

EVENTS

NBC buys ‘Harry Potter’ rights

‘Fantastic Beasts’ franchise included

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Comcast’s NBCUniversal has acquired the rights to J.K. Rowling’s “Harry Potter” and “Fantastic Beasts” franchises from Warner Bros. in a move that could bolster ratings at its cable networks and attendance at its theme parks.

The seven-year deal, which begins in July 2018, will make all eight “Harry Potter” films and the forthcoming “Fantastic Beasts” movies available on NBC’s portfolio of cable networks, which include USA and Syfy, according to a company statement Monday. It also lets NBC’s theme parks host fan events, movie screenings and promotional activities tied to both franchises.

Walt Disney Co.’s Freeform, formerly called ABC Family, currently has the rights to the Potter films. NBC will gain the rights to show the movies in an exclusive window. The “Fantastic Beasts” films will debut first on HBO and then be exclusive to NBC’s cable networks.

The deal between NBCUniversal and Time Warner



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British author J.K. Rowling, creator of the Harry Potter series, poses during the launch of new online website Pottermore in London in 2011.

Inc.’s Warner Bros. is valued at about \$200 million but could increase based on the success of the “Fantastic Beasts” films, according to a person familiar with the matter, who asked not to be identified discussing private deal terms. The movie “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them,” the first in a trilogy of Potter spinoffs, will debut in November and is projected to

make more than \$200 million at the box office, according to Bloomberg Intelligence.

Acquiring the Harry Potter films could lift viewership at USA and Syfy, which has been down this season. NBC’s Universal Studios Hollywood recently launched a new attraction called “The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.” It features a giant castle,

magic wand shops and a ride that simulates flying on a broomstick, as well as selling “Harry Potter” merchandise. The new attraction has lifted attendance and per-capital spending at the park, Comcast Chief Financial Officer Mike Cavanaugh said during a recent earnings call.

The deal was first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

Hulu ends free streaming service

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Hulu is moving to an all-subscription model, eliminating the ad-supported service that has let users watch thousands of TV episodes in the nine years since it first launched.

At the same time, Hulu has expanded its distribution deal with Yahoo, which is launching Yahoo View, a new ad-supported TV-streaming site with the five most recent episodes of shows from ABC, NBC and Fox — eight days after original air date — as well as other network shows, day-after clips and full seasons of anime and Korean drama series. The free Hulu service will be phased out over the next few weeks.

The moves come less than a week after Time Warner announced it is paying \$583 million to take a 10 percent stake in Hulu, joining existing owners Disney, 21st Century Fox and Comcast.

“For the past couple years, we’ve been focused on building a subscription service that provides the deepest, most personalized content experience possible to our viewers,” Ben Smith, Hulu senior vice president and head of experience, said in a state-

ment. “As we have continued to enhance that offering with new originals, exclusive acquisitions and movies, the free service became very limited and no longer aligned with the Hulu experience or content strategy.”

Hulu is focusing on subscriptions as it looks to ratchet up its competition with Netflix and Amazon Prime, its two key SVOD rivals. Hulu offers two subscription plans: \$7.99 per month with commercials, and \$11.99 per month without any ads.

In addition, Hulu is gearing up to launch a live TV service sometime in 2017, which will feature linear channels from its parent companies including local TV stations. The company hasn’t revealed details on pricing and packaging of that service.

Meanwhile, Yahoo is the midst of being acquired by Verizon in a \$4.8 billion deal, which is expected to close by the end of 2016 or in the first quarter of 2017. The Hulu content promises to be a draw for Yahoo, especially with Hulu ending its own free service.

Yahoo is Hulu’s “preferred partner” for all of the episodes from the free service.

Things to Do

ADDISON — Steve Haynes of the Maine Granite Industry Museum of Mount Desert on Addison’s granite industry, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, Addison Town Hall, 334 Water St. Public program at Pleasant River Historical Society. Addison’s black, pink and gray granite was used in major buildings and monuments throughout the Northeast. There will be examples from stone-cutting techniques. Refreshments.

