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Synopsis For 30 years the Sanderson Sisters have been casting spells, now see them back on the big screen for a limited time as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Hocus Pocus! Conjured up by some unsuspecting pranksters, a tricky trio of 300-year-old witches set out to cast a spell on the town and reclaim their youth. But first, they must get their act together and outwit three kids and a talking cat. Director Kenny Ortega Producer David Kirschner, Steven Haft Screenwriter Mick Garris, Neil Cuthbert Distributor Walt Disney Pictures Production Co Walt Disney Pictures, Touchwood Pacific Partners 1 Rating PG Genre Kids & Family, Holiday, Comedy, Fantasy Original Language English Release Date (Theaters) Jul 16, 1993, Original Rerelease Date (Theaters) Oct 18, 2024 Release Date (Streaming) Jan 1, 2014 Box Office (Gross USA) $1.7M Runtime 1h 35m Sound Mix Surround Hocus PocusHocus Pocus 2 (cameo) Little WomanPetunia faceMedusaThe Devil's WifeThe Master's WifePuddin' faceHoney bunch "The Devil's Wife" (also known as "Medusa") is a minor character in Hocus Pocus. She is the wife of the man whom the Sanderson Sisters initially assume to be the devil. They also think she's Medusa because of her snake-like hair curlers.   Appearances[] Hocus Pocus[] "The Devil's" wife is first seen when her husband introduces her to the Sanderson Sisters, who think she is Medusa. She later chases them out of her house when she catches her husband dancing with Sarah Sanderson. Hocus Pocus 2[] She and her husband make a cameo in this film on TV. There are also some citizens of Salem dressed up as them. Trivia[] Penny Marshall and Garry Marshall, the actors who portrayed her and her husband were siblings in real life. Gallery[] Salem Citizens dressed up as her and her husband. Suggest an edit or add missing contentYou have no recently viewed pages For her new movie, Hocus Pocus 2, director Anne Fletcher wanted to take fans back to the deepest reaches of hell... or... at least to a very '90s living room occupied by a devilish "Master" (Garry Marshall) and his "Little Woman" wife (Penny Marshall). The Proposal and Dumplin' helmer exclusively tells EW how she devised including a brief tribute to the filmmaking siblings in the new Disney+ movie, via a short scene that sees the resurrected Sanderson Sisters (Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy) soaring past the homes of Salem citizens, only to come across a couple who's watching the Marshalls' original Hocus Pocus cameo on their TV. Garry Marshall and Penny Marshall make a brief appearance in 'Hocus Pocus 2.'. Disney+ "I always knew I wanted to put some scene from [the] original movie on the TV, because I thought it would be fun and true to modern day Halloween, with fans always watching Hocus Pocus," Fletcher tells EW via email. "My editor, Julia [Wong] and I landed on the cameo with Garry and Penny because it's one of the funniest parts of the movie, and their characters are so beloved by everyone — including myself — that it just felt right to put Garry and Penny in this movie." She adds that it serves as a way for fans "to remember and honor them as being a huge, important and fun part of the original" movie, "not to mention the importance of who they were in the world [and] what they gave us all during their lives. Joy, laughter, [and] happiness. Again, it just felt right." Anne Fletcher reveals why she included Garry and Penny Marshall tribute in 'Hocus Pocus 2.'. Kristina Bumphrey/Variety via Getty Images; Disney + Speaking to EW after the film's release, star Lilia Buckingham — who appears alongside Whitney Peak and Belissa Escobedo as one of three new teens who do battle with the witches in contemporary Salem — also speculated that the scene could be more than just a cute nod to the Marshalls. "It makes you think, did they, in the Hocus Pocus cinematic universe, make a movie about the Sanderson Sisters, and that's why they have so much lore about them and why drag queens dress up as them?" Buckingham told EW in a separate interview. 'Hocus Pocus 2' includes Penny and Garry Marshall costumes in the candy apple scene. Disney+ Adding to Buckingham's speculation, Fletcher and costume designer Salvador Perez also dressed two Salem townspeople (who appear in front of Tony Hale's Mayor Jefry Traske in line at the Halloween festival's candy apple stand) in outfits resembling those worn by the Marshalls' characters in the first film. Read EW's full breakdown of Hocus Pocus 2's most memorable scenes with Peak, Escobedo, and Buckingham. Want more movie news? Sign up for Entertainment Weekly's free newsletter to get the latest trailers, celebrity interviews, film reviews, and more. Related content: Thinking about a Santa Cruz wine tasting trip? Let this be your sign. Tucked between Silicon Valley and the breezy beaches of Santa Cruz and Capitola, the Santa Cruz Mountains… After spending over $500 on Cupshe swimsuits across multiple years and orders, I'm finally sharing my brutally honest Cupshe review. If you're wondering: Is Cupshe legit? Are their swimsuits actually… After months of staying close to home, Robin and I finally felt that familiar itch for adventure return in mid-February. We had spent most of January and early February laying… Looking for the most unforgettable places to stay on the Oregon Coast? From hobbit houses to riverside treehouses, I've rounded up 12 insanely cool and truly unique Airbnbs you can… I