

A Mark of Excellence

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Mark,



...acknowledge Mark's birthday, and the three days we will be the same age.

Billy

HAPPY 54!!!!

Skyline

Happy Birthday

Jedi Knight

happy birthday Mark! Love ya!

Butterfly

Happy Birthday, Mark !!

Happy Birthday and many, many wonderful 'B-Days' to come! I know that you were exactly where you wanted to be, with loved ones and friends.

Keep It Steady - Ty

Happy Birthday, Mark and all the best for you and your family!

Love ya!

Angel3

Happy Birthday Mark!:D

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Dear Mark,

Talents, charms, and a generous heart are gifts to us all, and they come wrapped in a black leather jacket! I only wish I knew what to give you in return for all the smiles you've brought to my face, but I'll offer what I can: Hugs, kisses, and my very best wishes for a great birthday and a wonderful year ahead!

Love, Susan

Notes From the Editor

I've actually managed to stay close to home since the last newsletter was sent out. Quite enough going on here to almost make me wish I was somewhere else!

A tradition we began several years ago is to make a donation to one of Mark's favourite charities to honour his birthday. This year, thanks to a couple of very generous members, we made a donation of \$175.00 to CHPHP (Children Helping Poor and Homeless People). For more information on CHPHP, check out their website.

And now a plea for help! We

Did You Catch?

Tying in with the above, I only recently discovered Mark had done a voice on 'Garfield and Friends', sometime during the fifth season of this show.

'*Empire*', a British movie magazine, has issued a 'Top 100 Biggest Movies of All Time', for the US box office, adjusted for today's inflation. '*Star Wars: A New Hope*' was second on the list, following '*Gone With the Wind*'. The film about a ship that sank was sixth.

AFI also released a 'Top 50 Villains of All Time' list, and

try to keep the credits section on the website as up to date as possible. Karen, Kari, and Jeannie have all done and are doing a gargantuan job in trying to keep up with all the voice-work in particular. However, time and geography are hampering the efforts. In order to list something in the credits section, we need to have the episode, or at least one if it is a recurring role, on videotape or DVD. As many of you know, Mark's name is mentioned as being in projects that he has not done work on, so this is a verification. We can

then do vidcaps and soundbytes for the website!

We're looking for fc members who have TIVO or the equivalent and are willing to program it to search and record Mark's voicework. If this is something you can and are willing to help with, please e-mail HdShroom@aol.com, subject VOICEWORK. Or drop a note to IMHFC- Voicework P O Box 287 Grand Blanc 48480. Together we can get the credits section as complete as possible!

Darth Vader was number 3, following Dr Hannibal Lecter and Norman Bates.

Gary Kurtz, producer on 'Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back', recently auctioned off a number of props he has collected over the years. One of the items is a lightsabre Mark used in SW:ANH. It went for \$200,000. No, it is not part of my son's collection *G* I have to go over to a friend's house to play with another one.



Mark at the opening for

'*Avenue Q*' in Las Vegas, Nevada on 8 September 2005? While in LV, he took time out to mind Avenue Q's co-creator Bobby Lopez and wife Kristin's 5 month old daughter.

The Nextoons Film Festival has announced the winner: Arthur de Pins' '*La Revolution des Crabbes*'. Mark was one of the judges.

Future Watch



Spawn.com have announced that Mark will be voicing the character of Twitch in ‘*SPAWN: The Animation*’. Todd McFarlane talks a bit about casting: ‘Twitch was even harder [to cast than casting Sam].

For some reason my direction on what I was hoping for and what casting was hearing me say wasn’t matching up. However we

did eventually find a gem, another recognizable name we were happy to add to the cast. Mark Hamill (‘*Star Wars*’, ‘*Batman: The Animated Series*’) will be our Twitch. Mark is a pro. He did three different auditions in three subtly different examples of the voice. His auditions showed a wide range of

emotions as well. We were lucky to land him in such a pivotal role for our project.’ Twitch is an overly analytical detective.

Try to catch ‘*Robot Chicken*’ on Cartoon Network. Check local listings for time.. Mark has done several episodes, including ‘*Joint Point*’, ‘*S & M Present*’, and ‘*Vegetable Fun Fest*’.



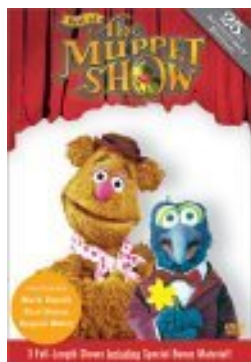
DVD RELEASES



‘*The Big Red One: Reconstructed*’ is not the only recent release of Mark’s work.

‘*Corvette Summer*’ was released on DVD Tuesday 30th August 2005. Season One of ‘*The Muppet Show*’ has also been released. We’ll have to wait until season 4

to see Mark’s episode. Of course, if you have the Time-Life ‘*Best Of the Muppet Show*’, you are already

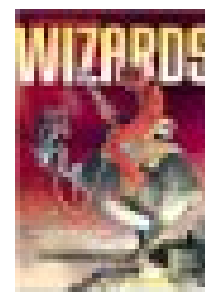


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Watching it, I’m still impressed at the weekly guest list.



Released on DVD last year was Mark’s first big screen work, as the King of the Fairies, Sean, in Ralph Bakshi’s ‘*Wizards*’.





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The Last Word...

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