

EVENTS

‘Star Wars: Episode VIII’ to enter uncharted territory

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From the moment it was announced that Rian Johnson would be directing “Star Wars: Episode VIII,” fans have been excitedly wondering what kind of special sauce the director of genre-bending films like “Looper” and “Brick” (not to mention a few of the best episodes of “Breaking Bad”) will bring to the universe George Lucas created.

Speaking with The Times last year, Lawrence Kasdan — the co-writer of “The Empire Strikes Back,” “Return of the Jedi,” “The Force Awakens” and one of the key keepers of the “Star Wars” flame — suggested that Johnson would be taking the franchise into heretofore uncharted creative territory.

“Rian Johnson is a friend of mine — he’s going to make some weird thing,”

Kasdan said. “If you’ve seen Rian’s work, you know it’s not going be like anything that’s ever been in ‘Star Wars.’”

Now, in an interview with The Times to promote the upcoming superhero epic “X-Men: Apocalypse,” opening May 27, actor Oscar Isaac — who played ace Resistance starfighter pilot Poe Dameron in “The Force Awakens” and will reprise the role in the series’ next installment — is confirming that Johnson will indeed shake things up in “Episode VIII.”

“I would agree with [Kasdan],” said Isaac. “Rian is definitely going to places and investigating things that haven’t really been done in the ‘Star Wars’ universe. For me, it’s so fun getting to explore different things that I wouldn’t have expected in this universe.

“In some ways it feels like we’re making an indepen-

dent film,” added the actor, who has starred in critically acclaimed indies such as “Ex Machina,” “A Most Violent Year” and “Inside Llewyn Davis.” “Certain things we get to play with — this kind of intimacy that we get to find — it’s special. It’s been really fun.”

With production on “Episode VIII” currently underway in England, virtually nothing — not even so much as a title — has been revealed at this point about the film. About the only thing Johnson himself has said, in an answer to a fan on Twitter, is that BB-8 will be back in the film. (“Man, you’d have to admire my co-jones if he wasn’t,” he joked.)

For now, if “Star Wars” fans want a better idea of what Kasdan and Isaac mean by a weirder, more intimate and indie-flavored “Star Wars,” patience they must have.



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Britain’s Prince William speaks with British actor John Boyega (center) and Episode VIII director Rian Johnson (second from left) during a visit to the “Star Wars” film set at Pinewood Studios near Iver Heath, west of London, on Tuesday. Prince William and Prince Harry toured Pinewood to visit the production workshops and meet the creative teams working behind the scenes on the “Star Wars” films.

Things to Do

**BANGOR** — River City Cinema in partnership with NESCom at Husson University presents “They Will Have to Kill Us First: Malian Music in Exile,” documentary by filmmaker Johanna Schwartz, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21, The Gracie Theatre. Q&A with filmmaker will follow screening. Admission \$10, free with Husson University student ID.

**BANGOR** — Bangor Community Chorus’ 48th annual spring concert “And All That Jazz,” 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23, First United Methodist Church, 703 Essex St. Donations appreciated.

**BANGOR** — Hands-on History for children ages 5 through 13, 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21, Bangor Historical Society, 159 Union St. \$5, free to children with family membership. 942-1900 or bangorhistoricalsociety.com.

**BANGOR** — Rotary Club of Bangor’s 11th annual Music Off Broadway on theme of “A Salute to the Grammys,” 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23; 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, Peakes Auditorium, Bangor High School. Proceeds benefit non-profit organizations including Good Shepherd Food Bank, Literacy Volunteers of Bangor, Bangor Humane Society, Bangor Area Children’s Choir, Phillips-Strickland House, EMMC Auxiliary, The Salvation Army and

Bangor Public Library; plus Rotary charities including Bangor East & West Little League, United Way of Eastern Maine and Rotary scholarships. General admission \$20 adults, \$15 youth, \$35 for preferred seating, available from Rotary members, Rebecca’s Gift Shop and BookMarc’s in downtown Bangor, Patrick’s Hallmark at Broadway Shopping Center, Huckleberries Card & Gift and Machias Savings Bank in Brewer, all area branches of Camden National Bank and local branches of The First Bank; plus at the door.