spent over $500 on Shein clothing to put their products to the test and bring you one of the most detailed, unsponsored Shein reviews on the internet. If you've… If there's one destination that knows how to do vacation rentals right, it's the Joshua Tree area. From quirky domes and off-grid cabins to luxurious desert retreats with cowboy tubs… Portland's motto is "keep Portland weird" but it really should be "come with loose pants since you'll want to eat all the things". If you're a foodie, there's no lack… I'm a size 14 woman and my favorite hobby might just be ordering clothes from viral brands I see on TikTok—so you don't have to. I've tested Halara not once… Almost 100 years ago, when alcohol was prohibited in the United States, working-class people and celebrities alike flocked to "speakeasies" — or hidden bars behind restaurants, storefronts, and sometimes, even… When picking the best beach towns in California, there are no wrong answers. You drive down the Pacific Coast Highway, and you will find a picturesque beach or a hole… As we inch closer to the holiday season, I've started thinking about how many pieces of clothing I end up giving away each year around Christmas to make room for… Production Company Walt Disney Pictures Touchwood Pacific Partners 1 Release Date Jul 16, 1993 Duration 1 h 36 m Rating PG Genres Tagline It's just a bunch of Hocus Pocus! We millennials have a particular fondness for Hocus Pocus, the 1993 fantasy/comedy directed by Kenny Ortega and starring Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy as the three wicked Sanderson sisters. It was technically a box office flop, despite a stellar cast, but has continued to gain in pop culture popularity since its release. Unless you've been cursed for the past 300 years, (or at least the past few months), then you know the three sisters are making a return in a long-awaited sequel (nearly 30 years later) to the witchy Halloween movie is coming out soon with a release date on Disney+ of September 30, 2022! Things From Hocus Pocus That Real Witches Actually Do And What Is All Hollywood There are lots of witchy movies and TV shows that represent magic and the occult to varying degrees of accuracy. One of the first questions is always: do real witches do any of this stuff or is it all just movie entertainment magic? If you've been wondering if there are things from Hocus Pocus that real witches do, then this article is for you. We're going to take a look at 5 things you can do to celebrate the movie release like a real modern witch and 2 myths that the movie has perpetuated! Photo Credit: IMDB 5 Things Real Witches Do Although Hocus Pocus films are mostly fantasy (like a certain talking cat), there are some representations of magick founded in reality. Black Candles Candles are an important part of many witches' practices! Nothing is universal among all witches, as there are no rules in witchcraft, but candles are certainly one of the more common tools utilized. The black flame candle from Hocus Pocus is one of the most enduring images of the movie. In the movie, Max Dennison, (played by Omri Katz), lights the candle on Halloween night on a full moon – despite warnings from his little sister Dani (played by Thora Birch) and Halloween enthusiast/love interest, Allison (played by Vinessa Shaw) – and winds up accidentally summoning the Sanderson sisters. But why black? Different colored candles can be used for different purposes, depending on what kind of spell you are casting or magickal working you are doing. White candles can always be substituted for any other color, but each color of candle offers extra power and focus to your working. You can use candles made of real wax or even battery-operated home decor candles (aka a flameless candle) are totally acceptable if you can't have flame or smoke in your house! Candle Color Magick White Candles: Any Purpose, especially Intuition or Peace Black Candles: Banishing, Spirit Work Red Candles: Releasing or Channeling Anger, Passion, Connecting with the Fire Element Orange Candles: Calling in Joy or Happiness Yellow Candles: Calling in Joy or Happiness, Connecting with the Air Element Green Candles: Manifesting Money, Connecting with the Earth Element Blue Candles: Clearing or Focusing Emotions, Calling in Peace, Connecting with the Water Element Purple Candles: Intuitive Work, Divination, Casting Spells Silver Candles: Intuitive Work, Peace Gold Candles: Manifesting Money or Joy Black candles, in particular, are often used for banishing, binding, or for working with spirits. I also like to light a black candle every month on the new moon, when the moon is completely dark in the sky! Banishing spells are where you banish a negative entity or energy from your life. You might banish a ghost or wicked spirit, sure, but mostly we banish bad vibes, negativity, feelings of scarcity or negative self-talk, etc. You can make your own DIY black flame candle to banish negative energy from your own life! Just take a black candle, (any size, but smaller is better, as you want to burn it all the way down), and cleanse it with some sage or incense smoke or by spritzing it with essential oils or Florida water. You could also rub oils into the sides of the candle, (never the wick), to aid your spell. For example, if you are banishing negative self-talk, use mint essential oil, or if you are banishing someone else's negative energy from your space, use yarrow essential oil. Then light the candle and speak your intention