BANGOR — “Cutting Edge Quilts: The Work of Sally K. Field, with Elizabeth Busch and Ellie Pancoe” on display, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily, through Sept. 30, Boyd Place Gallery, 21 Boyd St.

BANGOR — Downtown Bangor Partnership’s 11th annual Cool Sounds Summer Concert Series and Fresh Air Market presented by Emera Maine and Beal College, 5-8 p.m. Thursdays, through August, West Market Square and along Merchants Plaza. Free. The Rotating Taps, Aug. 11; RetroRockerz, Aug. 18; Jon King, Aug. 25.

BAR HARBOR — Eighth annual Summer Organ Series, 12:15-1 p.m. Fridays, through August, St. Saviour’s Episcopal Parish, 41 Mt. Desert St. Douglas Beck, Aug. 12; Ray Cornils, Aug. 19; Julia Morris-Myers, Aug. 26. Admission by donation. Reception to meet the artists. 288-4215 or stsaviours.me.

BAR HARBOR — Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce and Reel Pizza hosting Seaside Cinema, screening of family-friendly movies, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 17, Agamont Park. Free popcorn provided by Camden National Bank. 801-2566 or barharborinfo.com/Events/Summer-Family-Film-Series.aspx.

BELFAST — The New Yorker’s Mary Norris, author of “Between You & Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen,” talk and book signing, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, Left Bank Books, 109 Church St. Free. Reservations encouraged, 338-9009 or leftbank@myfairpoint.net.

BREWER — Bangor Singles Club dances, 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays, Brewer Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Ave.: Honky Tonk, Aug. 12; Mainely Country, Aug. 19; New

Society, Aug. 26. Marilyn, 827-5751.

BUCKSPORT — Wednesday on Main’s The Danny Harper Show, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the waterfront gazebo. Bring chair. No alcohol. Suggested \$10.

EASTPORT — Eastport Moonlight Movies, 8 p.m. Fridays, Sutherland Amphitheater, 80 Water St. “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” Aug. 12; “The Peanuts Movie,” Aug. 19; “Star Wars: The Force Awakens,” Aug. 26. 214-0040 or lolly@sweetiesdowneast.com.

ELLSWORTH — Tea Time Tours, 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 10, 24 and 31, Woodlawn Museum. Staff-led tour followed by tea and cookies. \$12 Woodlawn members, \$15 others. Space limited. Reservations, woodlawnmuseum.org.

ELLSWORTH — Author Carl Little talking about his book “Art of Acadia,” 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, Courthouse Gallery, 6 Court St. Book available for purchase and signing. 667-6611 or info@courthousegallery.com.

GARLAND — Turkey supper, 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, Garland Grange Hall, Oliver Hill Road. Turkey, vegetables, homemade bread and desserts. \$7, \$3 ages 5 to 12, free to under age 5. Takeout meals available. 924-6954.

MADAWASKA — Poutine Palooza, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, during Acadian Festival’s Party du Main Street. Poutine bake-off, 5:30 p.m., Chez Helen’s Restaurant; Poutine Eating Contest, 7:30 p.m., Big Rick’s Restaurant.

MILBRIDGE — Chewonki Foundation’s Traveling Natural History program “The Owls of Maine: Habitats and Adaptations of Maine’s Native Owls,” 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, Milbridge Public Library. Live owls. Open to all. 546-3066 or milbridge-library@milbridge.lib.me.us.

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — Mystery for Hire mystery dinner theater, “Lights! Camera! Mystery!” 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, 16 and 23, Old Orchard Beach Pier. \$40. Reservations, 934-3595.

PORTLAND — Paul Ledman, author of “Walking Through History: Portland, Maine, on Foot,” talking about his book, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress St. Books available in soci-

ety’s museum store. Light refreshments. mainehistory.org.

PORTLAND — “Branching Out” photography exhibit, through Saturday, Aug. 27, UMVA Gallery at CTN5, 516 Congress St. Gallery hours noon-5 p.m. Mondays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 2-5 p.m. Fridays; or by appointment.

