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Star Wars The Mandalorian by Jon Favreau starts shooting

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The New Star Wars series fronted by Jon Favreau starts shooting this week. Kathleen Kennedy could not be more thrilled to welcome him in this new endeavor.

There are rumors that the live-action show will involve locations such as Tatooine and will take place around 3 years after Return of the Jedi. The series will premiere on Disney's direct to consumer streaming service and will be the first live-action television for Star Wars.

I have to admit that I am very excited to see what this series will cover and who will be part of the cast. I feel that there are many exiting times afoot for the Star Wars franchise.

We also received the confirmation of the title, *The Mandalorian* which to me is very exiting as I've always wanted a more in-depth look at the lore of Mandalorians.

Also among the filmmakers to direct *The Mandalorian* we will have: *Thor: Ragnarok* filmmaker *Taika Waititi, Bryce Dallas Howard, Deborah Chow* and *Dave Filoni.* I have to admit I am extremely exited to see *Dave Filoni's* name on the list! He truly deserves to be a part of this project! It is also great to see *Bryce Dallas Howard* signing up to direct.

I have to say that I am very excited in this going forward. It will be interesting to see how Star Wars will translate to the small screen and who will be cast. Let us hope that Disney's Streaming service will be available worldwide before it's release.

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Lucasfilm is excited to announce that Emmy-nominated producer and actor Jon Favreau has signed on to executive produce and write a live-action *Star Wars* series for Disney's new direct-to-consumer platform. Favreau is no stranger to the *Star Wars* galaxy having played roles in both the *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* animated series and in the upcoming *Solo: A Star Wars Story.*

"I couldn't be more excited about Jon coming on board to produce and write for the new direct-to-consumer platform," says Lucasfilm president Kathleen Kennedy. "Jon brings the perfect mix of producing and writing talent, combined with a fluency in the *Star Wars* universe. This series will allow Jon the chance to work with a diverse group of writers and directors and give Lucasfilm the opportunity to build a robust talent base."

Favreau is thrilled to be returning to the *Star Wars* galaxy: "If you told me at 11 years old that I would be getting to tell stories in the *Star Wars* universe, I wouldn't have believed you. I can't wait to embark upon this exciting adventure."

Disney's collaborations with Favreau extend back a decade, when he helped launch the Marvel Cinematic Universe as director of *Iron Man* and *Iron Man 2* and as an executive producer of the *Iron Man* and *Avengers* films for Marvel Studios. For Disney, he directed and produced the massively successful *The Jungle Book*, which won an Academy Award for its groundbreaking visual effects. He is currently in production on Disney's highly anticipated reimagining of *The Lion King*, set for release in 2019.

The untitled *Star Wars* live-action series does not yet have a release date.

Pictures below are courtesy of Making Star Wars and the instagram account of Jon Favreau.













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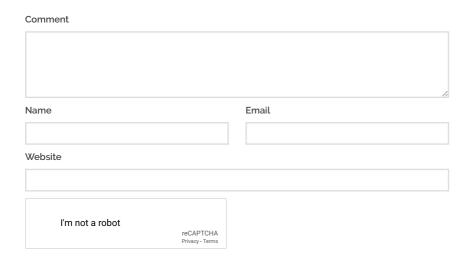
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