over it: I banish ____. Allow the candle to burn completely down if possible, then discard outside of your house, but never leave a candle burning unattended. If you need to leave, it's fine to extinguish it early! Grimoires One of the other most famous props from Hocus Pocus is Winifred's spell book, supposedly given to her by the Devil himself. (Psst, that part's all Hollywood – most witches don't believe in or work with the Christian Devil!) Photo Credit: IMDB The spell book features a frightening eye that moves and follows you around the room and is full of spells for doing all sorts of wickedness. Those parts are mostly Hollywood as well, although there are some very talented folks on Etsy and Amazon who make realistic-looking, Hocus Pocus spell books! So what is real about the famous Hocus Pocus book? Many real witches do work with a book called a grimoire, or a Book of Shadows to record their spells, rituals, and spiritual practice! It doesn't have to be as fancy or elaborate as Winifred's, although some people like to make a beautiful and decorative grimoire as a way to express their creativity. Even just a lined notebook or even a folder on your computer can serve as a grimoire! Here are some things you can include in your grimoire: Spells you've cast or plan to cast Rituals you've performed Tarot or oracle cards you've pulled Dates for the moon phases or planetary retrogrades Recipes for cooking Recipes for herbalism And much more – pretty much anything you feel called to record! Harnessing the Power of the Full Moon and Halloween or Samhain Just before Winifred, Sarah, and Mary Sanderson are executed during the Salem Witch Trials, they cast a powerful curse, stating that, "On All Hallows' Eve when the moon is round, a virgin will summon us from under the ground!" Although actually raising the dead is, obviously, impossible, the three witches' harnessing of the full moon and Halloween, (also known as All Hallows' Eve or Samhain), is quite real. For one thing, it's very rare for a full moon to happen exactly on Halloween night – when it does happen, it's called a blue moon, (the second full moon in a month), and it only happens once every 19 years. Fun fact: The last full moon on Halloween was in 2020! It's not a bad omen – actually a sign of empowerment – but that was definitely a cursed year. The next won't be until 2039. Rare celestial events are always powerful for making magick. Halloween, or Samhain, (pronounced sow-in), is considered the most magickal night of the year, when the veil between the human world and the spirit world becomes so thin that spirits, (ghosts, ancestors, faeries, elementals, etc), can pass easily into our realm. So when a full moon, the most intuitive night of the month, happens on Halloween? It's definitely powerful indeed. Photo Credit: IMDB Many witches also work with the energy of Samhain every year, (not just when it falls on a full moon), and/or with the full moon every month. These are great days for doing divination like reading tarot cards, taking ritual baths, casting spells, and anything else spiritual and intuitive. Live In or Visit Salem, Massachusetts The movie is set in Salem, Massachusetts, where the infamous Salem Witch Trials actually took place in 1692. In fact, you can even walk by the house that the Dennisons live in in the movie, with the gorgeous white tower at the top when you visit Salem! Is that a thing real witches do – visit Salem? Absolutely! Salem, Massachusetts is one of the most popular witchy tourist destinations and I can vouch that it is well worth a visit, especially during their annual October Halloween festivities. There are tons of amazing witchy shops and tours to check out, including popular tours of Hocus Pocus filming locations. Although the men and women who were tragically killed during the Salem Witch Trials were not actually witches themselves and were executed partly due to a deeply broken judicial system and partly due to mass panic and hysteria, Salem has been reclaimed by real witches in the 20th and 21st century. Photo Credit: IMDB We pay homage to and honor those who were killed in the past for being different, (many of those who lost their lives were outsiders or outcasts for one reason or another – women who lived alone or owned property, for example). You might be wondering: were the Sanderson sisters real witches or is Hocus Pocus based on a true story at all? People sometimes claim that the movie is loosely based on a true story but the very short answer is no. There were 19 men and women killed during the Salem Witch Trials and you can visit a really lovely memorial that lists all of their names in downtown Salem – but none of them were named Sanderson. Cast Spells Through Music One of the most famous scenes in Hocus Pocus is the Halloween gala, where Winifred and her sisters (Mary and Sarah Sanderson) serenade the room, casting a spell on all of the parents in Salem so that they won't notice when their children go missing. (Pretty chilling for a Walt Disney movie actually!) Is it actually possible to cast a spell through music? Totally! No, spells don't have to rhyme like they often do in the movie, but music is a powerful vehicle for making magick. Actually, any form of creative expression is great for casting spells and directing your energy and intentions! You can sing, dance, paint, draw, craft, color, or anything creative as part of your spiritual practice. 