

STAR THE MAGIC OF MYTH WARS

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BMA Presents Programs and Events in Conjunction with Special Exhibition *Star Wars The Magic of Myth*

This spring, the Brooklyn Museum of Art will present a myriad of activities for Star Wars fans of all ages. Among them ***Star Wars Conversations***, a unique program with actor Anthony Daniels (C-3PO) and Industrial Light & Magic (ILM) artists Lorne Peterson and Rob Coleman whose work is featured in the legendary films. In addition to this rare opportunity, on April 20 and 27 the Museum will screen all four films from the epic series. These programs and events will be presented in conjunction with the special Smithsonian exhibition ***Star Wars: The Magic of Myth***, making its final stop on a national tour at the Brooklyn Museum of Art April 5–July 7, 2002. The exhibition showcases original costumes, models, props, and artwork used to create the *Star Wars* saga—*Star Wars : A New Hope*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Return of the Jedi*—as well as Episode I: *The Phantom Menace*.

Special Program

Star Wars Conversations

Saturday, April 7, 5 p.m.

Actor Anthony Daniels, known for his portrayal of C-3PO, will host conversations with Industrial Light & Magic (ILM) Master Model Maker Lorne Peterson and Animation Director Rob Coleman. The three artists will discuss the original works of conceptual and production art, models, and props in the exhibition *Star Wars: The Magic of Myth*. This program will include questions from the audience. Photos with the special guests will be allowed for thirty minutes following the program. Seating for the event in the 460 seat Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is complimentary with Museum admission.

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Film Screenings

Museum visitors can see all four *Star Wars* films in order of episode. Each film will be screened twice on the same day. Tickets cost \$6 adults; \$3 museum members, students, and seniors; \$2 children 12 and under.

Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace

(G. Lucas, 1999, Rated PG, 133 minutes)

Showtimes: *Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.*

When the evil Trade Federation plots to take over the peaceful planet of Naboo, Jedi warrior Qui-Gon Jinn and his apprentice Obi-Wan Kenobi embark on an amazing adventure to save the planet. With them on their journey is the young queen Amidala, Gungan outcast JarJar Binks, who will all travel to the faraway planets of Tatooine and Coruscant in an attempt to save their world from the Trade Federation, and Darth Maul, a Dark Lord of the Sith.

Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope

(G. Lucas, 1977, Rated PG, 121 minutes)

Showtimes: *Saturday, April 20, 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.*

The fourth part in the Lucasfilm epic, *Star Wars : A New Hope* opens with a rebel ship being boarded by the tyrannical Darth Vader. The plot then follows the life of a farm boy, Luke Skywalker, as he and his newly met allies (Han Solo, Chewbacca, Ben Kenobi, C-3PO, R2-D2) attempt to rescue a rebel leader, Princess Leia, from the clutches of the Empire. The conclusion culminates with rebels, including Skywalker making an attack on the Empire's most powerful and ominous weapon, the Death Star.

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Star Wars : Episode V The Empire Strikes Back

(G. Lucas & I. Kershner, 1980, Rated PG, 124 minutes)

Showtimes: Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Darth Vader is helping the Empire crush the rebellion determined to end the Empire's domination of the universe. The rebels are based on Hoth, and when troops arrive to wipe them out, Han Solo and Princess Leia flee to Cloud City. Luke Skywalker, in a bid to strengthen his knowledge of the force, finds Yoda, one of the finest Jedis ever. Will they be able to get back together and halt the Empires progress?

Star Wars : Episode VI Return of the Jedi

(G. Lucas & R. Marquand, 1983, Rated PG, 134 minutes)

Showtimes: Saturday, April 27, 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The Emperor himself oversees the construction of the new Death Star by Lord Darth Vader and the evil Galactic Empire. Smuggler Han Solo is rescued from the clutches of the vile gangster Jabba the Hutt by his friends, Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, and Chewbacca. Luke Skywalker and Han Solo return to the rebel fleet to prepare to complete the battle with the Empire. During the ensuing fighting the newly returned Skywalker is captured by Vader. Can the rebels and their new-found friends, the Ewoks, help restore freedom to the Galaxy?

Youth and Family Programs

Family visitors are invited to enhance their experience in *Star Wars : The Magic of Myth* by participating in a hands-on art project inspired by the exhibition.

Sunday, June 9, 12 p.m., 4 p.m.

Planets, stars and intergalactic traffic float in space...and in your room! Young visitors are invited to construct an out-of this-galaxy mobile. Participation is FREE with Museum admission.

Sunday, June 16, 12 p.m., 4 p.m.

What do droids, freedom fighters, stormtroopers and bounty hunters all have in common? Armor to keep them safe. Visitors are asked to mold, shape and piece together their own protective space suits. Participation is FREE with Museum admission.

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Sunday, June 23, 12 p.m., 4 p.m.

Kids create colorful space drawings where all sorts of creatures light up the darkness of outer space. Participation is FREE with Museum admission.

Sunday, June 30, 12 p.m., 4 p.m.

Aliens come in all shapes and sizes. Young visitors mold and sculpt their very own imaginary alien creatures. Participation is FREE with museum admission.

Star Wars: The Magic of Myth was developed by the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. This exhibition was organized for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). It is curated at the Brooklyn Museum of Art by Dr. James F. Romano of the Department of Egyptian, Classical, and Ancient Middle Eastern Art. All artifacts in the exhibition are on loan from the archives of Lucasfilm, Ltd. An illustrated catalogue by Mary Henderson, exhibition curator from the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, accompanies the exhibition.

For the presentation at the BMA, *Time Out New York* is a media sponsor and the New York Marriott Brooklyn is the official hotel.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Directions:

Subway: Seventh Avenue express (2 or 3) to Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum stop. Bus: B71, B41, B69, B48. On-site parking available.

Museum Hours:

Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
First Saturday of each month, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; all other Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.