful words to all fans. With him onstage where seen: Billy Dee Williams (Lando Calrissian), Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca), Anthony Daniels (C-3PO), Warwick Davis (Wollivan) and Ian McDiarmid (Senator Palpatine/Emperor). The latter is the main villain of Star Wars, but George Lucas said about him: "He is the sweetest guy in the world".

*"The best part was to see everybody again. It's like a high-school reunion or a family Thanksgiving dinner."* George Lucas.

# HAN AND LUKE

A special highlight was the appearance of the beloved pals Harrison Ford (Han Solo) and Mark Hamill (Luke Skywalker). All of them were welcomed by thousands of enthusiastic fans. Visibly relaxed and happy, they talked about their experiences with and relation to Star Wars. Of course, they also shared some funny anecdotes with the audience. Harrison Ford noted: "An actor without a story to tell, you know, might as well go home. So, it was a brilliant opportunity for all of us". There is truth in this statement, because Star Wars laid the foundation for his incredible career. Also for 40 years, Harrison Ford belongs to the most successful and still most popular Hollywood actors. Recently we saw him in the sequel Blade Runner 2049, along with Ryan Gosling.

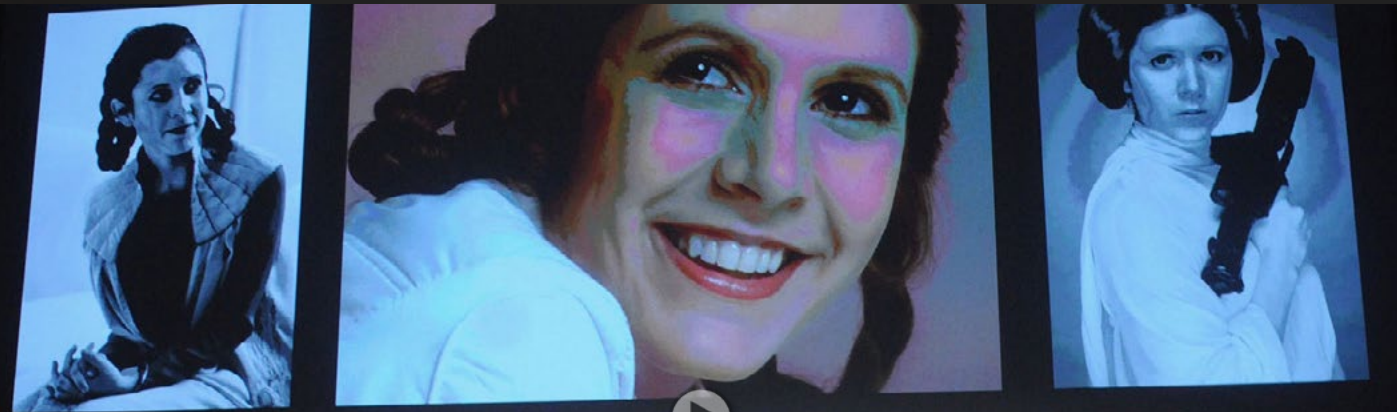


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*"It's like a great fairytale, very clear, even for the youngest viewer"* Mark Hamill.







## A TRIBUTE TO CARRIE FISHER

A very special moment was the remembrance of a beloved princess and actress who left the family and the universe this year forever, Carrie Fisher. Very touched, producer Kathleen Kennedy gave an emotional speech. She said:

*"There was no greater honor, than that of working with the late, truly great Carrie Fisher. She was unlike anyone you've known... When you associate Princess Leia you realize - that was Carrie."*

Hereafter, Billie Lourd attended onstage. Carrie Fisher's daughter talked about her mother. She said:

*"My mum used to say, she never knew where Princess Leia ended, and Carrie Fisher began. She went from being an unknown actress, the daughter of Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher to Princess Leia. A character synonymous to the idea of the ultimate strong woman: a soldier, a fighter, a beyond capable, independent sensible woman in control of her own destiny. A rebel, who resisted the norm.*

*She was imperfect in many ways, but her imperfections and willingness to speak about them are what made her more than perfect. My Mom, like Leia, wasn't ever afraid to speak her mind and say things that might have made most people uncomfortable, but not me and not you. That is why she loved you, because you accepted and embraced all of her, the strong soldier of a woman she was and also the vulnerable side of her who often openly fought her own dark side. Knowing early on that we all have a dark side of our own, whatever it may be. But she knew it wasn't about the fight that you were fighting, but how you fought it - the way you resisted."*



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Billie Lourd continued:  
*"No one could have known what this once little dream of a movie would eventually become and what it would mean to millions worldwide- mostly not her. But in our world, Star Wars ultimately became our religion, our family and our way of life. And I wanted to be here with all of you because I know that many of you feel the same way. When she surrounded herself with fans at celebrations like this she never felt more at home..."*



CARRIE FISHER AT THE SET OF "A NEW HOPE"  
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George Lucas continued: *"I've said many times now, that she really is a modern woman. She isn't just a woman that you put guy's clothes on and she becomes a hero."*

*"She was princess. She was a senator. She had to hold her own against two big lugs, but she was the boss. It was her war. When Carrie came in, she was that character. Very strong. Very smart. Very funny. Very bold. Very tough. It wasn't really much of a question. There weren't really many people like her. One in a billion. She could hold her own against anything, she was the toughest one of the group. We'll all miss her. She'll always be the princess who took command and never backed down. Never was in jeopardy. We'll love her forever and ever."*



Kathleen Kennedy finished visibly touched with tears in her eyes and a shaking voice: *"She will not only be remembered forever by those who were lucky enough to know her, but she will be remembered forever even by those who are not old enough yet to say the words 'may the force be with you'."*



Of course, besides Star Wars the most famous scores are “Indiana Jones”, “Schindler’s List”, “Jurassic Park” (first and second), “Jaws”, “Close Encounters of the Third Kind”, “Home Alone” (the first two films), “Superman: The movie”, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial” and “Harry Potter”.

Since 1974, Williams is associated with director Steven Spielberg. He composed the music for all his films, with the exception of three.

John Williams was nominated for the Oscars an astounding fifty times. He has won the Academy Awards five times. Furthermore, he has won four Golden Globe Awards, 23 Grammy’s and seven British Academy Film Awards (BAFA). Therefore, John Williams can be considered as the most influential and successful film composer of our time.



## THE COMPOSER

# JOHN WILLIAMS

This touching moment was musically underscored with the Princes Leia theme from the original Star Wars soundtrack. Nobody less, than the master himself, John Williams conducted the live-performance.

By far, John Williams’ music had a deep impact on Star Wars and its success. With his musical masterpieces he underlines every single moment of the films in a way that touches the heart and soul of the people in the audience. He understands to transform visual storytelling into beautiful or thrilling tones like almost no other musician.

It’s hard to believe that this exceptional musician composed more than 115 film scores and many concerts in his life. And all of them are true masterpieces.



# THE NEXT GENERATION

Of course, besides the old heroes, also the new generation took part in the Star Wars Celebration to celebrate the 40th anniversary. During the Star Wars – The Last Jedi panel they answered questions from the audience. Along with Mark Hamill (Luke Skywalker), Kelly Marie Tran (Rose Tico), John Boyega (Finn), Daisy Ridley (Rey), Rian Johnson (Director) and Kathleen Kennedy (Producer) were onstage.

Daisy Ridley shared: *“Coming out onstage was terrifying, and then it was wonderful because of the energy. And then watching the trailer and everything for the first time was- awesome! How can you prepare for 3500 people – just like the amount of love and it’s just it doesn’t really happen like that often and certainly to be on stage receiving it. I think for me personally it’s probably the way that people talk about their kids and their response to Rey cause it’s funny cause I still feel like... it still feels like a very disjointed kind of thing. But when I properly think of the impact of a character like this in big franchises it’s wonderful.”*



With great interest the audience listened to Kelly Marie Tran, who portrays the new Star Wars character Rose Tico. She said: *“I grew up in San Diego, so I had been to so many Comi-Cons before and being up there and seeing how enthusiastic all the fans were and how much they love this franchise is just incredible. I’m so glad I get to be a part of it. They debuted a lot of things, the trailer, the teaser poster and I also was allowed to reveal my character’s name – Rose. And that she is a part of the resistance and she works in maintenance and I can’t wait for everyone to learn more, but it was cool to be there to share that. Because everyone is so supportive, like you’re a fan you’re here. Like everyone just loves the whole franchise so much and it is so evident in just the reception. Incredible.”*

*“There’s a lot of funny moments, there’s a lot of action- I mean it’s everything you love about a Star Wars movie!”*

# STAR WARS CELEBRATION

THE EVENT ▶





Seeing the generations of fans who attended, this year in particular, was a reminder to Walt Disney of the real power of these films and this special event.



More than 70,000 fans came. They made the happening in Orlando the biggest and most widely-attended Star Wars Celebration in the history.



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was humbled by these numbers and by the outpour of support. These people took time out of their lives to come from far away and the team of Walt Disney appreciated the love and hard work they put into their amazing costumes.

*"We hope we succeeded in hosting a Celebration worthy of Star Wars and worthy of you. Thank you and congratulations to the 501st Legion for 20 years of working on behalf of charitable causes around the world."*



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**STAR WARS  
CELEBRATION**

A scene from Star Wars: The Force Awakens featuring Darth Vader, a man in a suit, and Stormtroopers in a red, smoky environment. The scene is set in a dark, industrial-looking space with a heavy atmosphere of red smoke and light. Several bright, circular lights are visible in the background, creating a dramatic and intense atmosphere. The man in the suit is standing in the center, looking towards the right, while Darth Vader stands to his left, gesturing with his hands. Stormtroopers are positioned around them, some holding blasters. The overall mood is one of tension and conflict.

WHEN  
BAD GUYS  
DOING GOOD

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THE 501<sup>ST</sup> LEGION

# 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST AND STRONGEST FAN CLUB

**GEORGE LUCAS** has created an amazing Star Wars universe. But, it wouldn't be as special without the fans that have celebrated and honoured the greatest science-fiction saga of all time all over the world for the past 40 years. This year, the fans are truly in heaven. Besides the 40th anniversary of Star Wars itself, the world's biggest and strongest fan club celebrates its 20th anniversary: The 501st Legion.

**THE 501<sup>ST</sup> LEGION** sent close to 2,000 Legionnaires to the Star Wars Celebration, where they of course celebrated the two anniversaries. But the 501st Legion is much more than a costume club. It's an impressive group of people, who keep the philosophy and mood of Star Wars alive. They are a group that brings the mood and magic of the Star Wars universe into our everyday life. They do all of this, not just for fun, but also to support people in need. Everybody, who witnessed these proud guys and girls in their uniforms, will never forget that impressive moment. Therefore, VALEUR wants to congratulate the 501st Legion and share with you what their tagline 'Bad Guys Doing Good' stands for.



Since 1997, the 501st Legion has been dedicated to re-creating film-quality costumes of the "villainous" characters of the Star Wars galaxy and entertaining Star Wars fans with its public appearances.

Over the past twenty years, the 501st has become a leading force in fan-based charity events around the world.

Members of the Legion have heightened awareness at promotional events, helped to raise millions of dollars for charity, and spread the magic of Star Wars to fans of all ages.

The 501st Legion, sometimes called by its nickname "Vader's Fist," is made up entirely of volunteers, and each of the members has spent months and even years researching and constructing their costumes.

While their costumes may be what the fans come out to see, it is the tireless dedication of time, money, and enthusiasm from their membership that really makes the 501st Legion what it is today. The Legion is a 100% volunteer organisation. None of the members are paid employees, and as a rule, they do not make any personal profit from their appearances.

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Members of the 501st come from all races and creeds, and all walks of life. By day, we are teachers, policemen, librarians, truck drivers, nurses, mechanics, tech specialists, military officers, husbands, wives, mothers, and fathers. But we are all unified by a love of Star Wars and a desire to bring a smile to children of all ages around the world. The Legion is active on six continents, with Garrisons and Outposts in 61 countries around the globe.



There is nothing quite like a group of Stormtroopers to bring attention to an event. Unlike individual entertainers, the 501st Legion functions as a group, creating a true science-fiction/fantasy ambience with a wide range of professional-grade costumes and props. Their internal membership standards ensure a high level of professionalism in both appearance and actions to make certain that events run smoothly. Having participated in events around the world for twenty years, the 501st name alone has been known to boost attendance and media attention.

## IMPERIALS IN THE OUTFIELD

The 501st Legion has over 12,062 approved and active members worldwide, approximately one third are women. They a total of 22,500 Legion approved costumes among them. About 20-25% are woman. The costumes include just about every "bad guy" in the Star Wars galaxy... Sith Lords like Darth Vader and Darth Maul; nefarious bounty hunters like Boba Fett and Greedo; hostile aliens like Tusken Raiders and Gamorrean Guards; and of course, the soldiers of the evil Galactic Empire: Clone Troopers, Sandtroopers, TIE Fighter Pilots, Biker Scouts, and the ever-popular, nameless, faceless Stormtroopers that are a universal symbol of Imperial might!



## "Who is This? What's Your Operating Number?"

You might hear members of the 501st referring to himself or herself by an odd letter-number combination, like TK-899, TS-5430, or TB-101.

Every member of the Legion is issued an identification number upon joining. It becomes their number for life, and will never be given to anyone else, even after they die. Because of that, many members pick a number that has a significant meaning to them.

Each group of costumes in the Legion carries a specific letter designation. For example, "TK" is the costume code for an Imperial Stormtrooper (taken from the line in Star Wars, "TK-421, why aren't you at your post?").



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Combining a costume code with a member's identification number creates a unique in-universe designation for each of the members and each one of their costumes. Member 8968 might be known as TK-8968, IG-8968, or TB-8968, depending on whether he is wearing a Stormtrooper, Imperial Gunner, or Biker Scout costume at the time.

Considering that most people do not like being labelled or classified, proudly referring to oneself by a number is an admittedly odd practice. But being assigned a 501st Legion I.D. number is actually like a rite of passage. When a member gets his or her number, they have officially become a part of 501st Legion's worldwide family.

## ORIGIN

In 1997, Albin Johnson set up a humble Geocities website called "Detention Block 2551" as a place to post photos of him-self and his friend Tom Crews in their homemade Stormtrooper costumes. Within weeks of launching the site, Albin was fielding email requests from people across the country and around the world looking to be featured on the website in their own Stormtrooper armour.