2 Things That Are All Hollywood Okay, so we've talked about all the things in Hocus Pocus that are actually pretty spot on… but what about the aspects that are pure Hollywood fiction? Of course, a lot of this movie isn't real world. There are people coming back from the dead (sorry Billy Butcherson!), people turned into black cats, people dancing until they drop because they've been cursed… Yeah, there's a lot of fiction going on here, obviously – and that's totally cool! Most real modern witches are fully here for the fictional escapism that is Hollywood witchcraft, myself included. But what's truly fake, that a real witch would never actually do? Let's talk about it! Power Isn't Connected to Virginity (Not Exactly) One of the most important parts of the movie is that Max is a virgin when he lights the black flame candle. It's a fun way to turn some classic horror movie tropes on their head – when the Sanderson sisters cast their curse, the audience expects the "virgin" who brings them back from the dead to be a girl, plain and simple. It's our own societal sexism reflected back to us when it's actually a teenage boy who turns out to be the virgin in question! But here's the thing – power and magick are not inherently connected to virginity. This is a very common trope, that it must be a virgin who completes certain actions or who is sacrificed in order for a spell to work and that's totally poppycock. Photo Credit: IMDB In ancient times, a "virgin" was actually someone who was unmarried and who was whole unto themself, not necessarily sexually chaste. This is demonstrated in the virgin goddesses of Roman and Greek mythology, like Artemis/Diana and Athena, who are often not sexually inactive but just do not have an official consort, someone they are bound to. However, there is often a kernel of truth in the fabrication. Although you will not be a more or less powerful witch depending on whether or not you are a virgin or sexually active, whether or not you are whole unto yourself may just have an impact on your spell casting. This is more about empowerment and self-love – the more you own who you are with pride, the more powerful your spells are likely to be!' No Eating Children! This one should be very obvious but I'm just putting it out there – real witches definitely don't eat children, murder folks, or turn people into black cats like poor Thackery Binx (played by Sean Murray)! Or as Max so lovingly put it, "it's all just a bunch of hocus pocus." If you're looking for more ways to practice witchcraft every day or even movies and TV shows to watch this spooky season, we've got you covered, and let us know in the comments if there are any other witchy myths you'd like us to examine! Disney's "Hocus Pocus" has become a Halloween classic in the multiple decades since it debuted, but it's possible none of its cast would have predicted this legacy at the time. Premiering in the dead of summer in 1993, the film wasn't actually a spooky season release, but by telling the story of three witches brought back to life in Salem, Massachusetts — arguably America's Halloween capitol — it became synonymous with the ghostly holiday celebrated on October 31. Even now, kids and adults alike enjoy dressing up as the film's characters and reenacting scenes for Halloween, in addition to watching the movie a zillion times. The story follows the three Sanderson sisters, olde-style witches who murder children and suck their life force to stay young. The sisters are hanged in the 17th century, but they cast a spell that guarantees their return when certain conditions are met. Three centuries later, when All Hallows' Eve occurs on a full moon night, a disgruntled teenager lights the sisters' Black Flame Candle and brings them back to life, leading to full-on Halloween chaos. The fun, musical, campy Halloween flick featured a number of already-famous, a-little-bit-famous, and not-so-famous actors (some of whom then went on to become extremely well-known as a result of this movie). If you give the film a watch today, you may recognize many of them. Here's what happened to the cast of "Hocus Pocus" after 1993. The Sanderson witches are led by eldest sister Winifred, played by the incomparable Bette Midler. Winifred Sanderson is bossy, angry, and selfish to the point where if she sacrificed her own sisters to survive, we wouldn't be surprised. Her style is showy, sassy, and very musical. Winifred performs the show-stopping number in the film, a jazzy, upbeat, and Halloween-themed cover of "I Put a Spell on You." Winifred and her sisters are, of course, supposed to be the bad guys, but you can't help but love them, especially Winnie's exaggerated showman personality. Midler has the perfect resume to play the elaborate Winifred. She started her career back in 1965 when she moved from her native Hawaii to New York City, where she got her first Off-Broadway role. From 1966 to 1969, she played Tzeitel in the Broadway run of "Fiddler on the Roof." In 1971, she released her first album, "The Divine Miss M," and took off from there. Midler has released 13 albums, four soundtracks, five live albums, and seven greatest hits compilations. She's been in over 40 movies and over 40 television shows — many in the role of herself as a performer — and appeared in numerous stage productions with concert tours around the world. To say Bette Midler still has a strong career is an understatement. Middle sister Mary Sanderson is played by top-notch comedienne Kathy Najimy. While all of the Sanderson sisters are funny in their own