PORTLAND — Guided tour of Portland’s oldest burial ground, 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, through Oct. 16. Tours led by trained volunteers. Tickets, \$10, \$5 students and seniors, free to under age 12. Tickets available at the gate, 224 Congress St., at time of tour, or in advance, spiritalive.org or eventbrite.com.

ROCKLAND — Farnsworth Art Museum workshop poets reading their work in fifth annual Poetry in the Round, 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, museum auditorium, 16 Museum St. Poets include Lois Anne, Carol Bachofner, Sylvia de Leon, Lenora Goldman-Jackman, Ellen Goldsmith, Eileen Hugo, Judy Kaber, Claire Milikin, Catherine Neuhardt-Minor, Mark Raymond, Katie Wilson and others. Orono poet Kathleen Ellis will host. Free and open to all. 596-6457.

SEARSPORT — Workshop on how to research family history with Betsy Paradis, reference and special collections librarian at Belfast Free Library, 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, Penobscot Marine Museum. \$8, \$5 museum members. Tickets, 548-0334.

SEARSPORT — Book discussion, “Windswept” by Mary Ellen Chase, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, Carver Memorial Library. Copies of book available first-come, first-served at the library. 548-2303.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR — John Palfrey will discuss his book “Bibliotech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google,” 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, Southwest Harbor Public Library. Books for sale and signing. 244-7065.

STONINGTON — Chamber at the Church series, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Burnt Cove Church Church Community Center: Aug. 9, Cordis playing original combination of custom-made and traditional ethnic instruments; Aug. 23, Duo Yumeno with kotoshamisen player and singer Yoko Reikano Kimura and cellist Hikaru Tamaki. Tickets, \$22 in

advance, \$25 at the door. operahousearts.org or 367-2788.

SURRY — Jeff Ellenberger on the viola presenting

evening of Bach, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, Arts at the Barn. Admission by suggested donation of \$15. Refreshments available. 667-1308 or surry

artsatthebrn.com.

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

VIVE LES ACADIENS! 39th Annual Acadian Festival August 12th - 15th

A full schedule of events available at www.acadianfestival.com

Friday, August 12
• 9am-5pm Merchant Sidewalk Sale
• 11am-2pm Senior picnic with music by La Famille LeBlanc
• 5:30pm - Poutine Bake-Off
• 6pm-1am Party du Main St.
• 7:30pm - Poutine Eating Contest
• 8pm-8:30pm BMX Bicycle Stunt Show
• 9:30pm-Fireworks over the river

Saturday, August 13
• 10am-6:30pm Family Fun Day
• 10am-3pm Horse Rides
• 10am-3pm Show & Shine Classic
• Antique Car Show
• 1pm-3pm - Film on Acadians of the St. John Valley
• 1pm-5 pm Human Foosball
• 4:30pm-6:30pm - Acadian Family Supper
• 7pm-10pm Motor Booty Affair

Sunday, August 14
• 1pm - Acadian Festival Parade
• 3pm - Cyrious Dancers
• 3pm-7pm Roxru

Monday, August 15
• 5pm-Checkless Stew & Ploies
• 5pm-8pm French Toast playing in the park
• 6pm Tintinnare parade