What he started soon blossomed into a global phenomenon – a fan-based costuming club unlike any other. The Legion ranks swelled, and regional subdivisions called Garrisons, Squads, and Outposts were created to facilitate the organization of events and appearances on a local level. While the early events trooped by the Legion were mostly science-fiction and comic book conventions or related to the release of the Star Wars movies in theatres and on video, members were looking for more frequent reasons to meet up with their newfound Legion friends and show off their costumes together. The Legion then became a force for good, expanding into a charitable organization that has been likened to a Shriners or Lions Club for a modern generation.



A decade after Albin founded the Legion, on January 1st, 2007, two hundred members of the Fighting 501st marched in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, with George Lucas himself as the Grand Marshal. At this watershed moment for the club, Lucas and Johnson discussed the future of the rapidly growing Legion, and an unofficial partnership was born. Lucasfilm would grant the Legion a limited use of their copyrighted characters, as long as members of the 501st promised never to use their costumes for personal profit.

Since then, the Legion's numbers have grown by thousands, and the 501st has gained renown as one of the most respected and professional costuming organizations in the world.



## THE MISSION

The Legion is an all-volunteer organization formed for the express purpose of bringing together costume enthusiasts from around the world under a collective identity within which to operate. The Legion seeks to promote interest in Star Wars through the building and wearing of quality costumes, to facilitate the use of these costumes for Star Wars-related events, and to contribute to the local community through costumed charity and volunteer work

### PROMOTE INTEREST IN STAR WARS

While a growing number of people are experiencing a reawakening of their Star Wars fandom, new generations are seeking ways to celebrate their passion for George Lucas's modern mythology. The 501st Legion brings these fans together, reinforcing the enduring longevity of the Star Wars saga.

### FACILITATE THE USE OF COSTUMES

Some fans are content to collect action figures...other fans want to be action figures. Nothing professes your passion quite like building your own detailed costume replica of a classic Star Wars villain, and there's nothing quite like the feeling that comes from bringing the characters of Star Wars into the real world and sharing that magic with others.

### CONTRIBUTE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

While our organization was founded to simply provide a collective identity for costuming fans with similar interests, the 501st Legion is proud to put its resources to good use through fundraising, charity work, and volunteerism.





## BAD GUYS DOING GOOD!

Giving back to the community is one of the 501st Legion's highest priorities. The members regularly participate in events to raise awareness for charity from walk-a-thons to blood drives.

For non-commercial events, the members of the Legion never charge a fee for an appearance, but they welcome donations made out to an event host's favourite charity in the name of the 501st Legion or the local Legion unit. If an event host does not have a charity of choice, the 501st Legion can gladly provide a suggestion, usually tied to a fundraising effort that is currently underway. In cases where the event host is a charitable organization itself, the 501st Legion's reward is the knowledge that they have directly helped a worthy cause, and a donation is almost never accepted. In 2014, members of the 501st donated almost 25,000 hours to raise over \$205,000 in direct charitable funds and participated in events that that helped raise an astounding \$17.7 million worldwide.



## CHARITY FUNDRAISING IN 2016

501st Legion and its Garrisons and Outposts raised almost \$900,000 (USD) for worthy causes around the globe. Those charities include foundations for treating childhood illnesses and cancer research, local hospitals, libraries, pet shelters, and any other worthy cause that our members feel passionately about! This year, the 501st Legion also raised more than \$15,000 for people affected by Hurricane Harvey in the continental United States, and the club raised close to \$3,000 to benefit the people of Puerto Rico in the wake of the storms they experienced.



Furthermore, as part of a collaborative effort with their fellow Star Wars costuming clubs, including the Rebel Legion and the Mandalorian Mercenaries, the "Bad Guys" helped raise more than \$17,000 to benefit the non-profit Star Wars Museum at Rancho Obi-Wan, which houses the largest collection of Star Wars memorabilia in the entire world.

## THE HEART OF THE EMPIRE

Star Wars fans come in every shape, size, and age, but the saga will always spark the imagination of children the most. And none need their spirits lifted more than those undergoing serious medical treatment. When the Legion is invited to appear at a paediatric ward, the members have the power to brighten the lives of kids going through very dark times. Their characters create memories that the children will carry with them long after they have beaten their ailments. The 501st Legion has also been instrumental in granting the wishes of several Make-A-Wish children over the years. The 501st Legion Make-A-Wish Endowment has raised more than \$166,000. This endowment will generate funds on a perpetual basis to help grant wishes for terminally ill children all around the world. These occasions serve as a powerful reminder of the difference that the 501st Legion can make in the lives of young people, providing some joy and comfort to sick children and to their families. Members of the Legion have many reasons why they troop, but for many, this is THE reason.

You can contribute to the cause at [www.wish.org/501stfan](http://www.wish.org/501stfan).



## ...FOR THE EMPIRE!

People from all walks of life and from all over have come together to build the 501st Legion into the force for good that it is today. If you think you have what it takes to be a part of Vader's Fist, then visit [www.501st.com](http://www.501st.com). A galaxy of possibilities awaits and the Dark Side beckons!

## REQUESTING AN APPEARANCE

Enlisting to the services of the Empire's Finest is as easy as going to their website at [www.501st.com](http://www.501st.com) and clicking the link to "Request an Appearance!" There, you will need to fill out a simple request form that is automatically routed to the Garrison or Out-post that serves your part of the world.

# THE GERMAN GARRISON OF THE 501<sup>ST</sup> LEGION

Monday, December 11, 2017 the German Garrison celebrated an exclusive event at Soho House Berlin. With more than 700 members, it is the ultimate imperial Star Wars Costume Clubs in Germany. The members represent almost every character of the Dark Side, from Darth Vader and Darth Maul, to the bounty hunters Boba Fett and Greedo, to the Tusken Raiders and the Gamorrean Guards. However, the Stormtroopers play the main role of course, from the Clone Troopers, Sandtroopers to TIE Fighter pilots, Biker Scouts and many others.

With their appearance they supported the German Premieres of Episode III – Attack of the Clones, The Force Awakens and other Star Wars events. Of course, the German club is also active in charitable projects such as DKMS (Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation), hospices and many others.

A very special mission led the German Garrison to Weimar. With the Imperial presence of the Echo Nova Squad, they supported a young boy called Lewin, who needs Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. The Garrison called for a typing action and many people came forth to register as donator as a result of their action. The guests were surprised with an extensive support programme, from Cheerleaders to a children's circus, a bouncy castle to music, food and more. This impressive event was realised by 140 volunteers. A Trooper had pictures taken with the guests for a donation of 2 Euros to raise additional money. It was a success story and all guests generously rounded up their contribution. Thus, Storm Trooper Sebastian Koch could hand over a completely filled donation box to Lewin's parents.

In total, the organisers were happy to receive about 1,715 registrations and 22.300 € as well as donations of goods at the end of the day.



## IN TALK WITH SEBASTIAN

### How did you decide to join the German Garrison?

I was a Star Wars fan since my youth. In my hometown there were no clubs or events like this. One day, I met the guys in an amusement park. I was so impressed because of their appearance and the mood that they spread. So, I checked out the website and read what they expect and what I would need to do in order to become a member. It takes a lot of time to create a unique outfit on your own. Nothing, almost nothing what we wear is available in shops.

### Your costume looks impressive. How long did you need to create your first one?

For the first costume I needed about one and a half years."

### Are the costumes very expensive?

Oh, yes. Besides the time you take, you have to invest some money. It starts with more simple outfits, which cost about 800 Euros, but it could stretch to a few thousand Euros, when you create a Darth Vader costume for example.

### Wow, and members check the costumes?

Yes, this is one of the rules. Selected members check the costumes for quality and, more importantly, accuracy. The costumes have to look exactly like the original uniforms in the movies.

### It isn't a full-time job, right?

No, we are volunteers. So, we are active in our leisure time. During the week, I have a normal job.

### Do you have a favourite Star Wars film?

Yes, I grew up with the original trilogy. Therefore, they are my favorite ones.

### What do you expect from The Last Jedi?

I am impatient to see it, but I actually try to watch movies like this without any expectation. I didn't read anything on the Internet about it, so I can watch it unbiased.

### What are the plans for the German Garrison for 2018?

There will be a several events, where we will make an appearance. We love it when people come to meet us.

### But how do you recognise each other?

Of course, we have met before also without costumes, but some of us you recognize because of the way he or she walks or moves, or because of his or her figure.

### Is there a dream that you have or a wish that could become true for you?

Yes, someday I would like to go to the US to visit the Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a park, which will be opened in 2019. But, actually, I fulfil my dream with my costumes."





# ROBOT CHICKEN

THE BEST PARODY  
IN THE GALAXY WIDE  
WEB VERY FUNNY

[adult swim]



NEW STAR WARS  
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BLOOPERS COMPILATION



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DANCE OFF COMPILATION



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INSPIRED COSPLAY DANCE CREW  
FULL AUDITION



# LEGACY

A STAR WARS FAN SHORT

STAR WARS  
LEGACY FAN SHORT

CREATED BY TIM GRAY

## STAR WARS AND THE WORLDS BIGGEST FAN COMMUNITY

40 years STAR WARS, this means also four decades full of inspired people. There is no other movie in this universe, with such a huge fan community. Star Wars fans produce amazing movies. Furthermore, they create costumes, models, lightsabers, stories, role plays, games and conventions. Moreover, they are also good dancers and supporters of Star Wars events © Sources: Youtube



BEST FAN MOVIE EVER:  
FANBOYS. WE HAVE A REALLY  
GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS.



INVASION IN CASTILLO ALICANTE

INVASION IN MADRID



INVASION IN GERMANY THE FORCE IS STRONG IN GERMANY

INVASION IN SAN FRANCISCO



STAR WARS LEAKED FOOTAGE IS FAKE

INVASION IN LOS ANGELES



BEST COMMERCIALS:  
VIZIO XLED™ + STAR WARS:  
THE LAST JEDI COMMERCIAL



# STAR WARS

## THE BEST OF ALTERNATIVE

George Lucas can be considered as the inventor of merchandising. Many brands presenting Star Wars products, from toys to school bags, from home accessories to posters, from jewelry to fashion, and – last but not least – to gaming. VALEUR shows some of the best spots, because of their emotional and authentic character. © Sources: Youtube

BEST COMMERCIALS:  
NISSAN USA, STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI  
CHOOSE NISSAN INTELLIGENT MOBILITY



BEST COMMERCIALS: KAUFLAND.  
A PRETTY SPOT ABOUT THE FIRST LOVE.



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NISSAN USA: ROGUE DARK SIDE



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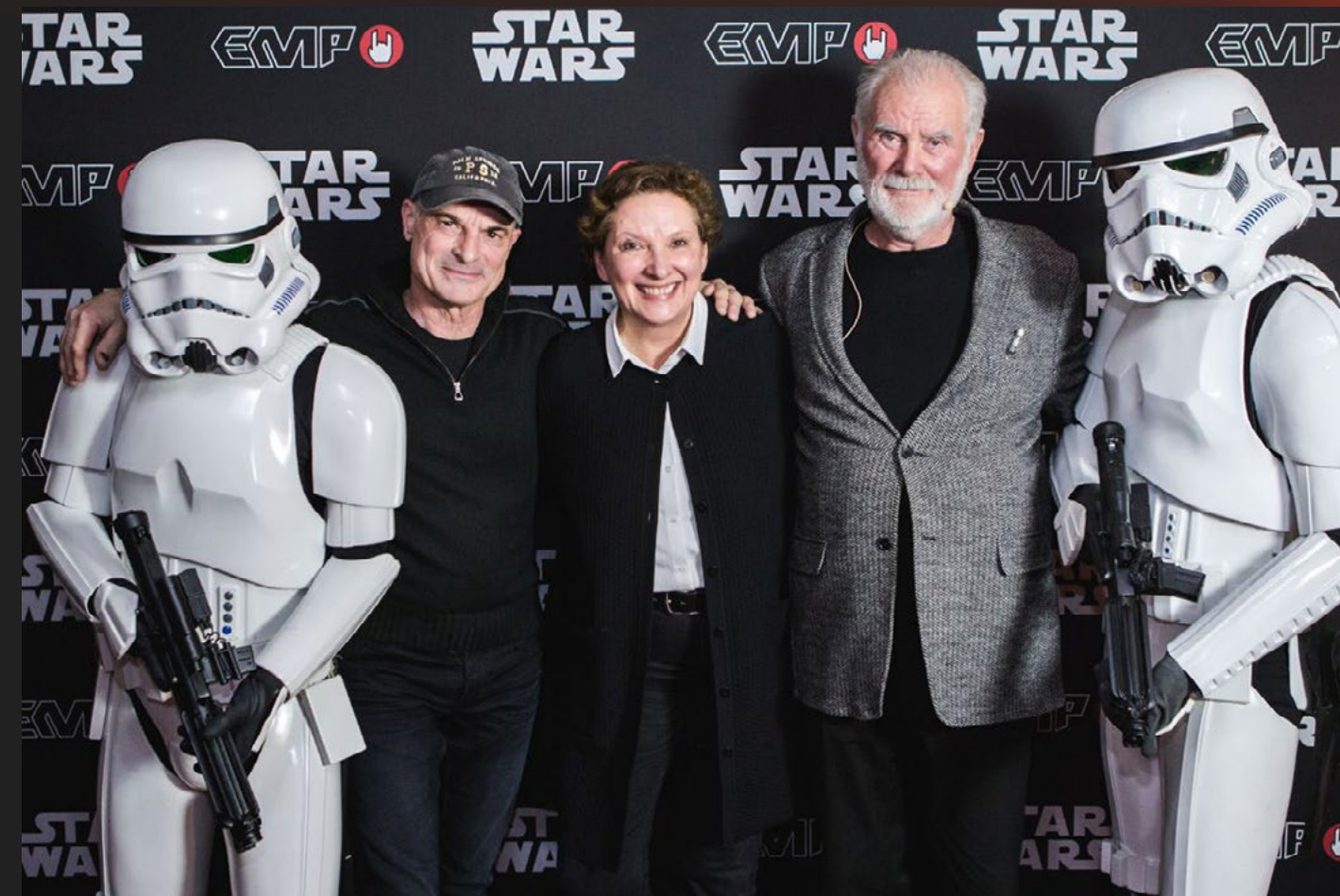
With the exclusive Star Wars party at Soho House Berlin on Monday, December 11, 2017, EMP hosted the first a series of future events titled EMP EXPERIENCES. With this concept, EMP offers a unique and exclusive experience related to music, film and gaming highlights.