ways, Mary does a lot of comic relief via physical comedy and gross-out humor. She's the one who finds the children by sniffing them out like a dog and, in case you forgot, rides a flying vacuum cleaner when there's no broomstick to be found in the updated Sanderson house closet. She's often made fun of and berated by Winnie, and she's not the brightest of the trio, but she's a fun part of the witchy gang. Much like Midler, Najimy is still having a pretty successful acting career, mostly on TV. She started her comedy career in the early '90s and quickly made the shift to film after a couple of HBO specials. Her first big break was the 1992 Whoopi Goldberg comedy "Sister Act," followed by its 1993 sequel. Since playing Mary Sanderson, Najimiy co-starred on the sitcom "Veronica's Closet" from 1997 until 2000, voiced matriarch Peggy Hill on the animated series "King of the Hill" from 1997 until 2010, and had recurring roles on "VEEP" and "Younger," among dozens of other TV appearances. In 2021, Najimiy had a part on "The Morning Show," and like her other Sanderson sisters, is coming back for "Hocus Pocus 2." Dim-witted youngest sister Sarah Sanderson was beautiful but brainless. Played by Sarah Jessica Parker, Sarah epitomizes the "dumb blonde" trope – though she does resourcefully utilize her beauty and lovely singing voice to hypnotize and lure the children to their doom at the sisters' cottage. Sarah's character comes along with plenty of innuendo for a Disney movie intended for children, and Sarah's intended doofiness is a foil for Winnie's intense anger and Mary's comforting aura. Parker, as we know, is a huge star thanks to the HBO hit comedy "Sex and the City." Before landing her signature role as Carrie Bradshaw, Parker was a child star, appearing in movies like "Footloose" and "Girls Just Want to Have Fun." "Sex and the City" most certainly launched Parker into the household name realm, however, and fame from the female-centric comedy series hurled her into lead roles in romantic comedies like "Did You Hear About the Morgans?" and "Failure to Launch." Other comedy films of Parker's include "Honeymoon in Vegas," "The First Wives Club," "The Family Stone," and "I Don't Know How She Does It." Parker has an upcoming "Sex and the City" sequel mini-series called "And Just Like That" in the works. Young actor Omri Katz played the teen lead of "Hocus Pocus," the disgruntled transplant Max Dennison. Perpetually grumpy about having to move from his hometown of Los Angeles to the Halloween-obsessed Salem, Massachusetts, Max doesn't believe in any of that silly "hocus pocus" about ghosts or spells or witches, which is exactly the kind of hubris that results in setting the Sanderson sisters free once more. Katz was another child star of the '80s and '90s. His first major gig was as John Ross Ewing III on the soap opera "Dallas" from 1983 to 1991. After that, Katz starred as Marshall Teller on the NBC horror sci-fi series "Eerie, Indiana," which followed the teen investigating mysterious scenarios. The show was a hit in syndication on The Disney Channel and other Saturday morning time slots. After "Hocus Pocus," Katz had a co-starring role on "The John Larroquette Show" for a couple of years, but his career slowed after that. He's had a couple of other single-episode TV appearances, but has no real credits on his resume since 2002, other than a cameo as Marshall Teller on 2018's "Childhood Thoughts," a revisiting of the spooky kids' series. Katz reportedly worked as a hair stylist in Los Angeles after retiring from the acting world and now runs a cannabis company. He had a mini-reunion with his "Hocus Pocus" castmates in 2015 and joined the gang for the 2018 25th anniversary reunion special on Freeform. Dani is the annoying little sister whom Max tries to avoid but who always ends up hanging around. Played by Thora Birch, Dani is enthusiastic, loud, and a nuisance, but is still adorable and loving to her big brother. Dani has the complete opposite reaction to moving to Salem that Max has. She fully embraces all things Halloween and even dresses as one of the Sanderson sisters for the big night. Thora Birch is probably one of the more famous faces to come out of "Hocus Pocus," besides the three Sanderson sisters. Like some of her fellow castmates, Birch started out acting pretty young and continued into adulthood. Before "Hocus Pocus," she was on the series "Day by Day" and "Parenthood." Birch then hit it big, acting alongside Harrison Ford in "Patriot Games" and "Clear and Present Danger," joining the teen drama "Now and Then" with Christina Ricci and Gaby Hoffmann, appearing in "Ghost World" with Scarlett Johansson, and co-starring in the Best Picture-winning drama "American Beauty." Most recently, Birch took a recurring role on "The Walking Dead," keeping the spookiness alive. Vinessa Shaw plays Salem teen Allison, a young woman with deep knowledge of Salem's history and witch lore. When Max first arrives in Salem, he tries to give Allison his number and immediately develops a crush, though his efforts are rebuked. When Max and Dani end up at Allison's family's fancy Halloween party, the three head off to the Sanderson house, which is where they get themselves into trouble. Allison is the brains of the "Hocus Pocus" outfit. She knows spells, legends, history, and tricks to help out their quest, and even though she's intended as a foil for Max's dumb instincts, they make a cute pair. Shaw started singing, acting, and modeling at a young