

star wars:

coming soon to a theatre near you

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When Star Wars premiered twenty years ago, many of us were not even old enough to go to the theatres alone. Regardless, we found a way there and Star Wars figures highly in the childhood memories of this writer at least. We had the action figures, we had the colouring books, and we had the Halloween costumes. Even sitting in a movie theatre today, you can hear the whisper as a character comes on the screen -- "Hey, did you know he was Darth Vader?"

Even if it was a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far, away, many of these beloved characters are still on your screens today.

Princess Leia:

Carrie Fisher made her starring role debut as Princess Leia. Fisher comes from a family heavily involved in theatre and film, such as her father Eddy Fisher. These days however, she is behind the cameras as a writer. One of her most famous screenplays was *Postcards From the Edge*, which she based on life with her mother.

Han Solo:

Harrison Ford stole the hearts of women everywhere with his portrayal of the dashing adventurer Han Solo. He carried on this character in the famous *Indiana Jones Trilogy*. Ford is arguably the most successful of the Star Wars cast, having starred in such movies as: Regarding

Henry, *Patriot Games*, *The Fugitive*, *Force Ten from Navarone*, *Blade Runner*, *Mosquito Coast*, and *Sabrina*.

Luke Skywalker:

Mark Hamill seemed to disappear off the face of the earth after his Star Wars success.

He has appeared in a plethora of "B" grade sci-fi movies, and has a growing career acting in CD-Rom games. He did make at least one serious film attempt, as a photographer in a murder mystery movie shown often on ATV. (If anyone knows the name of this movie, give the Prints office a call -- the first correct response will get a free CD.) Perhaps his most recognizable role since

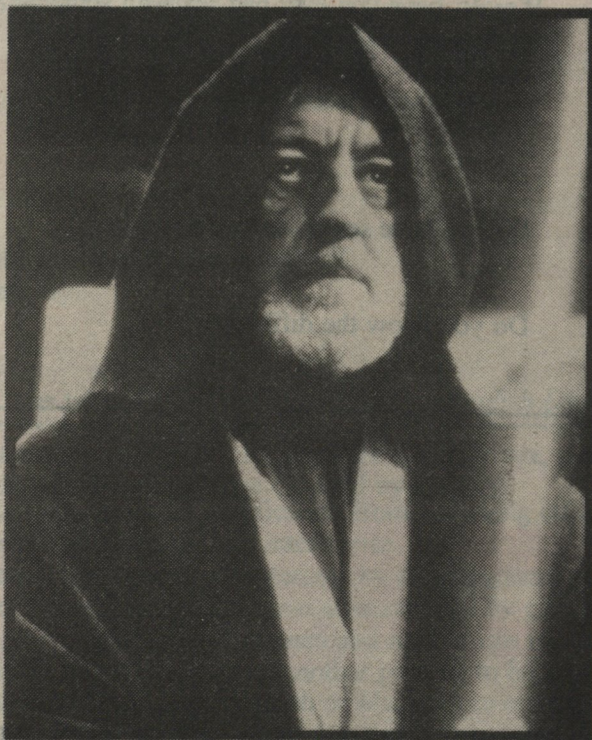
Luke is as the voice of the Joker in the *Batman* cartoon series. In other words -- Mark Who?

Darth Vader:

While James Earl Jones wasn't really the man in the suit, he did give Darth Vader that memorable voice. You can listen for his booming voice in various commercials, and in the movies *Conan the Barbarian*, *Field of Dreams*, and *Hunt for Red October*. "Luke, I am your father..."

Yoda:

Hey, everyone loves this wrinkled little guy. Frank Oz, muppeteer extraordinaire, made the Jedi Master come to life. ET, eat your heart out.



Release Dates

STAR WARS	JANUARY 21, 1977
THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK	FEBRUARY 21, 1977
RETURN OF THE JEDI	MARCH 7, 1977

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The Star Wars Revolution

As *Star Wars* reaches its twentieth birthday, the film, famously set "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away," retains its golden glow. The ensuing chapters -- *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980) and *Return of the Jedi* (1983) -- from the core trilogy of an unfolding saga that will finally resume with a trio of new "prequel" films that will soon go into production. In the meantime, the twentieth anniversary of the 1977 release that started it all will be celebrated with the *Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition*, a theatrical rerelease of the original films enhanced with digital artistry provided by Lucasfilm's own Industrial Light and Magic (ILM) visual effects division.

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