At the start of the evening, besides many exciting official Star Wars merchandising products as well as the appearance of the 501st Legion, EMP presented a special treat to the German fans. The voice over actors Susanna Bonaséwicz (Carrie Fisher, Leia), Hans-Georg Panzack (Mark Hamill, Luke Skywalker) and Wolfgang Pampel (Harrison Ford/ Han Solo) were special guests that evening.



The German fans grew up hearing their voices in the films over the past forty years. It was an emotional moment, when Susanna Bonaséwicz talked about the moment, when she was informed about the death of Carrie Fisher, after she had spoken her roles for forty years.

Of course, there were also very funny moments, when the actors talked about their experiences within the Star Wars universe as well as their personal point of view on the movies. Moreover, they surprised the fans including the 501st Legion Troopers with a special surprise.



In the beautiful cinema of the Soho House, the actors read some scenes from the Star Wars movies and books. While listening to the famous voices and hearing the interesting insider anecdotes, all guests were very touched. At the end of the evening, they could ask the experienced actors questions as part of a Q&A.

EMP will continue hosting this kind of event in future and there will be many opportunities to be part of the experience in 2018. The German brand EMP was founded from fans for fans in 1986. What began with Rock & Metal Merch is the number one among mail-order-companies in the European entertainment area today. EMP is the abbreviation for: Exclusive Merchandise Products. And, the name says it all. The brand offers countless fan products, from film to music. Of course, Star Wars plays an important role within the EMP universe. But, also music fans and series enthusiasts can spend hours surfing their online shop. Here, one can find just about anything in regards to memorabilia.



### THE PRODUCT RANGE

The product line ranges from fashion and accessories, jewelry, pictures, records and DVD or Blu-rays to gadgets, toys and games. All of them are made or selected from fans for fans. Therefore, millions of people, in more than 17 countries, share their enthusiasm for franchises and memorabilia via EMP. In total EMP offers more than 30,000 products, including licensed products of important bands such as Metallica, AC/DC and Iron Maiden.

Besides Star Wars, the EMP product range contains games like Assassin's Creed Origins, films like Harry Potter or popular series like The Walking Dead. The EMP product range is available in almost all European countries.

# EMP STAR WARS PRODUCTS

Of course, also for EMP the end of the year is marked by Star Wars - The Last Jedi. The company offers many licenses and in-house products. Besides T-shirts with different Star Wars motifs, EMP provides a unique fashion range.

The original Star Wars characters inspired this special selection of outfits, which is absolutely wearable also during regular daily activities. Thus, you can be dressed like your favorite Star Wars character, while you go to school, university or work.



EMP also offers countless other products. The Kylo Ren and Rey posters are a true eye-catcher in your room, individually or in combination. Alternative, you could also choose the "Red Montage Poster".

## DRESSED LIKE REY

In The Force Awakens Rey's outfit was characterised by free shoulders and bandaged sleeves. The EMP Cardigan adopts this style in matching the beige or grey colours. The perfect match: under the cardigan you can also wear a T-shirt with a print of Rey with the symbol of the Resistance on it. .



## DRESSED LIKE R2-D2

Do you love the cute droid who is - besides C-3PO - the only character that has an appearance in every Star Wars movie? Then you should wear the hoodie in his look.



## BECOME A WOOKIEE

It's winter, so warm yourself up with the Wookiee vest. The pockets are outlined in the look of Chewie's ammunition belt.

## DRESS LIKE CAPTAIN PHASMA

This cool Bomber Jacket shows that you belong to the dark side, even if it's silver. The cool Kylo Ren T-shirt with a mesh back completes the look.



## DRESSED LIKE LEIA

Whether you style your hair like Leia is up to you. But, you could wear her uniform jacket with long sleeves, welt pockets and a stand-up collar.



## DRESSED LIKE VADER

In contrast to Vader's breathing machine, this uniform jacket with batwing sleeves is very comfortable.

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## THANK THE MAKER - RIAN JOHNSON

Rian Johnson was born in Silver Spring, Maryland in 1973. He graduated from the USC School of Cinematic Arts in 1996. Johnson's first short film *Evil Demon Golfball from Hell!!!* became a bonus feature on the *Looper* (2012) Blu-ray. Before, he wrote and directed "May" (2002), "Brick" (2005), "The Brothers Bloom" (2008) as well as the TV series "Terriers" (2009), *Breaking Bad* (2010-2013) and *BoJack Horseman* (2015).

With a Cameo appearance in the first film of the Star Wars Anthology series, *Rogue One*, Rian Johnson took his first step into the huge Star Wars universe. Now, with *Star Wars The Last Jedi* he follows the big creative footsteps of the exceptional director J.J. Abrams who was involved as Executive Producer this time. In spite of his own fascination for the Star Wars Saga, Johnson didn't follow just the originals, but he added his own style and humor in *The Last Jedi*. So, he put another significant milestone stone in the galaxy far, far away.



# THE HERO IS BACK MARK HAMILL AND HIS VISIT IN BERLIN

During his visit in Berlin (Germany), Mark Hamill surprised pedestrians with a special action in the city centre. via Skype broadcast, pedestrians in Cologne had the opportunity to ask questions to the Star Wars hero. Relaxed, he answered all of them. See the video here:



### DID YOU KNOW...?

Hamill uses his recognizable voice also in the real life. As an outspoken member of the Democratic Party, he criticized the tweets of Donald Trump while reading them in his comical Joker voice.



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## MARK HAMILL

### LUKE SKYWALKER

40 years ago, a young farmboy embarked on a great adventure to save the galaxy from evil. Now, after 34 years he is back, and he is one of the most popular characters ever in the film business: Luke Skywalker.

Sometimes it's a boon and bane to play such a unique and popular character. Mark Hamill had to make this experience too. In contrast to his co-star Harrison Ford, his big career breakthrough didn't come after he portrayed the young Jedi who saves the universe. But, also diamonds are rare. So, during the years a cult developed around Mark Hamill and, actually, he was very busy, but step by step.

As usual, things happen often unexpected. When the actor Robert Englund, well-known as Freddy Krueger in the Nightmare On Elm Street horror movies, was auditioning for a role in Apocalypse Now, directed by Francis Ford Coppola, he took notice of another casting that took place in the same hall. It was an audition for George Luca's Star Wars. Englund watched the audition for a while until he recognized that his friend Mark Hamill could be the perfect fit for the role of Luke Skywalker. So, Englund informed his friend and the rest is film – or better Star Wars - history.

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From one day to the next, Hamill became famous all over the world. But, after the big success, the actor figured out that his face was too famous. Immediately, he was identified with his role as Luke Skywalker during the following years. Thus, Hamill went to Broadway and starred - among others - in plays such as Amadeus and The Nerd. When Amadeus was adopted as film in 1984, his famous face became a disadvantage once more. Of course, Hamill auditioned for the leading role, but the producers didn't want "Luke Skywalker" in this film.



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So, Mark Hamill started to focus on working as voice actor. One of his most popular roles in this field is his long-standing role as the Joker in the DC Comics animated television series, starting with Batman: The Animated Series in 1992.

In 1994, Origin and Mark Hamill landed an outstanding coup. At this time, the video game company published the extremely popular Wing Commander series. This game belongs to one of the most influential games. Because of its demand for newest resources, it was significantly responsible for the boom in the PC world and home entertainment industry in the 90s. The third part "Heart of the Tiger" was the first game which included real motion pictures with famous actors. Mark Hamill starred as Col. Christopher "Maverick" Blair in the leading role. The co-stars were no less than Malcolm McDowell (Clockwork Orange), John Rhys-Davies (Indiana Jones), Thomas F. Wilson (Back to the Future) and Tim Curry (The Rocky Horror Picture Show).

All Star Wars fans were excited to see their hero once again in a science-fiction role. With regard to the simultaneous releases of the digitally remastered Star Wars movies, they hoped that it was a sign for new Star Wars sequels.

But, the successful Wing Commander ended, and the fans had to wait further twenty years to see Mark Hamill on the big screen in the role, that will make him immortal.

Meanwhile, his son Nathan, who was born during the production of The Empire Strikes Back, had a cameo appearance in Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace, where he played a Royal Guard of Naboo. In 2014, Mark Hamill himself returned to the Star Wars universe. In the final episode of The Clone Wars he voiced the Sith Lord Darth Bane. In 2015 he starred in Kingsman: The Secret Service as professor James Arnold. Since that same year, Hamill is back in the real Star Wars universe, even if his appearance in The Force Awakens didn't last longer than a few seconds. But the long wait has an end. Now, with The Last Jedi, Mark Hamill is back on the big screen as Luke Skywalker. Read more on the next pages.

# THE HEROES OF THE LAST JEDI

## THE CHARACTERS

AT THE END OF STAR WARS THE FORCE AWAKENS WE SAW THE LONG AWAITED LUKE SKYWALKER, BUT ONLY FOR SOME SECONDS. SINCE THEN, FANS IN THE ENTIRE GALAXY HAVE DISCUSSED HOW THE STORY COULD CONTINUE. WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE AND WHY DID LUKE EMIGRATE TO THAT LONELY ISLAND WHERE REY FOUND HIM IN THE END? FINALLY, ALL THESE QUESTIONS, AND MANY OTHERS, WILL BE ANSWERED NOW. THE LAST JEDI STARTS WHERE THE FORCE AWAKENS ENDS. WE WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE CHARACTERS AND THEIR STORY, OF COURSE, BUT WITHOUT REVEALING TOO MUCH.





THE JEDI MASTER

# LUKE SKYWALKER

MARK HAMILL THE PUPIL OF JEDI MASTER OBI-WAN KENOBI AND YODA, IS THE LAST JEDI MASTER IN THE GALAXY. ONCE, DREAMING OF ENDLESS FREEDOM AND FLYING THROUGH THE ENTIRE GALAXY, HE EMIGRATED TO A LONELY ISLAND YEARS AGO. THIS AREA IS POPULATED BY CUTE KINDS OF BIRDS AS WELL AS OTHER STRANGE CREATURES AND HE LIVES A SOLITARY LIFE THERE.



THE JEDI MASTER 

# LUKE SKYWALKER

LUKE WENT INTO THIS EXILE, AFTER HE FAILED TO TEACH BEN SOLO, THE SON OF HIS BEST FRIEND HAN. WHEN BEN WAS A PUPIL OF LUKE, THE LAST JEDI MASTER TRIED TO DEVELOP A NEW GENERATION OF JEDI. AFTER YEARS OF ABSENCE THE QUESTION IS, IF LUKE COULD BRING LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS. WHAT WENT WRONG AND WHAT REALLY HAPPENED BETWEEN HIM AND BEN AND THE OTHER PUPILS?

OF COURSE, LUKE IS VERY WISE. HE ISN'T OVERESTIMATING HIS POWER, ESPECIALLY NOT AFTER HE FORMED A NEW DARTH VADER. HOW CAN HE HELP THE RESISTANCE AND HOW CAN A SOLE JEDI SAVE THE ENTIRE GALAXY AGAINST THE EVIL ON HIS OWN?

LUKE MUST FACE THE FACTS, IF HE WANTS TO STAY ON THE ISLAND UNTIL THE END OF HIS DAYS, OR IF IT'S HIS DESTINY TO HELP THE YOUNG REY AS WELL AS THE RESISTANCE, LEADED BY HIS SISTER LEIA.



A medium shot of Luke Skywalker from the Star Wars franchise. He is shown from the waist up, wearing his signature brown Jedi robes. He has long, wavy, light brown hair and a beard. He is holding a blue lightsaber in both hands, with the hilt facing him. The background is a bright, hazy landscape with mountains and a body of water under a cloudy sky. The lighting is soft and natural, suggesting an outdoor setting during the day.

*"I AM A JEDI, LIKE MY FATHER BEFORE ME"*  
(LUKE TO THE EMPEROR IN RETURN OF THE JEDI)

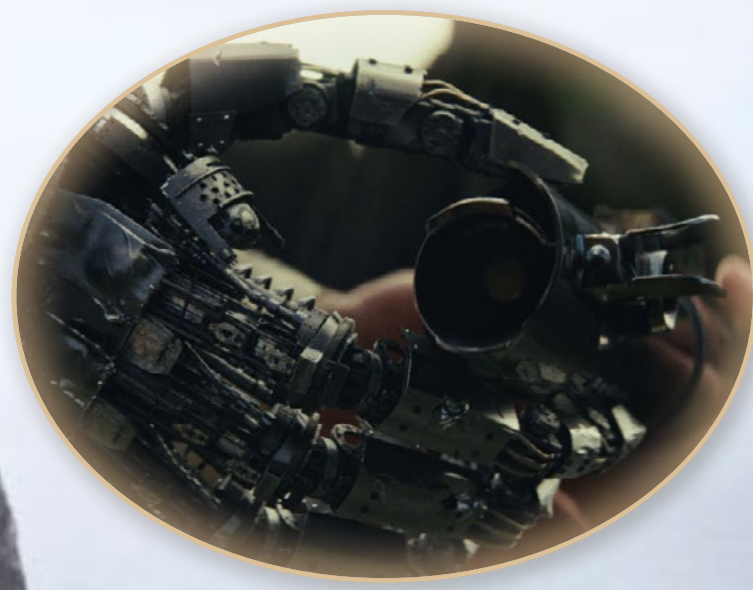


THE JEDI PUPIL **REY** DAISY RIDLEY  
THE FORCE AWAKENS INTRODUCED THE YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL REY. STEP BY STEP, SHE LEARNED THAT SOMETHING SPECIAL LIES WITHIN HER. FURTHERMORE, SHE ACCEPTED THAT SHE IS ABLE TO USE THE FORCE. AND, SHE ALREADY USED IT WELL DURING THE FIGHT AGAINST KYLO REN.



# THE JEDI TRAINEE REY

REY FEELS RESPONSIBLE TO HELP THE RESISTANCE. BUT, SHE ISN'T CAPABLE OF COMPLETELY CONTROLLING HER POWER YET. BESIDES, MANY QUESTIONS AND FEAR REMAIN. WHY DID HER PARENTS LEAVE HER ALONE? WILL LUKE HELP HER TO BECOME A JEDI? WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH FINN? WHAT IS HER DESTINY?