age, but "Hocus Pocus" was her largest role yet. After that breakthrough, she had a few more parts before she took a break to attend Barnard College in New York City, though she eventually dropped out to return to her acting career. It was at Barnard that she auditioned to play the memorable sex worker Domino in Stanley Kubrick's last film, "Eyes Wide Shut." Since then, Shaw has had a stable yet low-key acting career, working on TV series like "Vegas" and "Ray Donovan" and in films such as "3:10 to Yuma" with Christian Bale and Russell Crowe. If there's anyone who is the ultimate king of Halloween, it's the inimitable Doug Jones. Jones plays Winifred Sanderson's long-dead zombie boyfriend brought back to life, Billy Butcherson. Butcherson was caught cheating with Winnie's sister Sarah and Winnie ultimately killed him. When Winnie lures Billy out of the ground, she assumes that he'll help the sisters out, but instead he turns on them and helps Max, Allison, and Dani escape. You probably wouldn't recognize Doug Jones if you saw him in real life, because for the majority of his career, he's worn elaborate costumes and full body makeup or portrayed non-human creatures. He started his career in commercials as a contortionist and mime, and after "Hocus Pocus," his costumed career only grew more intense, on both the large and small screens. After "Hocus Pocus," Jones played the leader of the ghoulish Gentlemen in the "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" episode "Hush." His most famous roles are probably Abe Sapien in the "Hellboy" franchise, the Faun and the Pale Man in Guillermo Del Toro's "Pan's Labyrinth," The Ancient in the TV series "The Strain," the Amphibian Man in the Oscar-winning "The Shape of Water," Baron Afanas in "What We Do in the Shadows," and Saru on "Star Trek: Discovery." He'll also appear as Count Orlok in a remake of "Nosferatu." Jones really is the king of costumes. At the beginning of "Hocus Pocus," there is a flashback to the 1600s, where the Sanderson sisters are busy luring colonial New England children to their demise. Thackery Binx tries to stop the sisters from killing his own sister, Emily, and is then turned into an immortal black cat. At the end of the film, his soul has finally been set free. Young actor Sean Murray took on the part of (human) Thackery, battling with the Sanderson sisters in the movie's opening scenes. Murray had appeared in a couple of shorts and TV shows before "Hocus Pocus," but like many, the Halloween romp was his big break. After that, Murray starred alongside Beau Bridges as Zane Grey Hart in the Western comedy "Harts of the West." A slew of guest appearances followed until Murray landed a recurring role on "JAG," followed by another steady lead role on its spinoff series, "NCIS." Murray has been acting on "NCIS" for almost 20 seasons and shows no signs of stopping. As any real "Hocus Pocus" fan knows, Sean Murray didn't actually provide the voice of Thackery Binx; that job went to Jason Marsden. As Murray told Bustle, "They originally wanted a sort of California vibe with the voice, and then at some point thought [they] should do it Olde English. I'm not a voice actor; I couldn't do an English accent, I'd never been trained to do that, and I was young." So for consistency, both cat Thackery and human Thackery were dubbed with Marsden's voice-over work. Though Marsden only did voice acting in "Hocus Pocus," unlike Doug Jones, Marsden is someone you'd recognize if you saw him in real life, especially if you're a millennial. The actor played Eric Matthews' best friend, ironically named Jason Marsden, on "Boy Meets World," Nelson on "Full House," and Rich on "Step By Step." But as "Hocus Pocus" proves, Marsden's real bankable roles are via his voice-over work. He is the official voice of Max Goof in "The Goofy Movie" and its various sequels, and he voices a ton of other characters on Disney animated series and for DC's various Batman animated projects, as well as "Transformers," "Duck Tales," "Garfield," "Scooby-Doo," and about a zillion other voice-over roles. Shortly after arriving in Salem, Max is attacked by a couple of the town's teenage bullies, one of whom is Ernie (who calls himself "Ice" for some reason). Ice loves his new nickname so much he's even had the word shaved into his head. He and his bully buddy Jay insult Max and steal his sneakers, but they thankfully get their comeuppance in a slightly disturbing way. Actor and musician Larry Bagby plays Ernie "Ice" in "Hocus Pocus." The movie was one of the earlier credits on his résumé. After the film, Bagby did a long list of single-episode series appearances before landing the recurring role of Larry Blaisdell on "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." After "Buffy" hung up the stake, Bagby's career continued in the form of single-episode spots on a ton of TV shows, like "Malcolm in the Middle," "JAG," and "CSI." In 2005, Badby played Marshall Grant, Johnny Cash's bandmate in "Walk the Line." Bagby then did a year on "The Young and the Restless" from 2008-2009 and continues to act in supporting roles in television and film today. Ernie "Ice" doesn't go anywhere without his bully buddy Jay. Jay, sporting long blond hair and a leather jacket, seems a little bit dumber than Ice, but he's also the meaner of the two. The messed up thing about Jay and Ernie "Ice" is that, at the end of the movie, after the Sanderson sisters have captured them and locked them in hanging cages, there isn't