

# THE MAKING OF Harry Potter™

## WHAT'S ON IN 2018 AT WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR LONDON – THE MAKING OF HARRY POTTER.

### Introducing the Art Department

*Friday 9th February – Monday 19th February*



This half term, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London will turn the spotlight onto the Art Department. Visitors are invited to discover the craftsmanship and artistry that went into every detail of the wizarding world all the way from technical drawings, white card models and concept art to prop-making. During this time, the Studio Tour will be home to some of the original members of the Art Department, who will demonstrate a range of filmmaking techniques including live wand-making demonstrations by the team who created thousands of wands during the ten years of filming. Each area of the Art Department will be introduced in a video by award-winning Production Designer Stuart Craig, recorded exclusively for the feature.



### Valentine's Dinner in the Great Hall

*Friday 9th and Saturday 10th February*

Couples are invited to spend Valentine's weekend in a truly magical location this February as Warner Bros. Studio Tour London hosts a romantic dinner in the iconic Great Hall. Guests will enjoy welcome drinks and canapés before sitting down to a three-course dinner on the authentic set. Guests will be given exclusive after-hours access to the Studio Tour, a tankard of Butterbeer and their choice of wand to remember their evening.

Tickets go on sale 19th December at 10am

### Goblet of Fire

*Friday 30th March – Sunday 23rd September*



Warner Bros. Studio Tour London will celebrate all things Goblet of Fire in this special feature running for almost five months. The Goblet of Fire will return to the Great Hall for the first time since filming ended with live demonstrations showing visitors how the parchment pieces were propelled out to reveal the Triwizard champions. Created by Pierre Bohanna and the Prop-Making Department, the Goblet of Fire was carved from a single piece of wood. In addition, many new props and costumes from the Triwizard Tournament will be on display including those belonging to Barty Crouch Jr and Fred and George Weasley.



### **Dark Arts**

*Friday 28th September – Sunday 11th November*

Throughout the Hallowe'en season, visitors will discover the filmmaking secrets behind the wizarding world's Dark Arts. The iconic Great Hall set will be decorated with over 100 pumpkins suspended from the ceiling as well as a Hallowe'en feast dressing the long tables. Visitors are invited to try out their wand combat moves against Death Eaters in a live duel demonstrating how battle scenes were directed, all before walking down a darker, spookier Diagon Alley.



### **Hogwarts in the Snow**

*Saturday 17th November – Sunday 27th January 2019*

2018 will conclude with the return of the Studio Tour's popular festive feature, Hogwarts in the Snow. The festive makeover will see part of the Great Hall transformed for the Yule Ball, the Gryffindor common room dressed for the season and a blanket of filmmaking snow covering the majestic Hogwarts castle model. Visitors will even be able to touch samples of the different types of 'snow' used during production, each selected for its ability to float like falling snow, crunch under foot or glisten in the light like ice.

Tickets for the Studio Tour must be pre-booked at [www.wbstudiotour.co.uk](http://www.wbstudiotour.co.uk) or by calling the attraction's Visitor Services Team on 0345 084 0900. All extra activities are included in the ticket price.

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### **Notes to Editors**

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter opened its doors on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and has since welcomed over 9 million visitors. The unique attraction offers visitors the ultimate chance to get up close to authentic sets, discover the magic behind spellbinding special effects and explore the behind-the-scenes secrets of the Harry Potter film series. The Studio Tour has been well received since opening with 96% of the 31,000+ reviews on TripAdvisor rating it as 'Excellent' or 'Very Good'.

Highlights include walking through the Great Hall where so many famous scenes were shot, strolling down Diagon Alley, exploring the Forbidden Forest and walking along Platform 9 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, that houses the original Hogwarts Express locomotive.