Tuesday prime time

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Olympic Rio Olympics Swimming, Diving, Gymnastics. (N) (L) (HD)								
	4 CBC (6:05) 2016 Rio Olympics Gymnastics, Diving, Swimming, Beach Volleyball. (N) (L)								Olympics
	5 CBS Big Bang Broke Girl NCIS (HD) [2] Zoo (N) (HD) [1] NCIS: New Orleans [1] News								
	52 CW Family Guy The Flash (HD) [2] MADtv (N) (HD) [1] News Seinfeld [2] Cougar								
	6 NBC 207 Olympic Rio Olympics Swimming, Diving, Gymnastics. (N) (L) (HD)								
	7 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! Bachelor in Paradise (N) [2] After Paradise The Middle [2] Fresh-Boat News								
	WAGM FOX The Insider Ent. Tonight Brooklyn New Girl [1] Lucifer (HD) [1] News Big Bang								
	8 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! Bachelor in Paradise (N) [2] After Paradise The Middle [2] Fresh-Boat News								
	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD) JFK & LBJ Time JFK: American Experience (HDTV Part 2 of 2) [2] C. Rose								
	9 IND Zoo (N) (HD) [1] Amazing Race Game of Thrones [2] News-Lisa CTV News Daily Show								
KIDS	13 CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider NCIS (HD) [2] Zoo (N) (HD) [1] NCIS: New Orleans [1] News								
	22 FOX Mod Fam Mod Fam Brooklyn New Girl [1] Lucifer (HD) [1] FOX 22 News at 10 (N) Walk-Dead								
	33 IND M*A*S*H [2] M*A*S*H [2] Andy Griffith Andy Griffith Happy Days [1] Gilligan Isle Hogan Hero Hogan Hero C. Burnett								
	38 IND Big Bang Big Bang The Walking Dead [2] The Walking Dead [2] WBZ News (N) (HD) Seinfeld [2]								
	NICK Crashletes [2] Thunder Nicky, Ricky School Full House [2] Full House [2] Full House [2] Friends [2]								
	DISN High School Musical 2 ** High School Musical 3: Senior Year (2008) (E) Best Fr. Stuck Bunk'd [2]								
	FREE Pretty Little Liars [1] Pretty Little Liars (N) [1] Dead of Summer (N) [1] Pretty Little Liars [2] 700 Club								
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	DISC (6:00) Deadliest Catch [2] Deadliest Catch Featuring the captains of the vessels. (N) [2] Catch								
	TLC Toddlers & Tiaras [2] Toddlers & Tiaras [2] Toddlers & Tiaras [2] Love at First Kiss [1] Toddler								
LEARN	A&E Married at First Sight [1] Married ([:45] Married at First Sight (N) [1] (:01) Born This Way (N) [2] Married								
	ANPL Tanked [2] Tanked [2] ([:01] Treehouse Masters [2] Treehouse Masters: Most (:03) Tanked								
	CSNE SportsNet Early MLS Soccer New England Revolution at Toronto FC. Sports SportsNet Sports								
	ESPN BattleFrog Cham. Little League Baseball Baseball Tonight (N) (L) SportCtr								
	ESPN2 SportsCenter (N) (L) Soccer: Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Arm Wrestling (N) BattleFrog								
	NBCSP Rio Olympics Rio Olympics Rio Olympics Rio Olympics Rio Olympics Volleyball, Boxing. (N) (L)								
	SPORTS MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. (N) (L) Extra Red Sox Sports								
	CNBC Rio Olympics The Profit [2] Shark Tank [2] Shark Tank [2] Shark Tank								
	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N) Anderson Cooper 360 [2] Anderson Cooper 360 [2] CNN Tonight Tonight								
	FNC Greta Van Susteren The O'Reilly Factor (N) The Kelly File (N) Hannity (N) O'Reilly								
NEWS	MSNBC Hardball Chris Matthews All In With Chris Hayes Rachel Maddow Show The Last Word All In With								
	AMC ** The Mummy Returns (2001, Adventure) (ESP) Brendan Fraser. (P6-13) The Scorpion King 2: Rise of a Warrior								
	BRV (5:45) Rio Olympics Tennis. (N) (L) Housewives/NJ Happens								
	CMT Last Man Last Man Last Man Last Man *** 9 to 5 (1980, Comedy) Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin. (P6)								