**BAR HARBOR** — Talk about women in science by Dr. Pendred “Penny” Noyce, author of “Magnificent Minds and Remarkable Minds,” 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 21, Jackson Laboratory, 600 Main St. 288-6223 or develop@jax.org.

**BAR HARBOR** — Shakespeare open mic, 4-5 p.m. Saturday, April 23, Jesup Memorial Library. Tom Crikelair and Crooked Road Home-school Shakespeare class debuting scenes from “Henry IV.” Read, watch or perform. Sign up at the door. Shakespearean texts available. 288-4245 or kchagnon@jesuplibrary.org.

**BAR HARBOR** — Contradance with Big Moose Band, 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, April 23, Jesup Memorial Library. No partner needed, contradance knowledge not required. All steps

taught before dance begins. Admission by \$6 donation at the door, free to children and College of the Atlantic students. 288-4245 or kchagnon@jesuplibrary.org.

**BELFAST** — Movie “The Lorax,” 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, The First Church in Belfast, UCC, fellowship hall, 55 Spring St. Bring cardboard cars to sit in or a blanket for the floor or sit in the chairs. No fee, but donations will benefit the Sunday school’s Gratitude Garden Project to grow food for the food cupboard, and food items will be available for purchase. 338-2282 or www.firstchurchinbelfast.org.

**BREWER** — Dance to big band music with the Skyliners, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23, Next Generation Theatre, 39 Center St. \$8. 989-7100.

**MILBRIDGE** — Milbridge Public Library Children’s Day (El Dia del Nino), 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 23, Milbridge Elementary School, 39 Washington St. Face painting, games, prizes, DJ, snacks. Free, but donations accepted. 546-3066.

**OLD TOWN** — Free community supper, 6 p.m. Friday, April 22, St. James Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Center streets.

**ORONO** — 22nd HOPE Festival featuring creativity through storytelling, art, poetry, puppets, sculpture and film,

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 23, Student Recreation and Fitness Center, 22 Hilltop Road, University of Maine. More than 50 tables sponsored by progressive groups in eastern Maine, activities for children and adults, local food. Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine and the Peace and Reconciliation Studies program at UMaine.

**PORTLAND** — Fifth annual Toast on the Coast, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 21, Ocean Gateway Terminal. Tickets \$100 each, discounts for tables of eight. Proceeds will benefit Easter Seals Maine. Trip to California wine country will be given away. www.toastonthecoast.com.

**PORTLAND** — National Poetry Month celebration with readings by Linda Aldrich, Jim Donnelly and Ed Reilly, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 21,

Longfellow House Garden, Maine Historical Society. Bring a poem to share. Free and open to all. John Babin, 774-1822, ext. 212, or jbabin@mainehistory.org.

**SOUTHWEST HARBOR** — Derek Volk, author of “Chasing the Rabbit: A Dad’s Life Raising a Son on the Spectrum,” talking about his book, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, Southwest Harbor Public Library. 244-7065.

**TRESCOTT** — Alewives: Small Fish, Big Impact series of community events, April and May, Cobscook Community Learning Center, 10 Commissary Point Road. Includes film screenings, book discussions, story hours, art projects, panel discussion and more. Free.islandreadersandwriters.org/alewives or 244-5111.

**WINDHAM** — Three-mile Pipeline Challenge of

obstacles, running and jogging, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23, Personalized Nutrition & Fitness, 8 Crimson Drive, to benefit Amy St. Laurent Foundation, which offers public and private self-defense classes to women. Cost \$20 per person if registered in advance, \$25 day of the challenge. Register in person at either PNF location in Windham or Standish or by phone at 892-8333.

