

Jude Law To Play Dumbledore in FANTASTIC BEASTS 2



Law is going back to school. He has been cast as the fan favorite character of Albus Dumbledore in the next installment of the ***Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them***.



This film will show Dumbledore at a younger age, before he became the great wizard most fellow wizards and audiences love. His character starts as a Transfiguration professor at Hogwarts and is “quite a troubled man” according to a teaser from J.K. Rowling last November. “[You’ll] see him at that formative period of his life.”

Rowling has said the next film will “move deeper into an increasingly dark time for the wizarding world” as Newt Scamander and company are having to decide where to place their allegiance, with muggle lovers or Gellert Grindelwald (**Johnny Depp**), the charismatic dark wizard who believes wizards are superior to Muggles and No-Majs.

Director David Yates showed his enthusiasm for Law’s casting, saying he is “a phenomenally talented actor whose work I have long admired, and I’m looking forward to finally having the opportunity to work with him. I know he will brilliantly capture all the unexpected facets of Albus Dumbledore as J.K. Rowling reveals this very different time in his life.”

Law will be the third actor to take on Dumbledore. Richard Harris portrayed the headmaster in the first two *Harry Potter* films until his death in 2002. Michael Gambon took over the role for the final six movies.

The two-time Oscar nominee has also appeared in the Warner Bros franchise, *Sherlock Holmes*, as Dr. Watson. He will next appear in their *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword*.

Filming is scheduled to start this summer and set for a release date of November 16, 2018.

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