*"SHE'S JUST BEGINNING TO TEST HER POWERS. THE LONGER IT TAKES TO FIND HER, THE MORE DANGEROUS SHE BECOMES."*

*(KYOLO REN ABOUT REY IN THE FORCE AWAKENS)*





## THE JEDI PUPIL REY

HOWEVER, REY KNOWS THAT SHE MUST FACE ALL THESE QUESTIONS AS WELL AS HER BIGGEST CHALLENGE: TO FACE KYLO REN AGAIN. LIKE A CHILD, REY BELIEVES IN THE ABSOLUTE GOOD AND SHE KNOWS BEN'S FAMILY. THEREFORE, SHE ISN'T SURE, IF SHE SHOULD FIGHT AGAINST HAN SOLO'S SON OR IF SHE SHOULD TRY TO HELP HIM TO RENOUNCE THE DARK FORCE.



## THE JEDI PUPIL REY

HOWSOEVER, REY DOESN'T PRIORITIZE HER PERSONAL INTERESTS AND GOALS. SHE IS A BRAVE, FEARLESS AND RESPONSIBLE GIRL. THUS, FIRST OF ALL, HER FOCUS IS TO HELP THE RESISTANCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE FIRST ORDER. FOR THAT REASON, SHE WANTS TO CONVINCED LUKE SKYWALKER TO FOLLOW HER TO HIS SISTER, GENERAL LEIA.

A close-up portrait of Carrie Fisher as Leia Organa. She has her hair pulled back in a bun and is wearing gold hoop earrings. Her expression is serious and determined. The background is dark and out of focus.

THE BRAVE LEADER

# LEIA ORGANA

CARRIE FISHER AFTER HER HUSBAND HAN SOLO PASSED AWAY, KILLED BY HIS OWN SON, AND HER BROTHER LUKE IMMIGRATED TO A LONELY ISLAND, LEIA IS BASICALLY ALONE. BUT SHE IS STILL POWERFUL, BRAVE AND AWARE HER RESPONSIBILITY, SHE CONTINUES TO LEAD THE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE DARK FIRST ORDER.





THE BRAVE LEADER 

# LEIA ORGANA

BESIDES A GROUP OF REBELS, SHE IS STILL ACCOMPANIED BY C-3PO. THE GOLDEN BOY, AS HAN CALLED HIM YEARS AGO, WHO HAS SERVED HER SINCE A VERY LONG TIME. IT TEARS HER APART KNOWING THAT HER SON BEN CHANGED TO THE BAD SIDE. SHE STILL LOVES HIM, AND HOPES THAT HE FEELS THE SAME. BUT, AFTER BEN KILLED HIS OWN FATHER, LEIA KNOWS THAT A BATTLE AGAINST HIM IS UNAVOIDABLE.

*"I AM A MEMBER OF THE IMPERIAL SENATE ON A DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO ALDERAAN" (LEIA TO DARTH VADER IN A NEW HOPE)*



THE YOUNG SEEKER **FINN** 

**JOHN BOYEGA** SINCE FINN WAS BADLY HURT BY KYLO REN'S LIGHTSABER, HE REMAINED IN A COMATOSE STATE. RECOVERED NOW, FINN'S FIRST QUESTION IS WHERE REY IS. PROBABLY, THERE IS MORE THAN FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN HIM AND THE YOUNG GIRL. HOWEVER, HE HAS TO LEARN TO FULFIL HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO BE FOCUSED ON THEM INSTEAD OF PRIORITIZING HIS PERSONAL INTERESTS.

THE YOUNG SEEKER **FINN**

HE GOES TO CANTO BIGHT, A CASINO CITY ON THE PLANET CANTONICA. HERE, HE HAS TO FIND A WAY TO STOP THE FIRST ORDER.



"YOU REMEMBER ME?" "FN-2187."

"NOT ANYMORE. MY NAME'S FINN, AND I'M IN CHARGE."

(FINN IN TALK WITH CAPTAIN PHASMA IN *THE FORCE AWAKENS*)

THE YOUNG SEEKER **FINN**

IN CONTRAST TO REY, FINN DOESN'T KNOW HIS WAY YET, BUT HE LEARNS FAST. SIMILAR TO THE YOUNG GIRL, HE IS BRAVE AND KIND-HEARTED. THUS, HE GROWS UP TO A BE GREAT WARRIOR, WHO IS READY TO FIGHT EVEN AGAINST THE POWERFUL STORMTROOPER CAPTAIN PHASMA.



THE SACRIFICIAL ONE  
**ROSE TICO**

**KELLY MARIE TRAN** ROSE TICO IS A MAINTENANCE WORKER. SINCE SHE WAS A CHILD, SHE HAS HATED THE FIRST ORDER. FINN FASCINATES HER, BECAUSE OF THE STORIES THAT SHE HEARD ABOUT HIS HEROIC DEEDS. TICO'S SISTER IS A GUNNER IN THE RESISTANCE.



THE SACRIFICIAL ONE  
**ROSE TICO**

AS A TOKEN OF THEIR CONNECTION, BOTH WEAR A SPECIAL AMULET. ALTHOUGH ROSE TICO IS A SMALL WOMAN, SHE IS STRONG AND BRAVE, AND SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS. SHE IS ALSO A GOOD PILOT OF THE COBALT SQUADRON.

THE DAREDEVIL 

# POE DAMERON

OSCAR ISAAK CERTAINLY, BESIDES REY, PO IS THE MOST POPULAR FIGURE OF THE NEW STAR WARS GENERATION. HE IS COMPARABLE WITH THE YOUNG HAN SOLO, ALWAYS USING HIS WITTY HUMOUR NO MATTER IN WHICH SERIOUS SITUATION HE FINDS HIMSELF. POE IS THE BEST PILOT OF THE RESISTANCE. ALTHOUGH HE ISN'T CERTAINLY THE BEST NEGOTIATOR, HE IS CLEVER AND UNSTOPPABLE, WHEN HE FLIES HIS X-WING FIGHTER. POE IS A GOOD FRIEND OF FINN. IN THE LAST JEDI HE HAS TO CHALLENGE HIMSELF TO DISCOVER COMPLETE NEW COMPETENCES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAN EVER BEFORE.



*"SO WHO TALKS FIRST? YOU TALK FIRST?"  
(POE TO KAYLO REN IN THE FORCE AWAKENS)*





"WILL SOMEBODY GET THIS BIG  
WALKING CARPET OUT OF MY WAY?"  
(LEIA ABOUT CHEWIE IN A NEW HOPE)

THE MIGHTY ONE  
**CHEWBACCA**

JOONAS SUOTAMO AFTER HIS OLD FRIEND HAN SOLO WAS KILLED BY KYLO REN, CHEWIE ACCOMPANIES REY ON HER WAY TO LUKE SKYWALKER'S HIDEOUT. BUT, HE ISN'T ALONE. ON THE ISLAND AHCH-TO HE FINDS A NEW FRIEND.



THE MYSTERIOUS ONE **DJ**  
BENITO DEL TORO DJ IS A  
SMART HUMAN SLICER. HE BELONGS NEITHER TO  
THE FIRST ORDER NOR TO THE RESISTANCE. IF THAT  
SHADY INDIVIDUAL WILL HELP FINN AND ROSE TICO  
TO STOP THE FIRST ORDER?

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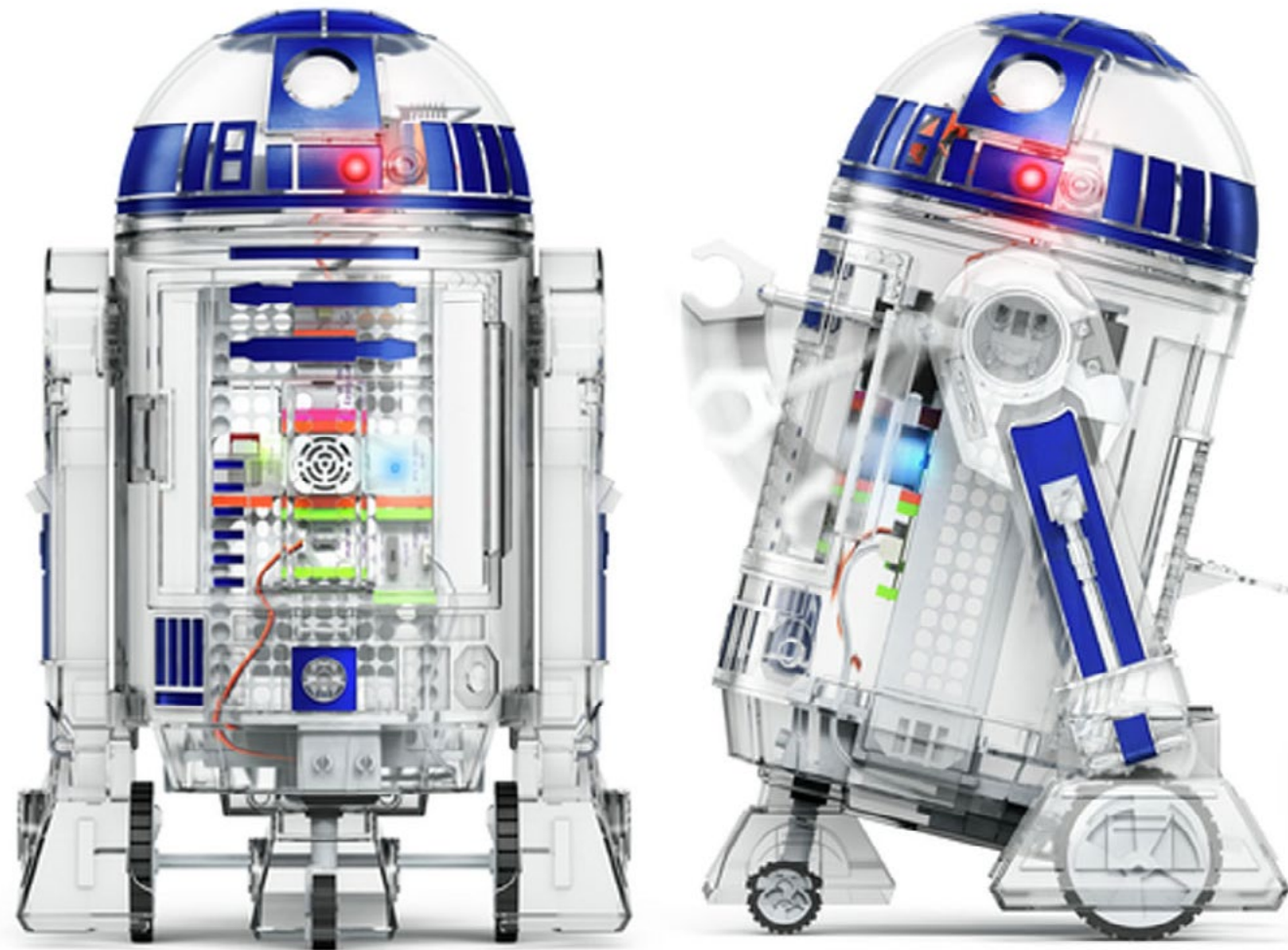
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A NEW  
DARK  
SIDE

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THE VILLAINS

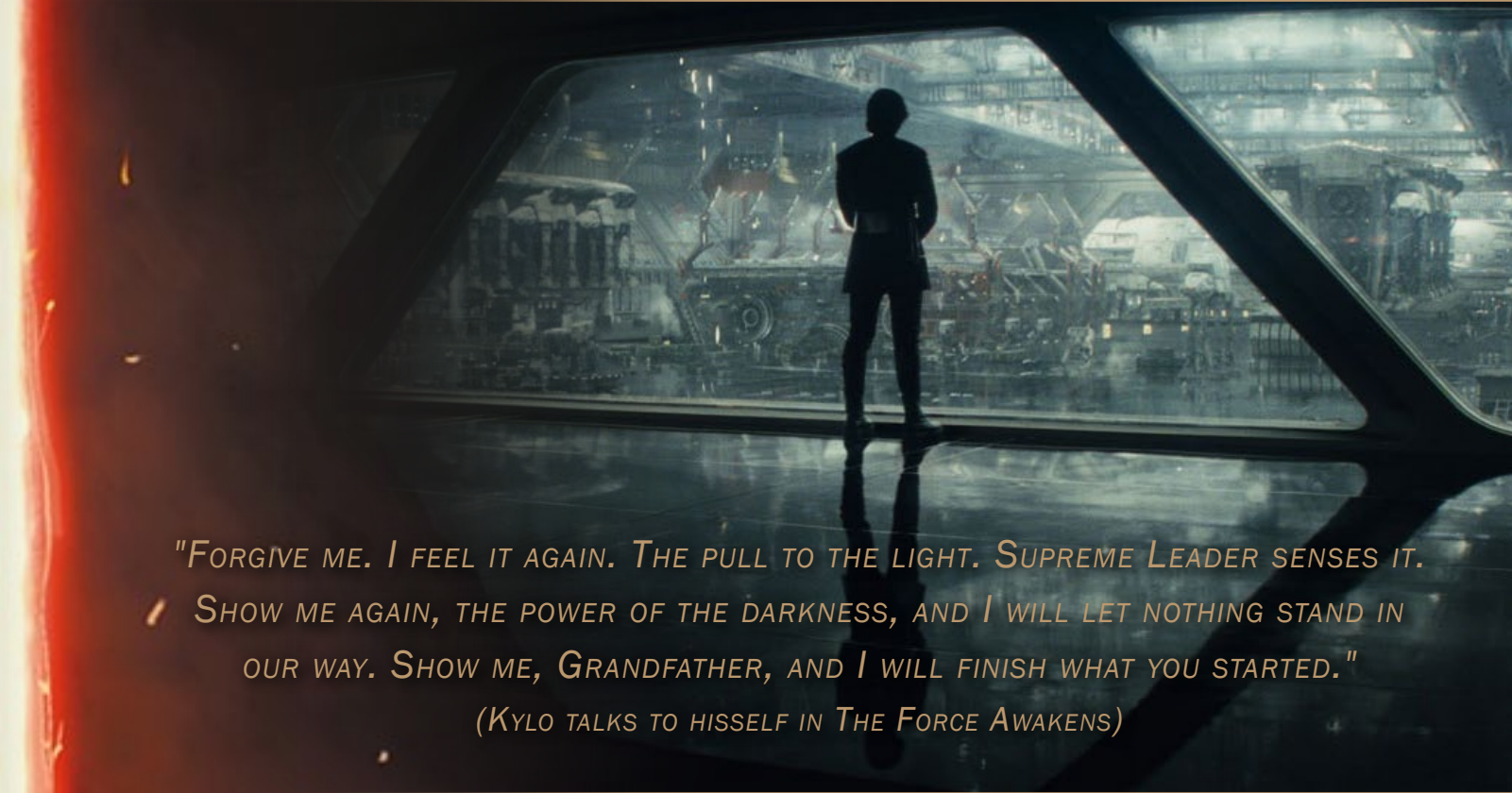



THE DARK WARRIOR  
**KYLO REN**  ADAM DRIVER

THE SON OF HAN SOLO AND GENERAL LEIA FIGHTS AN INNER CONFLICT. HE THOUGHT THAT MURDERING HIS OWN FATHER COULD HELP HIM TO FIND HIS WAY. BUT, HE LOST THE BATTLE AGAINST THE YOUNG AND PREVIOUSLY INEXPERIENCED REY. WHAT DO THE OTHERS THINK ABOUT HIM, ABOVE ALL SUPREME LEADER SNOKE AND GENERAL HUX?

