

Harry Potter and the film-makers' magic: Incredibly detailed model of Hogwarts Castle used for every film in blockbusting series is revealed for the first time.

Ever since the first Harry Potter novel was released almost 25 years ago, children and adults alike have fantasised about visiting its famous boarding school for wizards and witches. But, as these incredible pictures show, they need to dream no longer. Whether you show magic ability or not - fans now have the opportunity to get as close to Hogwarts Castle as they are ever likely to get. This extraordinary model of the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is now on display for the first time.



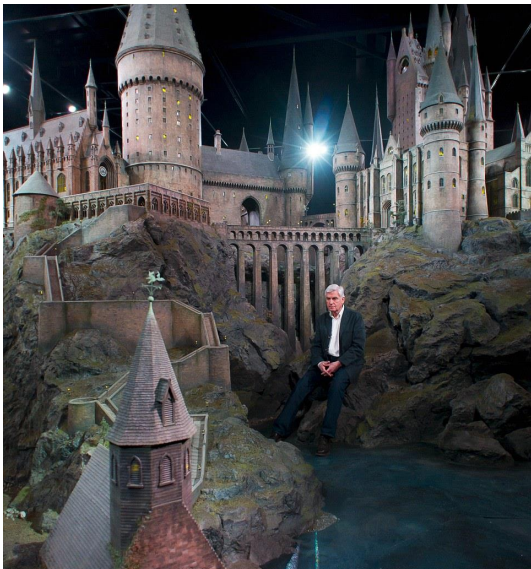
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Proud: Jose Granell, model supervisor, is pictured with the model of Hogwarts Castle. It has been used for every one of the Harry Potter films



Impressive: The model as it appears in the film Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.



Enormous: The castle was based on Durham Cathedral and Alnwick Castle. Stuart Craig, production manager, is dwarfed by the massive structure.



Chance for all to see: The castle is now on display as part of The Making Of Harry Potter studio tour at Leavesden Studios, London



Where does Hogwarts come from?

Durham cathedral was used as the basis for 'everything to the right of the viaduct', but there was 'plenty of theatrical exaggeration'.

Alnwick Castle (right) was both the basis for some of the design of the castle and where the flying lesson scenes were filmed.

