

Potter magic from A to Z

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" opens Friday, much to the delight of children and adults alike. The first movie based on J.K. Rowling's series of a boy wizard, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer Stone," set box office records when it opened a year ago. "Chamber," directed by "Home Alone's" Chris Columbus, stars the British child trio of Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint as Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ronald Weasley. The three friends fall in and out of trouble at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry during their second year.

Potter A to Z is designed to catch Muggles (non-magic folk) up with the rest of Harry Potter fans in case a good friend or relative drags them to the theater this holiday season for a dose of "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."

Aragog is a huge spider that lives in the Forbidden Forest behind Hogwarts. He holds the key to the Chamber of Secrets, but is not willing to give it up without a cost.

Burrow is the tilted home of Ron Weasley and his wizard family.

Crabbe and Goyle are the creepy friends of the nasty Draco Malfoy, Harry's arch nemesis.

Dobby the House Elf is the thin-nosed, pillowcase-wearing creature who causes more trouble for Harry than he means to.

Errol is Ron's owl used for delivering mail, especially Howlers from his mother.

Fawkes is Professor Dumbledore's Phoenix, who rises from his ashes to aid Harry.

Gryffindor is the Hogwarts house Harry, Hermione and Ron reside in while at school.

Hagrid is the lovable grounds keeper at Hogwarts.

Invisibility cloak once belonged to Harry's father. Those escaping detection by the caretaker Filch hide beneath its heavy cloth.

J.K. Rowling is the mastermind behind the Harry Potter series. While fans are anxiously awaiting her fifth novel, the first four in the series have sold more than 100 million copies internationally.

King's Cross train station and Platform 9 3/4 is where students catch the Hogwarts Express to get to the magical school. Will Harry and Ron catch the train?

Lockhart (Kenneth Branagh) is the new professor of the Dark Arts at Hogwarts.

Moaning Myrtle (Shirley Henderson) haunts the girls' bathroom on the first floor and floods it with tears.

Nearily Headless Nick (John Cleaves) is the Gryffindor house ghost. Rather than haunting students, the ghost is more concerned about not being accepted into the Headless Hunt, a group of decapitated ghosts.

Oliver Wood (Sean Biggerstaff) is the captain of the Gryffindor Quidditch team, and one of Harry's pals.

Peeves the Poltergeist (Rik Mayall) reeks more havoc in Hogwarts than the students. The troublemaker seems to be out to get Harry into trouble.

Quidditch is a combination of soccer and basketball played on broomsticks. The fast-paced game should be in more of the movie this time around.

Ron Weasley is one of Harry's best friends at Hogwarts and rescues him from his Muggle relatives over the summer.

Sorting Hat is used in the first book to determine which Hogwarts' home students live in. The hat is back in this film to show Harry's future.

Tom Riddle is a character whose secret should remain under wraps until after the movie is seen.

Uncle Vernon, Aunt Petunia and Dudley Dursley are Harry's only surviving relatives. The awful trio makes life miserable for Harry, who has no choice but to stay with them during the summers.

Voldemort is the quintessential bad guy of the movie. The evil wizard killed Harry's parents when he was a child, and left the young wizard with his trademark lightning bolt scar.

Whumping Willow causes trouble for Harry and Ron before they set foot inside Hogwarts for their second year.

X-ray vision is a magical power none of the students at Hogwarts have.

You-Know-Who is used to refer to Lord Voldemort by wizards who fear to speak his name.

Zoom is the sound a Nimbus Two Thousand broomstick makes when it flies by.



Warner Bros./KRT Campus

Daniel Radcliffe stars as J.K. Rowling's boy wizard Harry Potter.

Jackson, McBride rock the Coliseum jukebox

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The Country Music Award's male and female vocalists of the year took the stage of the Greensboro Coliseum two days after accepting the awards on Nov. 6.

Martina McBride and Alan Jackson kept the crowd pumped Friday night, as each proved why they were selected as the best vocalists in the country music industry this year.

The half-filled coliseum was brimming with excitement, as men and women proudly wore cowboy hats, and four girls in the front row displayed T-shirts that spelled out "A-L-A-N" in red sequins.

McBride was brilliant, performing almost every song off her "Greatest Hits" album. She opened with "Wild Angels," and kept the right blend of energetic tunes with her ballads throughout her hour set.

"Concrete Angel," "A Broken Wing" and "Where Would You Be" were beautiful as the 5-foot-1-inch artist belted out the lyrics. During "Valentine," the large video screens behind the stage played a video of McBride with her two daughters.

The only cover the Kansas-native performed was a heartfelt rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" from "The Wizard of Oz," which took country fans' breath away.

Following a 30-minute turnover, Jackson took the stage,



Photo from BBC
Alan Jackson

greeted by screams from audience members. The video screen behind the stage played Jackson's music videos

for each song he performed, including the CMA-nominated "Drive."

The crowd went wild for "Where I Come From," as video footage shot around Greensboro was shown. The UNC-G water tower, NASCAR Café and Four Seasons Town Centre were featured, drawing cheers of approval from the audience.

Jackson followed up the song with his award-winning "Where Were You," which was performed first at last year's CMA's, as an artistic response to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Jackson's 13 years of country music were well covered during the hour-and-a-half set. His honky-tonk roots were conveyed in "Summertime Blues" and "Chattahoochee," then went psychedelic for "Don't Rock the Jukebox."

Off his CMA Best Album of the Year, "Drive," he performed the title track and "Work in Progress," which were both met with cheers from the audience.

As an encore, Jackson and his band jammed to "fill in." The instrumental solos gave Jackson plenty of time to sign last-minute autographs before leaving the stage.

Tickets are now on sale at West End Cinemas for "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."

Showtimes available are: 11:05 a.m., 2 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 8:05 p.m. and 11:05 p.m.

Call 538-9900 for more information.