KYLO REN'S PETULANT ARBITRARY TANTRUMS MAKE HIM UNPREDICTABLE, BUT WHERE DO THEY STEM FROM? ARE THEY COME FROM THE DARK SIDE, OR ARE THEY A RESULT OF HIS INNER CONFLICTS?

IS HE ABLE TO KILL HIS MOTHER? AND DOES HE HAVE THE POWER TO FACE REY IN A BATTLE AGAIN? IS HE READY TO FOLLOW INTO THE FOOTSTEPS OF HIS GRANDFATHER, DARTH VADER?



*"FORGIVE ME. I FEEL IT AGAIN. THE PULL TO THE LIGHT. SUPREME LEADER SENSES IT. SHOW ME AGAIN, THE POWER OF THE DARKNESS, AND I WILL LET NOTHING STAND IN OUR WAY. SHOW ME, GRANDFATHER, AND I WILL FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED."*

*(KYLO TALKS TO HISSELF IN THE FORCE AWAKENS)*





THE POWER-HUNGRY   
GENERAL HUX

DOMHALL GLEESON EVEN WHEN THEY FIGHT TOGETHER FOR THE SUPREME LEADER AND THE FIRST ORDER, HUX IS AN EMBITTERED OPPONENT OF KYLO REN. HUX IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP. HE IS ANNOYED THAT KYLO REN ALWAYS ACTS DISRESPECTFUL. FURTHERMORE, HUX HAS TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO SUPREME LEADER SNOKE, WHO NEVER FORGIVES EVEN THE TINIEST MISTAKES. WILL HUX MAINTAIN HIS LEADING POSITION AGAINST KYLO REN?

*"ALL REMAINING SYSTEMS WILL BOW TO THE FIRST ORDER!  
AND WILL REMEMBER THIS... AS THE LAST DAY OF THE REPUBLIC!"  
(HUX'S SPEECH TO THE FIRST ORDER IN THE FORCE AWAKENS)*

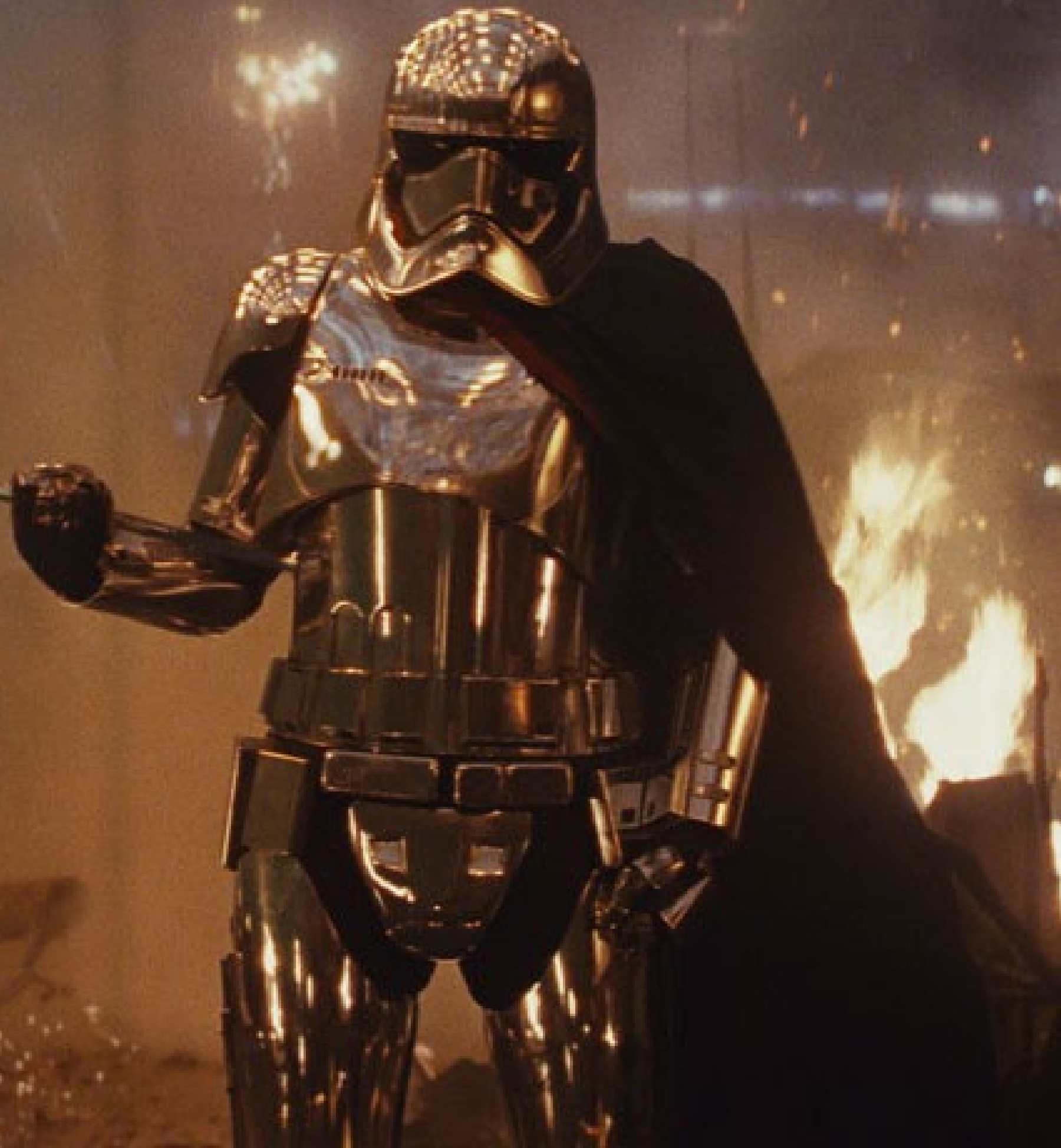


THE DUTIFUL WARRIOR 

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FOR A LONG TIME, SHE HAS SERVED ALONGSIDE KYLO REN AND GENERAL HUX AGAINST THE RESISTANCE. PHASMA IS WELL EXPERIENCED IN HANDLING DIFFERENT KIND OF WEAPONS. WILL SHE FIND AND DESTROY FINN THIS TIME?



"YOU CAN'T BE SO STUPID AS TO THINK THIS WILL BE EASY. MY TROOPS WILL STORM THIS BLOCK AND KILL YOU ALL. WHATEVER YOU'RE PLANNING, IT WON'T WORK."

(PHASMA TO FINN AND HAN IN THE FORCE AWAKENS)



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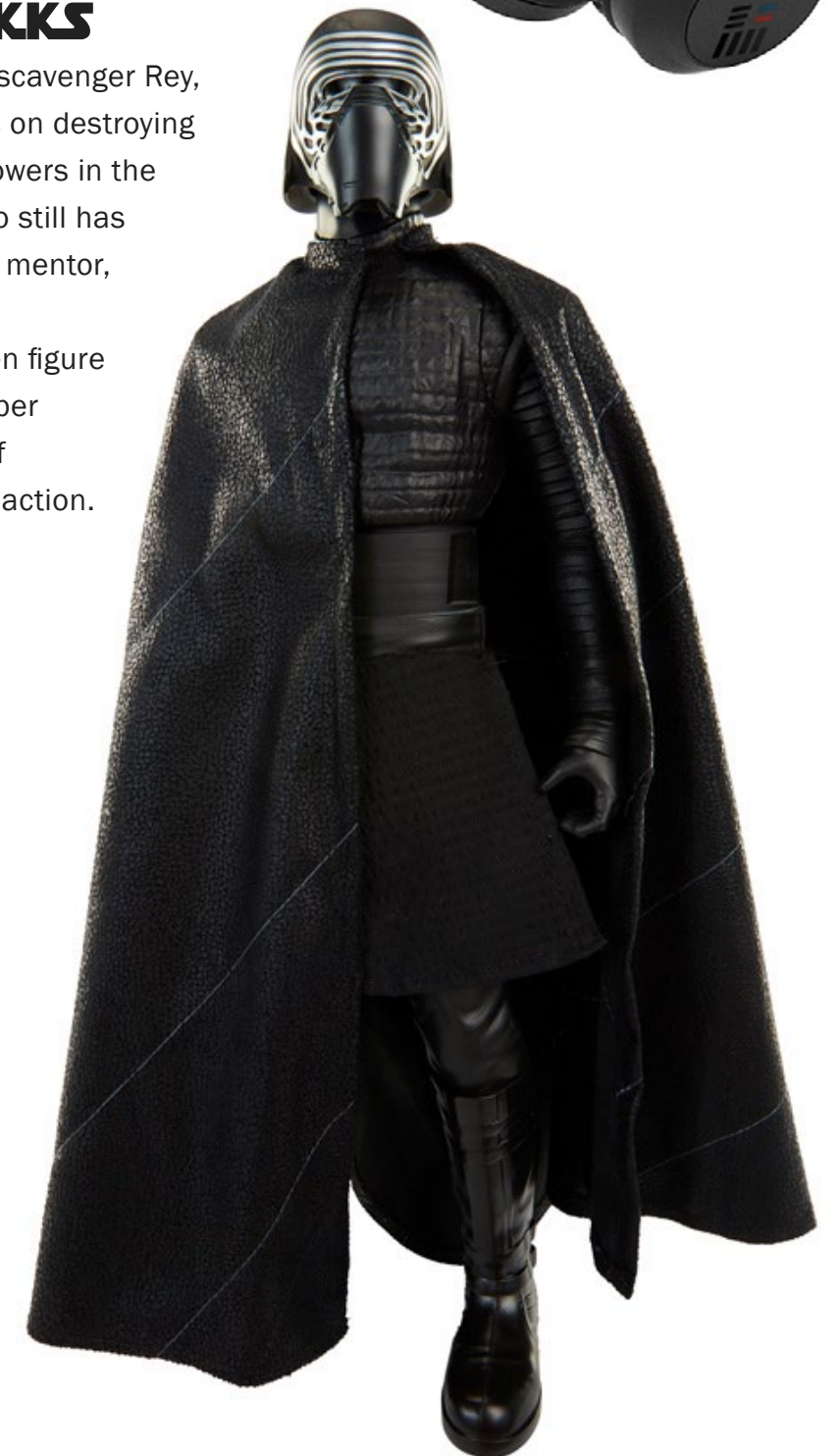
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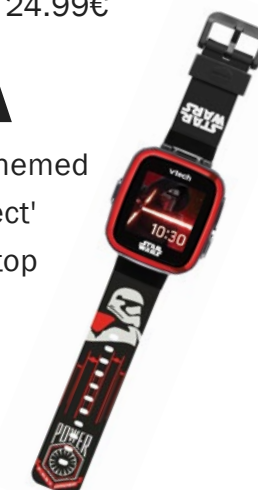
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# THE SCENES THE LAST JEDI

## THE LOCATIONS

LUKE'S EXILE

### AHCH-TO

STAR WARS THE LAST JEDI ALSO LEADS US TO EXITING NEW LOCATIONS. ONE OF THEM IS LUKE'S ASYLUM, THE ISLAND AHCH-TO. HERE, CUTE BUT ALSO STRANGE CREATURES LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE. FURTHERMORE, THE ISLAND HOLDS MORE THAN ONE MYSTERIOUS SECRET.



A night view of a futuristic city. In the foreground, a curved walkway with a dark railing leads towards a large, illuminated building. The building has a modern, architectural style with vertical lines and glowing windows. In the background, other city structures and lights are visible against a dark sky. The overall atmosphere is one of a high-tech, urban environment.

CASINO CITY

# CANTO BIGHT ON CANTONICA

MOS EISLEY OR JABBAS PALACE ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO THE CASINO CITY CANTO BIGHT ON THE PLANET CANTONICA. THIS PLACE REMINDS US OF A FUTURE VERSION OF MONACO. HERE, THE UPPER CLASS MINGLES TO CELEBRATE GAMBLING, IDLENESS AS WELL AS THE ENJOYMENT OF BEING SURROUNDED BY THEIR OWN KIND. MOST OF THEM DO BUSINESS WITH THE FIRST ORDER. BUT, ALSO VERY LOVELY CREATURES AS WELL AS PEOPLE EXIST ON THIS PLANET.



"SHUT HIM UP OR  
SHUT HIM DOWN!"

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK



## REVIEW STAR WARS THE LAST JEDI

For millions of people it will be the best Christmas present this year. Without any doubt, Star Wars The Last Jedi is in touch with the force and another milestone within the galaxy far, far away. Atmospherically, the sequel starts where The Force Awakens ended. But, moreover, it broadens the story to a next higher level.

Again, Star Wars The Last Jedi presents a sentimental, naïve, optimistic and melancholic story and it's fine. It's about winning and losing, success and failure, heroism and egoism, hate and love. The heroes are fallible, which is what makes them authentic and very likable. Besides, villains don't just fight against the Resistance, but against their inner conflicts and own weaknesses. These traits bring them much closer to us.

Who's good, who is really bad? The borders between good and evil become blurred. The heroes ask themselves the same questions as the audience does. How can a small group of idealists and a Jedi repel the superiority of the First Order? Furthermore, who is the last Jedi?