**WINTER HARBOR** — Marine mammal biologist Kaitlyn Mullen talks North Atlantic humpback whales, noon-1 p.m. Thursday, April 21, Schoodic Institute. Part of Brown Bag Lunch Series held third Thursday of each month. Bring a lunch. Free and open to all. 288-1310 or info@schoodicinstitute.org.

**For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.**

Book owned and signed by Anne Frank to be auctioned

BY JAMES TARMY  
BLOOMBERG

In the late 1940s, someone in Amsterdam bought a beat-up 1925 copy of Grimm’s Fairy Tales for their children. Decades later, those same children were flipping through the book and discovered two remarkable names written in cursive on the title page: Anne Frank and Margot Frank.

“It’s almost incredible that a family would own this for two, three, four decades and not know about the signature,” said Nicholas Lowry, president of Swann Auction Galleries in New York. “But think about books you’ve picked up at a flea market — how often do you inspect the inside cover page? It seems nuts, but they must have just slapped their heads and been stunned at the revelation.”

“The Diary of a Young Girl,” written while Frank hid from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic (she was discovered in August, 1944, and died in Bergen Belsen less than a year later), had already become wildly fa-

mous by the time the Grimm’s Fairy Tales signature was recognized in the late 1970s. The book’s owners dutifully wrote to Frank’s father, Otto Frank, offering to send it back to him.

His response, written on June 10, 1977, concluded, “Seeing that the book you found is a beautifully illustrated version of Grimm’s Fairy Tales, and understanding from your letter your compassion for what’s happened to us, it would please me if you kept the book for your daughter, in memory of my children.”

Now, almost 40 years later, the book is finally leaving the family. On May 5, Swann will auction the book along with Otto Frank’s letter, for \$20,000 to \$30,000.

“Anne Frank wanted to write fairy tales, and it’s possible that this book could have led her on this youthful desire,” Lowry said. “That’s what could make this more poignant than anything else.”

In fact, there aren’t many other sales to compare it to. In 1988, only a decade after

Otto Frank’s exchange with the book’s owners, letters by Anne and Margot Frank — written to pen pals in Iowa in April 1940 — were auctioned at Swann and sold for \$165,000 (\$332,000, adjusted for inflation), above a high estimate of \$60,000. Maurice Sendak, whoopi Goldberg, and a “consortium of Japanese businessmen” were underbidders, Lowry said; the buyer donated the letters to the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles.

A year later, a stamp book with an inscription by Frank (“It is of little worth/ what I offer you/ pluck roses on earth/ and forget me not”) sold for \$32,000 at Christie’s above a high estimate of \$9,000. Since then, no Anne Frank holograph material has publicly come onto the market.

Considering that it’s been more than 20 years since the last public sale and the book’s resonance with many of Frank’s admirers, Lowry acknowledged that the estimate is “conservative-ish.”

“It’s Anne Frank,” he said. “All bets are off.”

