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WISH

What's it about?

The people of Rosas offer up their wishes for protection by their magical king. When young Asha seeks work at the king's palace, she stumbles across a disturbing secret that threatens the very foundation of her world. Released as Disney Studios celebrated their 100th anniversary, Wish nods to the great animated films of the studio's illustrious past.

'Be careful what you wish for!'

Walt Disney Animation Studios' all-new musical comedy *Wish* invites audiences to the magical kingdom of Rosas, where Asha, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it is answered by a cosmic force – a little ball of boundless energy called Star. Together, Asha and Star confront a most formidable foe – the ruler of Rosas, King Magnifico – to save her community and prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, wondrous things can happen. Featuring the voices of Academy Award®-winning actress Ariana DeBose as Asha, Chris Pine as King Magnifico, and Alan Tudyk as Asha's pet goat Valentino, the epic animated musical *Wish* hits the big screen as the storied studio marks 100 years of moviemaking.

Inspired by Walt Disney's magical, musical legacy, the movie features an original story and characters, with seven all-new songs penned by Grammy®-nominated singer-songwriter Julia Michaels and Grammy-winning producer-songwriter-musician Benjamin Rice. But perhaps this film's biggest nod to the Disney legacy is in the title itself: Wish. Whether it's Geppetto looking up at the stars and wishing for his wooden Pinocchio to become a real boy, Tiana gazing at the night sky as she dreams of owning her own business, or Moana turning to the stars in her quest to save her island, so many of Disney's most beloved characters are defined by their dreams. Wish celebrates that kind of passion. 'At the heart of our film is this: "There is no greater power in the universe than someone with a true wish in their heart",' says the film's screenwriter-executive producer Jennifer Lee (Frozen, Frozen 2), who also serves as the studio's chief creative officer. 'It really is a film about understanding that with great wishes often comes greater struggle. Hopefully, it's aspirational on how to persevere.'

Production notes

Wish

Directed by: Chris Buck, Fawn Veerasunthorn @: Inc. Disney Enterprises Production Company: Disney Created and Produced at: Walt Disney Animation Studios Executive Producers: Jennifer Lee, Don Hall Produced by: Peter Del Vecho. Juan Pablo Reyes Lancaster-Jones Screenplay by: Jennifer Lee, Allison Moore Additional Story Material by: Carlos López Estrada, Andrew Rothschild Story by: Jennifer Lee, Chris Buck, Fawn Veerasunthorn, Allison Moore Director of Cinematography Layout: Rob Dressel Director of Cinematography Lighting. Adolph Lusinsky Heads of Animation: Rebecca Wilson Bresee, Wayne Unten Edited by: Jeff Draheim Production Designer. Michael Giaimo, Lisa Keene, David Womersley Original Songs by: Julia Michaels, Benjamin Rice Original Score Composed by: Dave Metzger

Score Choir. London Voices Orchestra Conducted by: Don Harper Sound Designer. Nia Hansen Voice Cast: Ariana DeBose (Asha) Chris Pine (King Magnifico) Alan Tudyk (Valentino, goat) Angelique Cabral (Queen Amaya) Victor Garber (Sabino, grandfather) Natasha Rothwell (Sakina, Asha's mother) Jennifer Kumiyama (Dahlia, Asha's best friend) Harvey Guillén (Gabo) Niko Vargas (Hal) Evan Peters (Simon) Ramy Youssef (Safi) Jon Rudnitsky (Dario) Della Saba (Bazeema) USA 2023 95 mins Digital

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