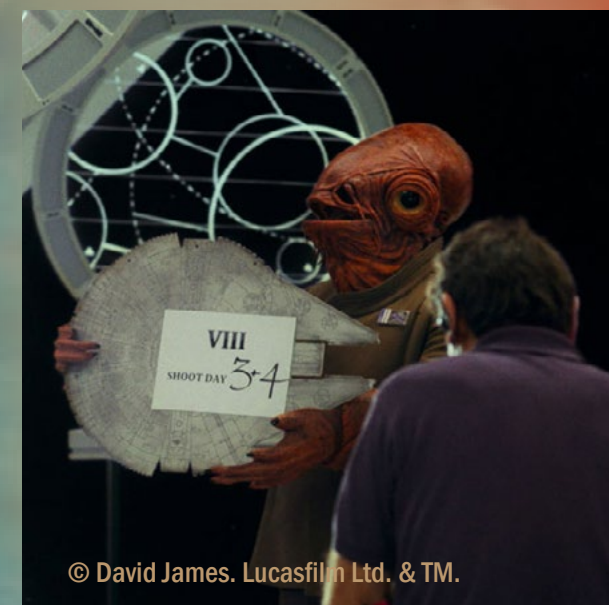
Star Wars The Last Jedi is brimming with emotions, adventurous action and a terrific sense of humour. With a smart use of pun and through delicate gestures, Rian Johnson fascinates the audience and makes them laugh at the same time.

Of course, some fans might miss the abyssal dark side, but The Last Jedi is a part of a huge entertainment universe, which is addressed to all generations, from young to old.

And so, also older fans have to accept that merchandising plays an important role today. This makes it possible to bring those blockbusters to the big screens. Thus, when it's included in a coherent way, it's also easy to accept while watching the film.

The Last Jedi opens the doors to the next generation of Star Wars fans. It convinces with a smart coherent storyline filled with emotions, amazing action scenes and breathtaking visuals. Even if it's a bit cliché sometimes, the characters as well as the unique sense of humor, reminds us of the original trilogy. Therefore, The Last Jedi is a worthy successor and the perfect movie to enjoy over Christmas with the complete family in a cinema in the neighborhood.





## BEHIND THE SCENES

Star Wars is and was always a story about true friendship, solidarity and a strong belief as well. It's even a story about failing, but finding a way back into the light again.

These strong core values also had a significant importance behind the scenes of the production of Star Wars: The Last Jedi. A friendly mood, trust as well as a unique team spirit can be recognized on the complete film set. The cast was full of praise towards the new director Rian Johnson, who has inherited a huge legacy and responsibility towards the fans.

Of course, millions of fans are waiting for a film spectacle that continues after The Force Awakens on the same high standard or, moreover, to surpass their expectations.

So, watch the video to take a look behind the scenes to hear what Daisy Ridley, John Boyega and Mark Hamill had to say about the work involved behind the scenes. You will also see one of the last interviews with the iconic Carrie Fisher.





THE FLASH  
BACK  
TO 40 YEARS

WHAT HAPPENED  
BEFORE



## BEHIND THE SCENES

Everybody knows him as a big star today, but in 1977 Harrison Ford was totally unknown. Some years before, he already worked for George Lucas in a bit part in "American Graffiti". Even in this part he played a daredevil who drove a fast "piece of junk". Despite the success of STAR WARS: A New Hope, Ford had his big breakthrough later, with Indiana Jones. Since then however, his character Han Solo became the most popular within the Star Wars universe.

There are many rumors about Harrison Ford and STAR WARS. One of it deals with his salary in part IV. Because of the low-budget production it was assumed, that Ford only earned 10.000 US-Dollars for his work, which is a very low fee, even for a low-budget production at the time. However, it shows that it makes sense to show your unique qualities and talents first, when you strive for long-lasting success.



## THE MAKER

### GEORGE LUCAS CREATES AN UNIQUE NEW UNIVERSE

From the beginning, STAR WARS isn't just a movie. It is a passion of "the maker" and his fans. Like in any big family, many things will be shared and experienced together, and one will also have to deal with suffering and obstacles. George Lucas and his team created heroes, planets, vehicles, creatures, and stories never seen before. They have been inspiring us and have opened our minds and hearts to a world unknown for 40 years now. The actors merged with the characters, which they performed. The fans have identified them with the characters in the movie. For some of them it was luck, for others... Let's say, they had to wait for a very long time to continue their career.

The distinction between fantasy and reality blurred for many people – or to make it clear – STAR WARS became a part of their individual reality. For 40 years, fans all over the world have dreamt of this unique galaxy far, far away...

For those of you who are taking their first step into the STAR WARS universe and who have never seen another episode before, VALEUR presents a short and – of course – incomplete summary of the things that happened previously. On the one hand, it isn't possible to summarize a complex and monumental story like this on some pages. On the other hand, the summary could inspire you to discover the older STAR WARS universe, with its mystique, romance and humour. Because of space and time, but more importantly, because of the content as well as the stylistic and emotional connection, we will follow the original chronology, which starts with Episode IV. But, attention for upcoming spoilers!!

## A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY...

... there were heroes and villains as well as a young farm boy, who dreamt of adventures in the wide universe. He dreamt of foreign worlds, freedom, honor, love, and friendship. Due to these dreams, this boy seems very familiar to us. Who has never had these same dreams? While looking up into the sky by night, who has never wished to travel to the stars and discover foreign worlds?

The young boy is named Luke Skywalker. He lives on a waste planet called Tatooine. Here is nothing else than a desert, some strange and dangerous creatures and Mos Eisley, a grubby spaceport full of smugglers and other outlaws.

*“WELL, IF THERE'S A BRIGHT CENTER TO THE UNIVERSE, YOU'RE ON THE PLANET THAT IT'S FARTHEST FROM”,*

Luke explains describing the planet. But one day, everything changes and here, on Tatooine, the great adventure starts.

*WELL, THE FORCE IS WHAT GIVES A JEDI HIS POWER. IT'S AN ENERGY FIELD CREATED BY ALL LIVING THINGS. IT SURROUNDS US AND PENETRATES US. IT BINDS THE GALAXY TOGETHER. OBI-WAN KENOBI*



**O**n the run, two robots, called droids, land on the planet. The one, C3PO, is wise and, because of his construction, able to act like a human being. The other, called R2-D2, is smart, multi-functional and brave. They become comrades and start an adventure without suspecting the potential consequences.

How could they know in that moment, that the following chain of events will change their lives - and the galaxy - forever. Their mission is secret and dangerous. R2-D2 carries the technical readouts of a powerful battle station, the Death Star. He has the order, to bring these plans to the Rebel Alliance, which is fighting for freedom and peace in the galaxy.

On their Odyssey, the companions meet the young Skywalker, who desires nothing more as to go to the academy to exercise flight training. Being a good pilot already, his biggest wish is to fly to stars far, far away - from where these droids apparently come from.



## BEHIND THE SCENES

STAR WARS belongs to the most successful films ever, but it started as a low-budget production, what you cannot consider in the first moment. Perhaps, the need to act reduced to the essential, to do many things by hand and to act mainly with new faces, were the recipe for success. The attention to detail and the motivation of the cast, gave A New Hope its charm and profundity.

*GO THAT WAY! YOU'LL BE  
MALFUNCTIONING WITHIN A DAY,  
YOU NEARSIGHTED SCRAP PILE!*

THREEPIO

## DID YOU KNOW...?

Mark Hamill also starred in the Star Wars Holiday Special in 1978. Even inveterate fans don't know this precious gem of the Star Wars Universe. Han Solo accompanies his friend Chewbacca to his home planet Kashyyyk where the important Life Day will soon be celebrated. But, as usual, they are pursued by the Galactic Empire. Besides the main cast, the TV film, which is probably the first Star Wars spin-off ever, introduces the bounty hunter Boba Fett as well as Chewbaccas family. A bonus is the theme song, which is performed by Princess Leia. Of course, John Williams composed the music once more. The show takes place in familiar locations like Mos Eisley's cantina, but it introduces also new ones like the water planet Panna. The spin-off was never again broadcasted or released on home entertainment devices. Therefore, it became something like a myth. But, of course, it can now be found in the frontiers of the World Wide Web.





I HAVE A VERY BAD   
FEELING ABOUT THIS.

## EPISODE IV A NEW HOPE

*"HELP ME OBI-WAN KENOBI. YOU ARE MY ONLY HOPE."* (LEIA ORGANA)

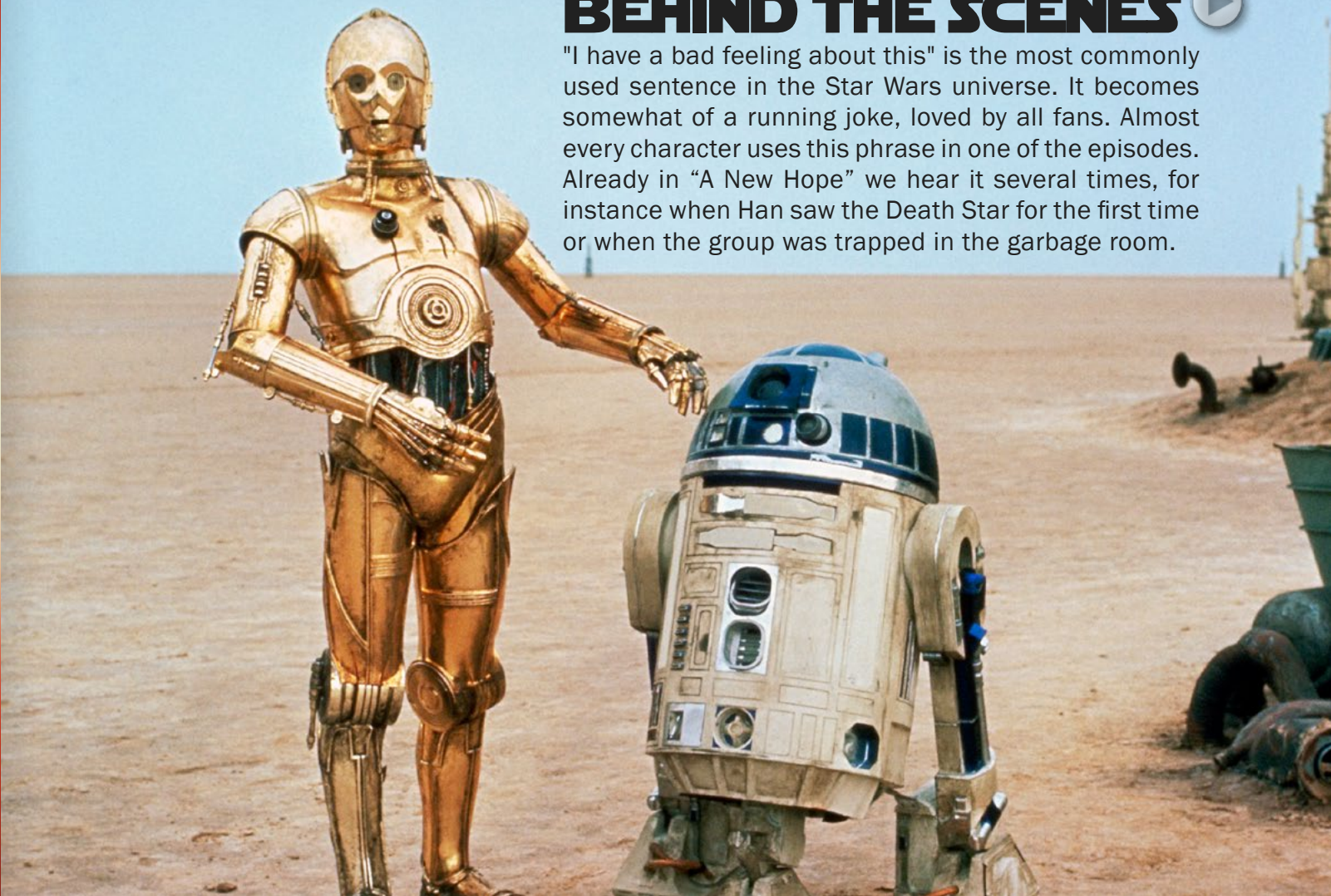
Due to a hologram projected by R2-D2, Luke sees the beautiful princess Leia the first time. Her message is addressed to a general named Obi-Wan Kenobi. Although, Luke has never heard this name, he thinks he knows who is meant. Because of the approaching nightfall, Luke prefers to wait until the next day, but the cheeky droid R2-D2 runs away in the night. The next morning, Luke starts to search for the droid and meets Obi-Wan. The old man tells him stories of a time of honor long time ago. He talks also about Luke's father who was a great warrior, a good pilot as well as a good friend of Obi-Wan. While explaining the secrets of the force, Obi-Wan gives the father's light saber to Luke, inviting him to accompany the old Jedi to save the princess.

Neither Luke nor Obi-Wan own a spaceship, so they hire a smuggler called Han Solo, who claims to have the fastest ship of the galaxy. But, Luke is shocked when he sees Han's ship, the Millennium Falcon for the first time. "What a piece of junk", he says.

But Han calms him down and the journey to the stars starts. Together the friends discover many adventures up to the great battle against the Empire's biggest weapon, the Death Star.

## BEHIND THE SCENES

"I have a bad feeling about this" is the most commonly used sentence in the Star Wars universe. It becomes somewhat of a running joke, loved by all fans. Almost every character uses this phrase in one of the episodes. Already in "A New Hope" we hear it several times, for instance when Han saw the Death Star for the first time or when the group was trapped in the garbage room.







## EPISODE V

### THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

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*DO. OR O NOT. THERE  
IS NO TRY. (YODA)*

The Empire Strikes Back is much darker and more mysterious than Episode IV. Since Luke met Obi-Wan Kenobi for the first time, he has learned a lot about the force. Step by step, he starts to understand how to use the mysterious power he has. On the ice-planet Hoth, the Alliance has pitched its new base. Here Luke meets the spectral form of Obi-Wan that tells him to go to Dagobah. There, Luke should meet Jedi Master Yoda who can complete his training.

As a contrast to Hoth, Dagobah is a planet of jungle and swamps. It's impossible to find any landing facilities there. So, Luke crashes his X-wing in a huge "puddle". He is looking for a great warrior, but he finds a funny, small green creature that teases him all the time. But, the friendly creature also offers to help Luke.