		7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2	NBC 207	Inside Ed.	Heartbeat (N) (HD) [F]		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago P.D. (HD) [F]		News
	4	CBC	NHL Hockey	Washington Capitals at Philadelphia Flyers. (N) [L]				National	NHL Hockey	
	5	CBS	Big Bang	Broke Girl	Survivor (N) (HD) [F]	Criminal Minds (N) [F]		Criminal Minds		News
	5.2	CW	Family Guy	Arrow (HD) [F]	Supernatural (HD) [F]			News	Seinfeld [F]	Cougar
	6	NBC 207	Inside Ed.	Heartbeat (N) (HD) [F]		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago P.D. (HD) [F]		News
	7	ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! [F]	The Middle	Goldbergs	Mod Fam	blackish [F]	Nashville (N) (HD) [F]	News
	WAGM	FOX	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Rosewood (N) (HD) [F]	Empire (N) (HD) [F]		News	Big Bang	Big Bang
	8	ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! [F]	The Middle	Goldbergs	Mod Fam	blackish [F]	Nashville (N) (HD) [F]	News
	MPBN	PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)	Nature (HD) [F]		NOVA Wildlife corridors. [F]		New	Drama	C. Rose
	9	IND	Criminal Minds	Arrow (HD) [F]		Criminal Minds (N) [F]		News-Lisa	CTV News	Daily Show
KIDS	13	CBS	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	Survivor (N) (HD) [F]	Criminal Minds (N) [F]		Criminal Minds		News
	22	FOX	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Rosewood (N) (HD) [F]	Empire (N) (HD) [F]		FOX 22 News at 10 (N)		The Closer [F]
	33	IND	M*A*S*H [F]	M*A*S*H [F]	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero
	38	IND	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Closer (HD) [F]		The Closer (HD) [F]		WBZ News (N) (HD)	Seinfeld [F]
LEARN	NICK	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky, Ricky	Paradise	Full House [F]	Full House [F]	Full House [F]	Full House [F]	Friends [F]
	DISN	K.C. Under.	Stick	** The Game Plan (2007, Comedy) [P-F]				K.C. Under.	Bunk'd [F]	Austin
	FREE	(6:00) Freaky Friday [P-F]		*** The Parent Trap (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. [P-F]				Extra		700 Club
	HIST	American Pickers [F]		(:03) American Pickers [F]		(:01) American Pickers [F]		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars [F]
SPORTS	DISC	Bering Sea Gold [F]		Bering Sea Gold: Dredged		Bering Sea Gold (N) [F]		Survivorman: Wild		Bering Gold
	TLC	My 600-Lb. Life [F]		My 600-Lb. Life: Where		My 600-Lb. Life (N) [F]		(:01) Two in a Million (N)		My 600-Lb.
	A&E	60 Days In [F]		60 Days In [F]		(8:56) 60 Days In [F]		(9:52) 60 Days In [F]		60 Days In [F]
	ANPL	North Woods Law: Hunt		North Woods Law: Hunt		(:01) North Woods Law [F]		(:02) North Woods Law [F]		Rugged
NEWS	CSNE	SportsNet	Early	Quick	Blazers	Quick	Celtics	Sports	SportsNet	Sports
	ESPN	MLB Baseball	Detroit Tigers at Kansas City Royals. (N) Subject to Blackout) [L]					Baseball Tonight (N) [L]		SportCtr
	ESPN2	SportsCenter Special (N)		Sport Science (N) [F]		SpoCenter	SpoCenter	Rookie	Rookie	SpoCenter
	NBCSP	NHL Hockey	Washington Capitals at Philadelphia Flyers. [L]			NHL Hockey	Dallas Stars at Minnesota Wild. [L]			
VARIETY	NESN	MLB Baseball	Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox. (N) [L]					Extra	Red Sox	Sports
	CNBC	Billion Dollar Buyer		Shark Tank [F]		Shark Tank (Part 1 of 2) [F]		Follow the	Secret Lives	Shark Tank
	CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 [F]		Anderson Cooper 360 [F]		CNN Tonight		Tonight
	FNC	Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		The Kelly File (N)		Hannity (N)		O'Reilly
PREMIUM	MSNBC	Hardball Chris Matthews		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		All In With
	AMC	*** Jurassic Park (1993, Adventure) (ESP) Sam Neill, Laura Dern. [P-F-13]						*** Jurassic Park (1993) Sam Neill.		
	BRV	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Motherhood		Happens
	CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	*** Groundhog Day (1993, Romance-Comedy) Bill Murray. [P-F]				
SHOW	COM	(5:18) Pineapple Express		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Broad City	Time/Bong	Daily Show
	E!	E! News (N) [F]		Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	L.A. Clippers Dance		E! News [F]
	FOOD	Diners, Drive		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Restaurant: Impossible [F]		My, Diners
	FX	Black Hawk	*** Lone Survivor (2013, War) Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch. (R)					The Americans (N) [F]		Americans
STZENC	GAC	Homes	Homes	Homes	Homes	Homes	Homes	Homes	Homes	Homes
	HALL	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Property Brothers [F]		Property Brothers [F]		Property Brothers [F]		Property Brothers [F]		Listed
	LIFE	Little Women: LA [F]		Little Women: LA (N) [F]		Little Women: LA (N) [F]		Terra	Terra	Little
STARZ	MTV	(6:00) Friday After Next (R)		** Next Friday (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube. (R)				Catfish: The TV Show (N)		Catfish
	OXY	Thicker Than Water [F]		** Wild Things (1998, Suspense) Kevin Bacon. (R)				(:05) ** Wild Things (1998) (R)		
	SPIKE	Assault on Precinct 13 (R)		* Law Abiding Citizen (2009, Suspense) Jamie Foxx. (NR)				** Four Brothers (R)		
	SYFY	* Legion (2010, Horror) Paul Bettany. (R)		* The Final Destination (2009) Bobby Campo. (R)				Abduction		
HBO	TBN	The Blessed	Potters	John Gray	Turning	Prince	S. Furtick	Living Proof	Blessed Life	John Gray
	TBS	Seinfeld [F]	Seinfeld [F]	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan [F]
	TCM	Harold Lloyd's World		**** Dr. Mabuse, the Gambler (1922, Suspense) Rudolf Klein-Rogge, Alfred Abel. (NR)						
	TCM	(6:15) ** Dark Water		*** Clouds of Sils Maria (2014) Juliette Binoche. (F)				(:05) *** Pride (2014) Bill Nighy. (R)		
SHOW	TNT	Castle (Part 2 of 2) [F]		NBA Basketball	Detroit Pistons at Cleveland Cavaliers. (N)			NBA Basketball		
	TRAVEL	Expedition Unknown [F]		Expedition Unknown [F]		Expedition Unknown (N) [F]		Expedition Unknown [F]		Expedition
	TRU	Carbonaro	Carbonaro	Carbonaro	Carbonaro	Carbonaro	Carbonaro	Carbonaro	Carbonaro	Hack
	TVL	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Lopez (N) [F]	Soul Man	King
SHOW	USA	NCIS [F]		NHL Hockey	Florida Panthers at New York Islanders. [L]			NHL Hockey		
	VH1	Family Therapy		Family Therapy		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta [F]		Family Therapy		Space Jam
	WGN-A	Blue Bloods	*** Men of Honor (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro. (R)					Underground (N) [F]		Underg.
SHOW	HBO	(:15) * The Wicker Man (2006) Nicolas Cage. A law-man finds sinister forces at work on a secluded isle. (ESP) [F-F]		VICE (ESP) [F]		Girls (ESP) [F]		Girls (ESP) [F]		Vinyl Zak constructs a dangerous plan. (ESP) [F]
	MAX	(:10) Banshee (ESP) [F]		(:10) Banshee (ESP) [F]		Banshee Lucas and Carrie try to locate Job. (ESP) [F]		(9:55) *** Edge of Tomorrow (2014) (ESP) Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt. [P-F-13]		
	SHOW	(6:25) *** Paddington (2014, Comedy) (ESP) [P-F]		**** E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (1982) Henry Thomas. A California boy befriends a homesick alien. (ESP) [F-F]				*** Big Eyes (2014, Drama) (ESP) Amy Adams, Christoph Waltz. [P-F-13]		
	STARZ	(:15) ** Ricki and the Flash		(2015) Meryl Streep. A rock singer returns home to reconnect with her family. (ESP) [F-F]		Outlander Jamie struggles to overcome his past. [F]		* Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (2015, Comedy) (ESP) Kevin James. (P-F)		
SHOW	STZENC	(6:10) ** Life (1999) (ESP)		**** Dances With Wolves (1990, Historical Drama) (ESP) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell, Graham Greene. A Union officer befriends the Lakota. [P-F-13]				Quick-Dead		