a scene resolving whether or not they were let go. So Jay and Ernie "ice" might have just hung there ... forever. Jay in "Hocus Pocus" was pretty much Tobias Jelinek's first acting credit aside from an uncredited background appearance in the movie "Falling Down." After "Hocus Pocus," he's got a bit gap on his IMDb résumé from 1997 through 2007, but since getting back into the acting business, Jelinek has been pretty successful in supporting roles on TV, especially where the otherworldly is concerned. He's played recurring parts on "Agents of S.H.I.E.LD.," "Arrow," "Baskets," "Stranger Things," and "Ronstadt." A recurring theme in children's fantasy movies is that when the kids are in some kind of peril, the parental figures are often off somewhere being, shall we say, a little negligent. That's definitely the case for the Dennison parents, Dave and Jenny, who uproot their kids across the country, disregard how their son is feeling, and leave the kids on their own so they can attend a raucous town Halloween party. We're not going to judge Jenny's epic Madonna costume, because it actually kind of rules, but we are going to recommend she and Dave pay a little more attention to what's going on with their kids. Jenny Dennison is played by actor Stephanie Faracy, whose career is filled with numerous little film and TV roles like the one in "Hocus Pocus." Her career began in the 1970s with spots on "Laverne & Shirley" and continued with dozens of other TV show roles, including leads on "His & Hers" and "True Colors." On the movie side, Faracy had roles in the Bruce Willis and Kim Basinger romantic comedy "Blind Date" and played John Candy's wife in "The Great Outdoors." After "Hocus Pocus," Faracy's career has continued in much the same fashion: a working actor with steady gigs. Her recent roles include recurring spots on "Devious Maids," "How to Get Away with Murder," and "Sneaky Pete." The Dennison patriarch, Dave, as played by actor Charles Rocket, is also pretty oblivious when it comes to the mental health of his teenage son and the whereabouts of his eight-year-old daughter. Dave dresses as a vampire for the town's Halloween party, and his costume is not nearly as cool or well-done as his wife's. Dave may be a dope, but actor and comedian Charles Rocket had a lot of talent and a cool name. Yes, sadly we have to use the past tense here, because Rocket passed away in 2005. It's actually a pretty tragic story: Rocket was found in a field near his Connecticut home, and investigators ruled his death a suicide. Rocket was a cast member on "Saturday Night Live" and "Moonlighting" in the '80s, and after "Hocus Pocus," he appeared in both movies like "Dumb and Dumber" and "Murder at 1600" and on various TV shows, always bringing his comedic talent to roles large or small. If you or anyone you know is having suicidal thoughts, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Though they play a married couple in "Hocus Pocus," Garry and Penny Marshall were in fact siblings. The hilarious celebrity cameo comes toward the middle of the movie, as the newly awakened Sanderson sisters are wandering Salem and checking out the modernization of Halloween. They stumble into a house decorated by Garry Marshall's Master Devil, a civilian dressed up as Satan himself. His wife isn't dressed up, wearing curlers in her hair and pajamas — but the Sanderson sisters still assume she's a Medusa-type demon. The Marshalls' marital bickering is even funnier because the two actors are siblings. Though they only have a small cameo here, their pre- and post-"Hocus Pocus" careers were impressive. The siblings worked together throughout their careers, feeding into each others' accomplishments: Penny Marshall was famous as the titular Laverne in "Laverne & Shirley," a character who originated on "Happy Days" — a series created by Garry. Both remained successful directors, producers, screenwriters, and actors until the end of their lives. Penny's final role was on "The Odd Couple," for which brother Garry (who created the original 1970s series of the same name) served as executive consultant. Garry passed in 2016 after a long and successful career as what the New York Times called "a TV and film comedy mastermind," and his loving sister Penny passed in 2018 after also becoming a force to be reckoned with in entertainment. Vēlies novērtēt šo vienumu vai pievienot to sarakstam? 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I watched it again recently, and of course it was just a piece of corny slapstick trash. That's roughly how Disney's new Hocus Pocus works: It's acceptable scary-silly kid fodder that adults will find only mildly insulting. Unless they're Bette Midler fans. In which case it's depressing as hell. Publicly bitter over the failure of her labor of love For The Boys, Midler seems to have offered herself up to the Disney genre wizards who revived her movie career in the early '80s. That can be the only explanation for her taking the role of Winifred, the leader of three witchy sisters (the others are Sister Act's Kathy Najimy and Honeymoon in Vegas' Sarah Jessica Parker) who return from the grave to threaten the children of Salem, Mass., on Halloween night. A tight script might have put it over, but the actresses seem to have been instructed by director Kenny Ortega (Newsies) to wing it Three Stooges style. What's really frightening is that they're the best part about Hocus Pocus. The story follows a teenage boy (Omri Katz), his little sister (Thora Birch), and his high school crush (Vinessa Shaw) as the three try to vanquish the sorceresses with the aid of an enchanted black cat. The two older kids come off as pallid Anyteens, though, and Birch is such a pill that one screening audience burst into applause when Winifred threatened to kill her off. Najimy and Parker have their moments of ramshackle comic inspiration, and the passable special effects should keep younger campers transfixed. But the sight of the Divine Miss M. mugging her way through a cheesy supernatural kiddie comedy is, to say the least, dispiriting. 