

STRANGE TIDES “WASH UP” CAPTAIN JACK SPARROW ON WATERFRONTS AROUND THE WORLD AS MADAME TUSSAUDS CELEBRATES A GLOBAL PIRATE INVASION

London. 12th May 2011. Madame Tussauds is celebrating an exciting new addition to its A-list line up as wax figures of Johnny Depp portrayed as Disney's “Pirates of the Caribbean's” Captain Jack Sparrow, arrive at nine of its attractions, including London, today (Thursday 12th May). In true pirate style, the arrival will be something of an invasion as the stunningly realistic wax figures appear in iconic waterfront locations in cities around the world. In London the maverick swashbuckler turned up this morning outside key London landmarks on a Thames cruiser.

The one day “invasion” will also see Captain Jack Sparrow appear in Hong Kong’s historic harbour, on the shores of the Chao Phraya River in Bangkok, on the banks of Amsterdam’s legendary canals, Coney Island in New York, on a Gondola in the famous Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, a riverside location in Berlin with Television Tower in the background, in the Healing Garden at Hollywood’s Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles and finally in the Washington DC attraction followed by a downtown DC pirate flash mob.

“We are delighted that Captain Jack Sparrow is joining us to celebrate the release of Walt Disney Pictures and Jerry Bruckheimer Films’ *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*,” said name of attraction. “We have transformed our figure of Johnny Depp into his Pirate’s character down to the last detail, from braided hair and bejewelled fingers to colourful costume and trademark bandana. He looked very at home at location details (e.g. on the Bank of the River Thames), but he’s now taken up residence on dry land here at Madame Tussauds location”.

It took 3 months to transform the figures into character with a dedicated team of hair and make up experts and stylists working to replicate the distinctive look of one of the most popular movie characters of recent years. Now the public will be able put on its best pirate swagger and measure up to Captain Jack Sparrow in special themed pirate settings at Madame Tussauds attractions around the world.

Further information:**About Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides***

Produced by Jerry Bruckheimer and directed by Rob Marshall, *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* captures the fun, excitement and humor that ignited the hit franchise—this time in Disney Digital 3D™. Johnny Depp returns to his iconic role of Captain Jack Sparrow in this action-packed adventure that finds him crossing paths (and swords) with the enigmatic Angelica (Penélope Cruz). When she forces him aboard the “Queen Anne’s Revenge,” the ship of the legendary pirate Blackbeard (Ian McShane), Jack finds himself on an unexpected journey to the fabled Fountain of Youth. Along the way Jack must use all his wiles to deal with the barbarous Blackbeard and his crew of zombies, Angelica, the ravishing pirate with whom he shares a dubious past, and the beautiful, enchanting mermaids whose masterful cunning can lure even the most seasoned sailor to his doom. The international cast includes franchise vets Geoffrey Rush as the indestructible Captain Hector Barbossa and Kevin R. McNally as Captain Jack’s longtime comrade Joshamee Gibbs, plus Sam Claflin as a stalwart missionary and Astrid Bergès-Frisbey as a mysterious mermaid.

Walt Disney Pictures and Jerry Bruckheimer Films' *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* opens in theatres on 18th May, 2011, in Disney Digital 3D, with screen story and screenplay by Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio, based on characters created by Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio and Stuart Beattie and Jay Wolpert, and suggested by the novel by Tim Powers.