*I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP. I WANT MY LAMP  
BACK. I'LL NEED IT TO GET OUT OF THIS SLIMY  
MUDHOLE. (LUKE)*  
*MUDHOLE? SLIMY? MY HOME THIS IS. (YODA)*

Sometime later, Luke recognizes that the funny creature is the powerful Jedi master Yoda. He just tested Luke to determine if the boy is ready for the big challenge of becoming a Jedi. After some discussions, Yoda accepts to instruct Luke. But, it turns out not to be an easy venture as the young man believes only what he can see.

*"No! No DIFFERENT! ONLY DIFFERENT IN YOUR  
MIND. YOU MUST UNLEARN WHAT YOU HAVE  
LEARNED", explains Yoda.*

*A JEDI'S STRENGTH FLOWS FROM THE FORCE. BUT BEWARE OF THE DARK  
SIDE. ANGER... FEAR... AGGRESSION. THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE ARE  
THEY. EASILY THEY FLOW, QUICK TO JOIN YOU IN A FIGHT. IF ONCE YOU START  
DOWN THE DARK PATH, FOREVER WILL IT DOMINATE YOUR DESTINY, CONSUME  
YOU IT WILL, AS IT DID OBI-WAN'S APPRENTICE. (YODA)*

# EPISODE V

## THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

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The Jedi Master trains Luke. He teaches him, that not the size, but faith and humility as well as inner values play an important role. Luke learns fast, but he makes many mistakes too.

*"SIZE MATTERS NOT. LOOK AT ME. JUDGE ME BY MY SIZE, DO YOU? HM? MMMM. AND WELL YOU SHOULD NOT. FOR MY ALLY IN THE FORCE. AND A POWERFUL ALLY IT IS. LIFE CREATES IT, MAKES IT GROW. ITS ENERGY SURROUNDS US AND BINDS US. LUMINOUS BEINGS ARE WE... NOT THIS CRUDE MATTER. YOU MUST FEEL THE FORCE AROUND YOU. HERE, BETWEEN YOU... ME... THE TREE... THE ROCK... EVERYWHERE! YES, EVEN BETWEEN THIS LAND AND THAT SHIP!" (YODA)*



# EPISODE V

## THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

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*"OBI-WAN HAS TAUGHT YOU WELL."* (DARTH VADER)

Luke has a vision of his friends in pain, imprisoned by the Empire. Hasty to help them, he cuts his training short to help them. But it's a trap. Thus, in Bespin, a Cloud City, he meets his destiny and greatest enemy, Darth Vader. After a bloody duel, Luke is badly injured.

*YOUR DESTINY LIES WITH ME,  
SKYWALKER. OBI-WAN KNEW THIS  
TO BE TRUE.* (DARTH VADER)





*I AM YOUR FATHER.*  
(DARTH VADER)

## EPISODE V

### **THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK**

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In one of the most popular movie scenes of all time, Darth Vader tells Luke the absolute truth. Nevertheless, the boy stands up to the challenge and doesn't follow the temptation of the dark side of the force.

He flees with his friends to the Alliance Rebel base. Unfortunately, he has to leave his best friend Han Solo who lies, frozen in carbonite, in the freight space of Boba Fett's shuttle. The reason for this is that a bounty hunter wants to get a long-awaited reward for the former smuggler from Jabba the Hut.

# EPISODE VI

## RETURN OF THE JEDI

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Return of the Jedi unites all aspects that make a story timeless and profound. This episode is full of emotions, joy and sorrow. It drives the battle between good and evil to the climax and the story to a temporary ending. Therefore, Return of the Jedi is the most powerful and breathtaking movie, not only within the Star Wars universe, but also in general.

Back to Tatooine, Luke, Leia, Lando Calrissian, Chewbacca, C-3PO and R2-D2 try to help their friend Han, who is still in the clutches of Jabba the Hut.

*THE FORCE IS STRONG IN MY FAMILY.  
MY FATHER HAS IT... I HAVE IT... AND...  
MY SISTER HAS IT. (LUKE)*





Meanwhile, Luke has grown to be a powerful Jedi. He is ready to fight the final battle with his father and the dark Emperor. Luke believes in love as well as in the good, even in Darth Vader. He thinks, that he has a chance to bring Vader back to the good side.

*“SEARCH YOUR FEELINGS, FATHER. YOU CAN'T DO THIS. I FEEL THE CONFLICT WITHIN YOU. LET GO OF YOUR HATE.”*

After the friends rescue their friend Han Solo, they want to free the galaxy in an ultimate battle. General Solo, Leia, Luke, Chewbacca and their strike team land on the forest moon of Endor. Here, they encounter scout troopers. But after eliminating these enemies, the team is captured by Ewoks - a primitive species. These cute Ewoks resemble little bears, but are also like people and they worship C-3PO as a god.

Han, ironically, finds himself as the planned main course of a banquet in golden droid's honor. But, Luke can solve the problem peacefully. It's also the moment, when he tells Leia the truth, before he leaves the planet to fight his biggest fight.



Together, Darth Vader and the Emperor try to drive Luke to change sides. They want to use his power for their dark plans. So, Luke must face the dark side of the force and he masters the challenge. Now, as a true Jedi he can free his father from the clutches of the dark side. But his luck is short lived. Anakin Skywalker, Luke's father, dies in his arms peacefully.

*"YOU'RE COMING WITH ME. I CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE. I'VE GOT TO SAVE YOU."* (LUKE)

*"YOU ALREADY HAVE, LUKE. YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT ME. TELL YOUR SISTER...YOU WERE RIGHT."* (DARTH VADER)

Meanwhile, Han, Leia and Chewbacca have deactivated the shield generator. So, the rebel forces can destroy the Death Star II, which Luke leaves just in time. The galaxy is free once more.

*YOU DON'T KNOW THE POWER OF THE DARK SIDE. I MUST OBEY MY MASTER.*

(DARTH VADER)

## **DID YOU KNOW...?**

In Return of the Jedi, Emperor Palpatine was performed by Ian McDiarmid, who played the same role in Episode I - III years later.

# EPISODE I

## THE PHANTOM MENACE

Sixteen years after Return of the Jedi, George Lucas released Episode I – The Phantom Menace. The eagerly awaited sequel was a shock for many fans of the old community. More a comic than a Star Wars movie, this episode is focused on pure fun and action. Contrasting to the visuals and strange characters that seemed to be created for a younger community, the story is superficial and difficult to understand even for adults.

The Trade Federation blockades the small planet Naboo to protest against increasing trade tariffs. Therefore, the senate dispatches the Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn and his young Padawan, Obi-Wan Kenobi, to negotiate with the Federation.



The Jedi falls into a trap. Together with the young Queen Amidala, they escape to Tatooine, where the Trade Federation has no presence. There, they meet the young boy Anakin Skywalker, who takes part in a dangerous pod race. Qui-Gon recognizes that the force is strong in the boy. Thus, he decides to train him. But, a dark warrior kills the Jedi Master in front of his pupil Obi-Wan, who then takes revenge. Against the decision of the Jedi council, Obi-Wan accepts Anakin as his Padawan.

Episode I didn't continue with the anticipated mystique, emotions, and warmth of the first trilogy. Except Qui-Gon (Liam Neeson), the characters and acting didn't match with the philosophy and tone of the original Star Wars universe.

The dialogues lack substance and don't match the standard of the original trilogy due to being poorly written. This reaches a 'climax', when Anakin's mother talks about her immaculate conception. Jar Jar Binks, the Gungans, the Battle Droids as well as 3-CPO simply take the farce too far for it to be enjoyable. Therefore, as a beginner within the Star Wars universe, we recommend starting with Episode 2. You will not miss out on the Star Wars experience by doing so.





# EPISODE II

## ATTACK OF THE CLONES

With Episode II, Lucas tried to improve the mistakes of the prequel. However, the dialogues and characters remain bland. Still, there is a lack of emotions and profundity. But, because of the appearance of the older Anakin Skywalker, performed by Hayden Christensen, the story seems closer to the original trilogy.

The Galactic Republic is threatened by the Separatist movement. Queen Amidala, who has now become the senator, comes to Coruscant to vote on a motion against this treaty. In the capital of the Republic, she is placed under the protection of Obi-Wan Kenobi and his Padawan Anakin Skywalker. Of course, the latter is excited to see Padmé again. But, Obi-Wan Kenobi recognizes that his pupil isn't in balance. Anakin becomes aggressive quickly due to frustration. He often loses control. His biggest fear is to lose Padmé, and...



The bounty hunter Jango Fett served as a genetic template for the clones. His "payment" in exchange is a non-genetic manipulated kid, named Boba, which will later become a serious enemy of Han Solo. Obi-Wan presumes dark plans. But, before he can communicate these Jango Fett and his 'son' escape.

At the same time, Anakin flies to Tatooine, where his mother, harmed by the Tusken Raiders, dies in his arms. He his feelings of anger and hatred take control and he strives to prevent further harm to those that he loves.

But first, the friends and his lover have to survive a big showdown in an arena full of dangerous creatures.

### *ANGER... FEAR... AGGRESSION. THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE ARE THEY.*

So, with orders to protect her, Anakin is assigned to escort Padmé back to Naboo. Here, both young people develop feelings for each other. But Padmé is trying to avoid them, because of her status. She is a senator, Anakin a Jedi. Both have serious responsibilities.

Meanwhile, Obi-Wan visits the planet Kamino and discovers a big myth. Here, he meets an alien scientist who has created a secret army of clones for the Republic. But the strange thing is, that the Republic has no information about this new army.



# EPISODE III

## REVENGE OF THE SITH

Still the galaxy is in conflict in a civil war. The Jedi Council dispatches Obi-Wan to find and to eliminate General Grievous, who leads the Separatist Army and who holds Chancellor Palpatine captive.

After his rescue and the death of Count Dooku, Chancellor Palpatine uses his strong influence on Anakin. More and more, the young Jedi comes to understand, but he is torn between what is right and what is wrong. His strive to save Padmé's life becomes an obsession. After she reveals that she is pregnant, Anakin starts to have visions of Padmé's death and his worry continuously grows.

The situation becomes critical, when Palpatine appoints Anakin as his representative in the Jedi Council. Of course, the Council declines to raise Anakin to the rank of a Jedi Master. Quite the contrary, Jedi Master Mace Windu asks the young Jedi to spy on Palpatine.

While Obi-Wan finds and kills General Grievous, Anakin changes sides and becomes the dark lord Darth Vader. His wish to save Padmé's life ends in a catastrophe and she becomes unconscious. Obi-Wan wins the fight against his former pupil Darth Vader, who gets bad burns by the lava river of Mustafar. Because of his serious injuries, he requires a mask as well as a special suit from now on. This is the moment, when we hear the well-known deep breath for the first time.

Meanwhile, Padmé gives birth to twins. Before she dies, she gives them the name Luke and Leia. While Leia is adopted by senator Bail Organa, who takes the newborn to Alderaan, Luke is protected by Obi-Wan himself. He brings the baby to his uncle back in Tatooine, where he stays in exile for years.

# EPISODE VII

## THE FORCE AWAKENS

Then years later, like a big bang, it was announced that Walt Disney was going to take over the Star Wars universe. At first, fans weren't sure if it was going to work and many joked that their heroes would probably become comical and could possibly start to sing in the films. But the result was far from it. Star Wars – The Force Awakens is full of fantasy, true feelings, humour and action. Thus, it became the most successful movie within the Star Wars universe. Moreover, it ranks at third place of the highest-grossing films of all time.



Thanks to an amazing cast, J.J. Abrams directed a brilliant story, and chose a smart balance of CGI as well as authentic locations, The Force Awakens masters the atmosphere, emotions and philosophy of Return of the Jedi.

It starts 30 years after the battle of Endor. Luke Skywalker has disappeared and a new power, the First Order, tries to control the galaxy. On the planet Jakku, a young girl named Rey lives a poor life as scavenger.

One day, unexpected events occur, when she finds an orange BB droid and her destiny begins to unfold. Then a young Stormtrooper named Finn lands on Jakku after escaping from the First Order, as he is not willing to kill innocent people. On his escape he teams up with Poe Dameron, the best fighter pilot of the Resistance, which is the declared sworn enemy of the First Order.



Poe tells Finn, that he must find his droid, a BB8 unit, which carries a secret map that could lead to finding Skywalker who has gone missing. Unfortunately, they get separated on their trip, which results in Finn looking for a chance to continue his escape alone.

This is the moment when he meets the cute Rey. Moreover, he identifies the orange droid in her company. Even though Rey is fascinated by the Resistance she helps the young warrior a bit involuntary. However, together they enter a ship that Rey actually classified as a scrap metal treasure before, as she used to collect the metal to make a living.

The escape succeeds. Later on the young people meet a smuggler, that recognises that they didn't enter a simple old vessel, but the famous Millennium Falcon.



Of course, the smuggler is none other than Han Solo himself. As usual, he and Chewbacca try to deal with shady characters, and, as usual, these guys also want to kill them. So, Han, Chewie, Rey, Finn and BB8 team up.

The problem is, that the First Order got wind of the map and its carrier. So, First Order General Hux and Kylo Ren, who uses the dark side of the force to prosecute the pick 'n' mixed fellowship.

During a serious battle on Takodana, Kylo Ren hijacks Rey in the strong believe, she knows the whereabouts of Skywalker. Finn, Han and Chewie follow them to the Starkiller Base, where Han's as well as Rey's destiny is fulfilled.