	COM Futurama [2] Futurama [2] Tosh.0 [1] Tosh.0 [1] Tosh.0 [1] Tosh.0 [1] Tosh.0 (N) [1] Not Safe Daily Show								
	E! E! News (N) [2] Botched By Nature [1] Botched By Nature [1] Hollywood Medium E! News [2]								
	FOOD Chopped [2] Chopped Junior (N) [2] Chopped [2] Chopped (N) [2] Chopped								
	FX (5:30) *** Ted (2012) ** Just Go With It (2011) Adam Sandler, Nicole Kidman. (P6-13) ** Just Go With It								
	GAC Barnwood Builders [2] Barnwood Builders [2] Barnwood Builders [2] Barnwood Builders [2] Barnwood								
	HALL Last Man Last Man Last Man Last Man The Middle The Middle The Middle The Middle Golden Girls								
VARIETY	HGTV Fixer Upper [2] Fixer Upper [2] Fixer Upper [2] Fixer Upper [2] Hunters Hunters Int'l Fixer Upper								
	LIFE Did You Hear Morgans? *** 13 Going on 30 (2004) Jennifer Garner. (P6-13) (:02) ** The Switch (2010) (P6-13)								
	MTV Wild 'n Out Wild 'n Out Wild 'n Out Wild 'n Out Wild 'n Out Wild 'n Out Scream (N) [2] Catfish								
	OXY Sisterhood of Hip Hop [2] Sisterhood of Hip Hop (N) Sisterhood of Hip Hop (N) Sisterhood of Hip Hop Momm 2								
	SPIKE (5:30) **** The Dark Knight (2008) (P6-13) *** The Dark Knight Rises (2012) Christian Bale. (P6-13)								
	SYFY (6:30) ** Deep Impact (1998) Robert Duvall. *** The Perfect Storm (2000) George Clooney. (P6-13)								
	TBN Supernat. Potters Fear Fight Everyday Prince Cornelius Praise the Lord								
	TBS Seinfeld [2] Seinfeld [2] Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Conan [2]								
	TCM (6:45) Saddle Legion (NR) **** The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948) (:15) The Magnificent Ambersons (1942)								
	TM (6:00) ** Shooter (R) (:05) *** Up in the Air (2009) George Clooney. (R) ** Notting Hill (1999) Julia Roberts.								
PREMIUM	TNT (6:30) ** We're the Millers (2013) Jennifer Aniston. Animal Kingdom (N) [2] Animal Kingdom [2] Law								
	TRAVEL Bizarre Foods America [2] Delicious Delicious Bizarre Foods/Zimmer Bizarre Foods/Zimmer Bizarre								
	TRU truTV Top Funnies [1] Carbonaro Carbonaro Carbonaro Carbonaro Carbonaro Carbonaro Greatest Greatest Carbonaro								
	TVL Andy Griffith Andy Griffith The Andy Griffith Show [2] Raymond Raymond Raymond Raymond King								
	USA Law & Order: SVU WWE SmackDown! (N) (L) 4 Chrysler Chrysler Mod Fam								
	VH1 Basketball Wives LA [2] Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta [2] Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta [2] Amber Rose Love Don't Cost a Thing								
	WGN-A ** The Bodyguard (1992, Drama) Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston. (R) How I Met How I Met How I Met								
	HBO The Night Of (ESP Part 5 of 8) [2] ** Ted 2 (2015, Comedy) (ESP) Mark Wahlberg, Voice of Seth MacFarlane, Amanda Seyfried. (R) Hard Knocks: Training Camp With Vice Principals [2]								
	MAX (6:10) ** El Cantante (:05) ** A Little Chaos (2014) (ESP) Kate Winslet, A widow becomes a gardener at Louis XIV's Versailles. *** Magnolia (1999, Drama) (ESP) Jason Robards, Julianne Moore. (R)								
	SHOW Roadies Bill, Reg and Phil embark on a quest. [2] Streetdance Family (2016, Documentary) Jane Wants a Boyfriend (2015, Romance) Sleeping With								
STARZ	30 Days of (20) Power Night (2007) (ESP) [2] Rebecca Hall, Jason Sudeikis, Dianna Agron. (R) (:15) ** Tumbledown (2015, Romance-Comedy) (ESP) Power Tommy struggles with a decision. (ESP) [2]								
	(6:10) ** Invinible (2006) Mark Wahlberg. *** Licence to Kill (1989, Action) (ESP) Timothy Dalton, Carey Lowell, Robert Davi. (P6-13) (:15) *** Moonraker (1979, Action) (ESP) Roger Moore, Lois Chiles. (P6)								
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