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"Hocus Pocus," which is available to rent on iTunes, came out in 1993 and has since become one of the most iconic Halloween movies of all time. Here's what the the stars of the film are doing 25 years after its release. Buena Vista Pictures Between her Tony-winning turn in Broadway's "Hello, Dolly!" and her politically charged social media presence, Bette Midler, who was already a huge star when she played Winifred Sanderson in "Hocus Pocus," is still very much in the spotlight. Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Before she was Carrie Bradshaw, Sarah Jessica Parker was playing Sarah Sanderson, the simple-minded witch in "Hocus Pocus." These days, she has a shoe line, a book club and a starring role on HBO's "Divorce." Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Kathy Najimy played the third Sanderson sister, Mary. Following the 1993 film, Najimy continued to act and has recently appeared in "Younger," "Veep" and "Graves." She also voices Peggy on "King of The Hill." Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Thora Birch was set to become a big Hollywood star after playing Dani in "Hocus Pocus," when she landed roles in "American Beauty" and "Ghost World" in the late '90s and early '00s. She continued acting in indie movies and most recently completed "Above Suspicion" alongside Emilia Clarke and Johnny Knoxville. Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Omri Katz, who played Max (a.k.a. the virgin who lit the candle and brought back the Sanderson sisters), stepped away from acting in 2002. It's unclear what he's doing for work these days, but according to Instagram account, he's into wakesurfing, motorcycles and his pit bull puppy. Buena Vista Pictures/Instagram Vinessa Shaw, who played Max's love interest Allison, is still acting, but has recently added another role to her resume: mom. The actress welcomed a baby boy in March. Buena Vista Pictures/Instagram You've seen Billy Butcherson way more recently than you probably realized. Actor Doug Jones most recently played the amphibian man in Best Picture winner "The Shape of Water." He also plays Saru on the new CBS All Access "Star Trek: Discovery" series. Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Thackery Binx! Actor Sean Murray only appeared in the beginning and end of the film, but played an important part nonetheless. These days, Murray plays Timothy McGee on "NCIS," a role he's portrayed for the last 15 years. Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Who can forget the "Hocus Pocus" character with the word "Ice" shaved into the side of his head? Actor Larry Bagby, who played "Ice," went on to act in "Walk the Line" and appeared in some episodes of "Buffy The Vampire Slayer." Bagby is still acting in smaller films. Buena Vista Pictures/Instagram The other bully in the film, Jay, is played by Tobias Jelinek. Jelinek has guest-starred on hit shows including "Shameless," "Stranger Things," "Baskets" and, most recently, appeared in Paramount's "American Woman." Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Stephanie Faracy, who played Dani and Max's mom, has also stayed strong on the acting scene, having appeared on TV's "How to Get Away With Murder," "Devious Maids" and more. She also had roles in films including "Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates" and "The Five-Year Engagement." Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Charles Rocket played Dani and Max's father in the hit Halloween film. The actor died by suicide in 2005. Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Garry Marshall had an uncredited role as the devil. Marshall, who was already a well- established writer/producer/director before "Hocus Pocus," went on to direct films like "Princess Diaries," "Raising Helen," "Georgia Rule" and holiday films including "Mother's Day" and "New Year's Eve." Marshall passed away in 2016 due to complications from pneumonia after suffering a stroke. Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Garry's sister Penny Marshall also appeared in "Hocus Pocus," playing the devil's wife. Penny is famous for playing Laverne in "Laverne & Shirley," which was created by Garry, and directing "A League of Their Own," and after "Hocus Pocus," she acted a little and has continued to direct and produce movies. Buena Vista Pictures/Getty Images Share — copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt — remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the license terms. Attribution — You must give appropriate credit , provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made . You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use. ShareAlike — If you remix, transform, or build upon the material, you must distribute your contributions under the same license as the original. 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