

# When DreamWorks Came to Stanley: Dispatches From Tasmania

In 2014, the small Tasmanian town of Stanley was transformed into a bustling film set as DreamWorks Animation descended upon the town to shoot their latest animated film, 'The Penguins of Madagascar'. The film tells the story of four penguins who are tasked with saving the world from the evil Dr. Octavius Brine. The film stars the voices of Benedict Cumberbatch, John Malkovich, and Ken Jeong.



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The production of 'The Penguins of Madagascar' was a major undertaking for the town of Stanley. The film crew took over the town for several months, and the local community was involved in every aspect of the production. From providing accommodation and food for the cast and crew,

to helping with the construction of sets and props, the people of Stanley embraced the opportunity to be a part of the film-making process.

The film's director, Simon J. Smith, said that he was drawn to Stanley because of its unique and beautiful scenery. "Stanley is a town that has a lot of character," Smith said. "It's a place that's both beautiful and rugged, and it provided the perfect backdrop for our film."

The cast and crew of 'The Penguins of Madagascar' were also full of praise for the town of Stanley. Benedict Cumberbatch, who voiced the character of Classified, said that he was "blown away" by the beauty of the town. "Stanley is a truly special place," Cumberbatch said. "It's a place that I will never forget."

The production of 'The Penguins of Madagascar' had a significant impact on the town of Stanley. The film brought in millions of dollars in revenue, and it helped to put the town on the map. The film also helped to create a sense of community pride, and it brought the people of Stanley together in a way that they had never been before.

The film's release in 2014 was a major event for the town of Stanley. The film was a huge success, grossing over \$500 million worldwide. The film also received positive reviews from critics, who praised its humor, animation, and voice cast.

The making of 'The Penguins of Madagascar' is a story of how a small town can come together to achieve something truly extraordinary. The film is a testament to the power of community and the importance of working together. It is also a story of how dreams can come true, even in the most unlikely of places.

## **Behind the Scenes with the Cast and Crew**

In addition to the main story, the article also includes several behind-the-scenes features with the cast and crew of 'The Penguins of Madagascar'. These features provide a fascinating glimpse into the making of the film, and they offer a unique perspective on the film's production.

One of the most interesting features is an interview with director Simon J. Smith. Smith discusses his vision for the film, and he reveals some of the challenges that he faced during the production. Smith also talks about the importance of community involvement, and he explains how the people of Stanley helped to make the film a success.

Another highlight of the article is an interview with Benedict Cumberbatch. Cumberbatch talks about his experience voicing the character of Classified, and he shares his thoughts on the film's message. Cumberbatch also discusses his love of Tasmania, and he explains why he believes that Stanley is such a special place.

The article also includes interviews with other members of the cast and crew, including John Malkovich, Ken Jeong, and David Schwimmer. These interviews provide a well-rounded view of the making of 'The Penguins of Madagascar', and they offer a unique insight into the film's production.

## **The Impact on the Community**

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The production of 'The Penguins of Madagascar' is a story that will be told for generations to come. It is a story that will inspire people to dream big and to never give up on their dreams.



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