# ANTHOLOGY

## ROGUE ONE

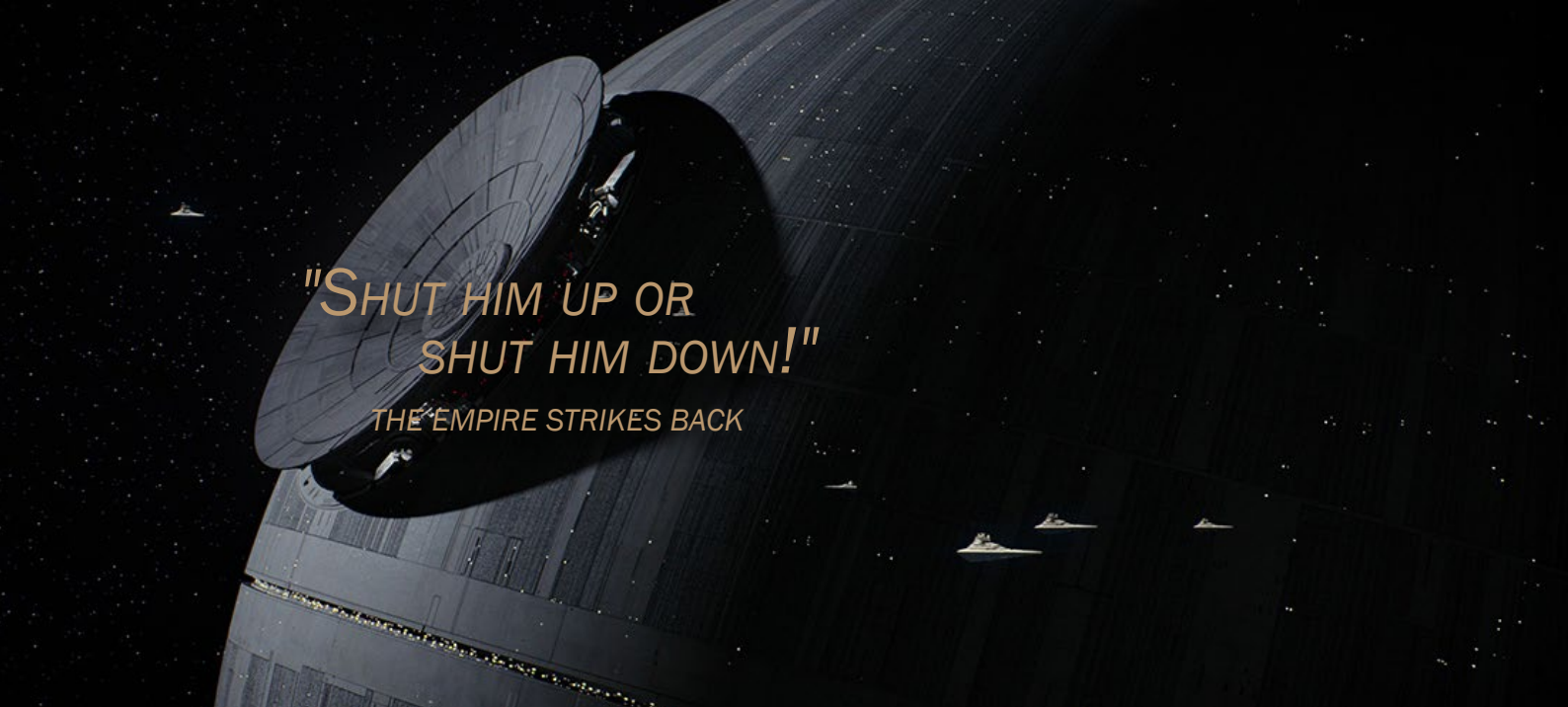
Rogue One is the first movie of the Star Wars Anthology series, which is a series of stand-alone spin-off movies in the Star Wars universe.

The story is set a short time before Episode IV. Imperial weapons developer Orson Krennic blackmails scientist Galen Erso to finish the work on the Death Star, the ultimate battle station capable to destroy complete planets. While Krennic arrests Galen, his daughter Jyn escapes and is then rescued by the rebel Gerrera.

Fifteen years later, Jyn is imprisoned in an Imperial labor camp. But, Rebel officer Cassian Andor frees the young woman to bring her to the Rebel leader Mon Mothma. His aim is to find and rescue Galen Erso, to learn more about the Death Star.







Jyn, Cassian, K-2SO – a reprogrammed Imperial droid – fly to Jedha. Jyn meets Gerrera who shows her a message. In this message, Galen reveals he has installed a weak spot into the Death Star.

The group flies to the planet Eadu, where they find Galen. But before Jyn can help her father, Rebel bombers attack the facility. The injured Galen dies in his daughter's arms. Motivated to avenge the death of her parents, Jyn creates a plan to steal the Death Star plans with help of the Rebel armada. But, the Alliance avoids her proposal due to the strong belief that the victory against the Empire is just a question of time.

As a result Jyn still teams up with a group of volunteers to find the databank. Together they enter an Imperial ship, which Rook calls "Rogue One".



While one group enters the base, the others follow a diversionary tactic. Finally, Jyn and Cassian can retrieve the secret data, which they then send to the Rebel fleet. But, the heroes have no chance to escape as the Death Star has already reached their planet.

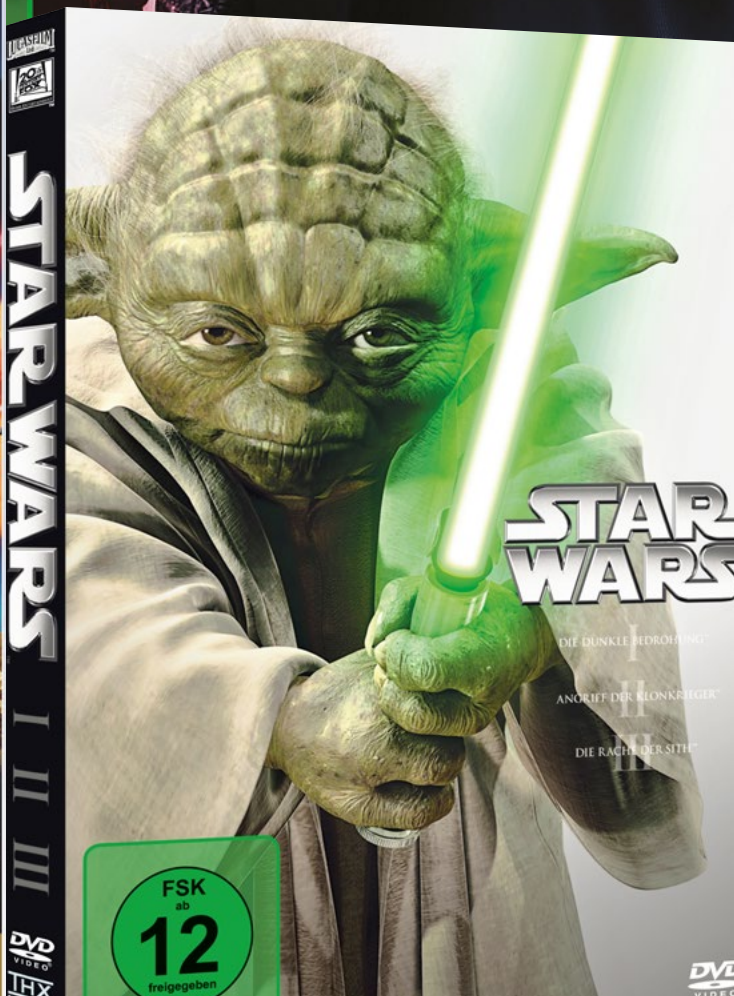
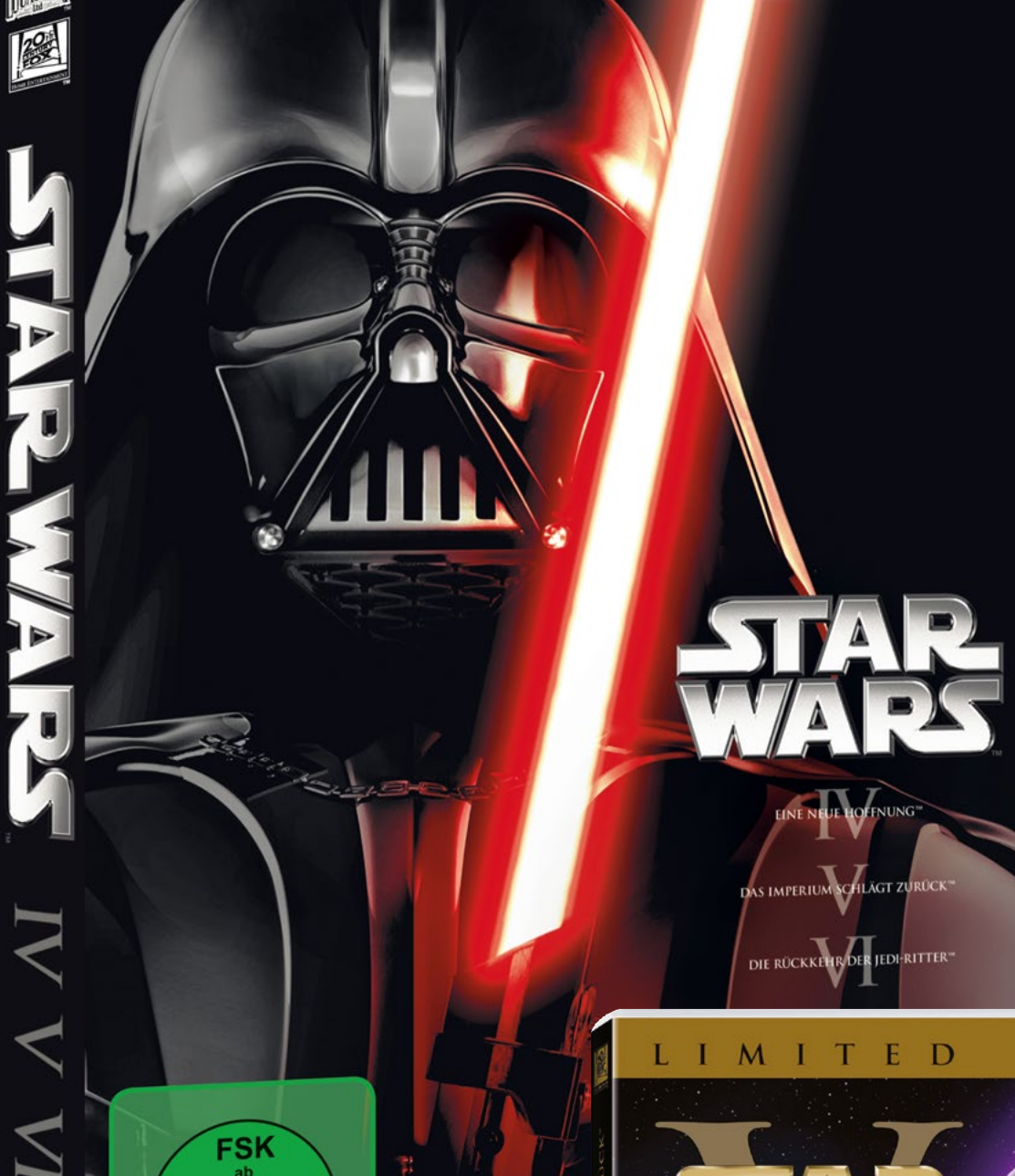


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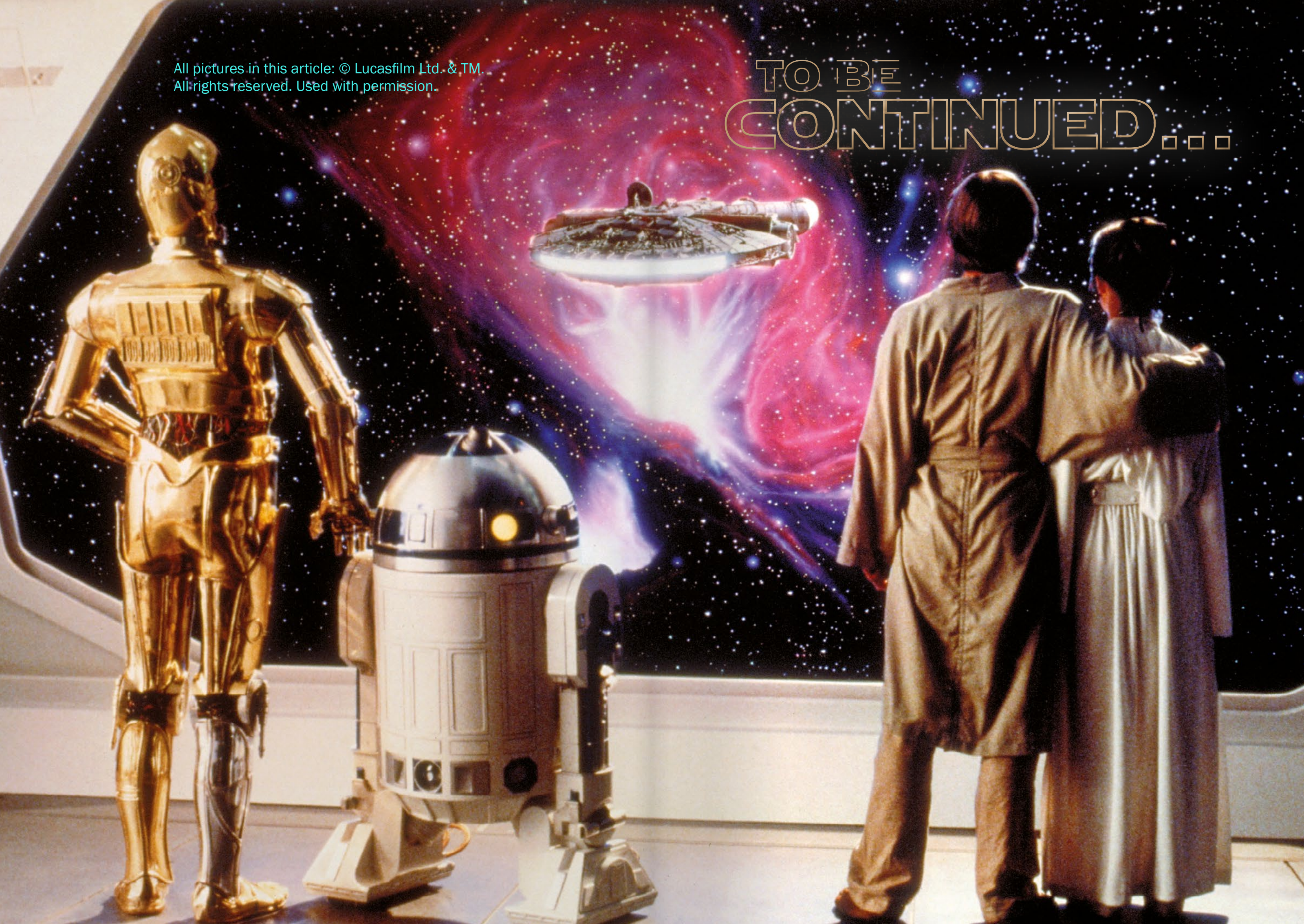
Admittedly, this short review is far away from being representative for the complex story as well as the emotional depth of STAR WARS. However, those who are inspired to discover these amazing universe now and those who are animated to complete their already existing collection – all of you will find a huge spectrum of DVD's including bonus-material, blu-rays, posters, figures, games... Everything, what you heart desires.





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