



**TICKETS AVAILABLE JUNE 26 FOR THE LARGEST DISNEY ARCHIVES EXHIBIT EVER — *D23 PRESENTS TREASURES OF THE WALT DISNEY ARCHIVES* AT THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

**D23: The Official Disney Fan Club Makes Final Preparations  
As Hundreds of Never-Before-Seen Disney Artifacts Are Put Into Place  
for the Official Opening on July 6**

**BURBANK and SIMI VALLEY, Calif.** – (June 18, 2012) – Beginning June 26, 2012, tickets will be available for the largest Disney archives exhibit ever – *D23 PRESENTS TREASURES OF THE WALT DISNEY ARCHIVES*. From early drawings Walt Disney made for his mother, to ride vehicles from Disneyland and Captain America’s “ready room” from *Marvel’s The Avengers*, hundreds of items from nearly 100 years of Disney history are making their way to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum as D23, the official Disney fan club, readies the biggest Disney exhibit ever created.

Showcasing the boundless creativity and unbridled imagination that helped define 20th century entertainment, the 12,000-square-foot exhibit – for which the Reagan Library has constructed an entirely new exhibition space – opens July 6 and continues through April 2013.

More than 500 items have already been transported from the Walt Disney Archives in Burbank, Calif., to the Reagan Library – 30 miles north in Simi Valley – by the exhibit’s Official Logistics Sponsor, UPS, which is “moving the magic” for the planned nine-month run of *D23 PRESENTS TREASURES OF THE WALT DISNEY ARCHIVES*.

Many of the items have never left the Walt Disney Archives and are being publicly displayed for the very first time. Artifacts on exhibit will include:

- An early drawing of Walt Disney’s first major cartoon character, Oswald the Lucky Rabbit
- The actual 9½-foot tall head of the Maleficent dragon from Disneyland’s *Fantasmic!* nighttime spectacular
- The fully rigged, 23-foot model of the *Black Pearl* pirate ship from the *Pirates of the Caribbean* films
- Meticulously restored, handmade books used in the opening shots of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *Cinderella* and *Sleeping Beauty*
- The very first ticket ever issued to Disneyland – No. 000001, with a face value of \$1

- Miniatures hand-built by Walt Disney, which helped lead to the development of Disneyland and *Audio-Animatronic* figures
- The very first piece of Disney merchandise ever created: a child's school writing tablet
- Walt's own Disneyland name tag – as Cast Member No. 1
- A complete re-creation of Walt Disney's formal office from the Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif.
- Original *Audio-Animatronics* figures from *The Haunted Mansion*, *The Country Bear Jamboree* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*
- A letter to Walt Disney from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- Costumes worn by Julie Andrews in *Mary Poppins*, Glenn Close in *101 Dalmatians* and Johnny Depp in *Pirates of the Caribbean*
- Props and costumes used in the production of recent Disney blockbuster films, including *National Treasure*, *Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland*, *TRON: Legacy* and *Marvel's The Avengers*

Additionally, *D23 PRESENTS TREASURES OF THE WALT DISNEY ARCHIVES* features an entire section devoted to items that celebrate the connection between Walt Disney and Ronald Reagan. Photos, letters – including a hand-written draft of a letter from Reagan to the U.S. Postmaster General urging the creation of a special Walt Disney stamp – and an assortment of archival items underscore the close personal and professional relationship between the two men, and Reagan's commitment to honoring Walt Disney's legacy.

The exhibit opens to the public July 6, following a special preview only for D23 Members and their guests on Saturday, June 30. D23 Members can get tickets to this special preview online at [www.D23.com](http://www.D23.com), where more information can be found about the exhibit. They will also be able to purchase tickets one day earlier than the general public (beginning June 25).

*D23 PRESENTS TREASURES OF THE WALT DISNEY ARCHIVES* will be open every day of the year, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, during regular Reagan Library operating hours. Entry to the exhibit is included in the price of regular admission to the Reagan Library, and tickets can be purchased online at [www.ReaganLibrary.com/Tickets](http://www.ReaganLibrary.com/Tickets) or at the Reagan Library box office. D23 Members receive a special discount on tickets to the museum, and, along with members of the Reagan Foundation, can visit the exhibit 30 minutes prior to its public opening each day.

### **About D23: The Official Disney Fan Club**

D23: The Official Disney Fan Club celebrates the remarkable past, present, and future of Disney, taking its name from 1923, the year Walt Disney founded his world-famous company. D23 unlocks the magic of Disney with a host of exclusive benefits, including a quarterly publication, *Disney twenty-three*, a rich website at [www.disney.com/D23](http://www.disney.com/D23), a weekly e-mail newsletter; an array of discounts and special offers; free gifts throughout the year; as well as exclusive events created especially for its members.

Disney fans can join the world's *only* Official Disney Fan Club by visiting [www.Disney.com/D23](http://www.Disney.com/D23), or at select shops at the Disneyland Resort, the Walt Disney

World Resort and [www.DisneyStore.com/D23](http://www.DisneyStore.com/D23). To keep up with all the latest D23 news and events, follow “DisneyD23” on Twitter, YouTube and Facebook.

### **About The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library**

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Ronald Reagan’s legacy of individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy, and national pride. It sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the Center for Public Affairs, the Presidential Learning Center and The Air Force One Pavilion. Located in Simi Valley, Calif., the Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and more than 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It now also serves as the final resting place of America’s 40th President. [www.reaganfoundation.org](http://www.reaganfoundation.org), [www.reaganlibrary.com](http://www.reaganlibrary.com).

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