

# Mark Rylance in Talks to Play Dumbledore in 'Harry Potter' Series

## Description

According to sources familiar with the project, renowned actor Mark Rylance has emerged as a leading contender for a prominent role in the upcoming HBO adaptation of "Harry Potter," as reported by *Variety*.

Currently captivating audiences as Thomas Cromwell in the highly-anticipated BBC drama "Wolf Hall: The Mirror and The Light," Rylance is reportedly being considered for the role of Dumbledore. Insider information suggests that discussions are underway regarding his potential involvement.

While it has not yet entered formal negotiations, Warner Bros. Television has made initial inquiries to assess Rylance's interest and availability. Representatives for Rylance have not immediately commented, and an HBO spokesperson stated, "We recognize that a high-profile series like this will naturally generate rumors and speculation. As we progress through pre-production, we will confirm details only once agreements are finalized."

Although the lead roles of Harry, Hermione, and Ron are likely to be filled by newcomers—following an open casting call for children aged 9 to 11—Warner Bros. aims to enlist some of the U.K.'s most esteemed actors for the adult roles, reminiscent of the original film adaptations.

Finding actors willing to commit to a potential seven-season journey, corresponding to each book, presents a significant challenge. Mark Rylance, now 64, is one of the respected talents being considered for this demanding role.

The HBO series, which was first announced in 2023, is expected to provide a more detailed exploration of the beloved series and is scheduled to premiere in 2026.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Contender** /kən'tendər/ (noun): A person or group competing with others for the same objective.
2. **Prominent** /prəmīnənt/ (adjective): Important; famous.
3. **Speculation** /spɛkjʊ'lēʃən/ (noun): The forming of a theory or conjecture without firm evidence.
4. **Esteemed** /ɪ'sti:md/ (adjective): Regarded highly or favorably; respected.
5. **Inquiries** /ɪn'kwaɪəriz/ (noun): The act of asking for information.
6. **Exploration** /ɛk.splə'reɪʃən/ (noun): The act of investigating or examining something in detail.

## Comprehension Questions

## Multiple Choice

1. Who is reportedly being considered for the role of Dumbledore in the upcoming HBO adaptation of "Harry Potter"?

- Option: Mark Rylance
- Option: Tom Hanks
- Option: Julianne Moore
- Option: Meryl Streep

2. What is the title of the highly-anticipated BBC drama where Mark Rylance is currently captivating audiences?

- Option: Wolf Hall: The Mirror and The Light
- Option: The Crown
- Option: The Mandalorian
- Option: Stranger Things

3. What age group were children required to be in for the open casting call for lead roles in the upcoming HBO adaptation of "Harry Potter"?

- Option: 7 to 9
- Option: 9 to 11
- Option: 12 to 14
- Option: 15 to 17

4. What year was the HBO series adaptation of "Harry Potter" first announced?

- Option: 2020
- Option: 2021
- Option: 2022
- Option: 2023

5. How many seasons is the potential journey for actors in the upcoming HBO series expected to be?

- Option: Three
- Option: Five
- Option: Seven
- Option: Ten

6. Which company made initial inquiries to assess Mark Rylance's interest and availability for the HBO series adaptation of "Harry Potter"?

- Option: CNN

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Option: BBC  
Option: Warner Bros. Television  
Option: Netflix

**True-False**

7. Mark Rylance is 64 years old.
8. The lead roles of Harry, Hermione, and Ron will be filled by experienced actors.
9. The HBO series adaptation of "Harry Potter" is expected to premiere in 2026.
10. Mark Rylance has already entered formal negotiations for the role of Dumbledore.
11. The upcoming HBO series will confirm details only once agreements are finalized.
12. Warner Bros. aims to enlist some of the U.S.'s most esteemed actors for the adult roles in the series.

**Gap-Fill**

13. Mark Rylance is reportedly being considered for the role of Dumbledore in the upcoming HBO adaptation of "Harry Potter" at the age of \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The HBO series adaptation of "Harry Potter" was first announced in \_\_\_\_\_.
15. According to insider information, discussions are underway regarding Mark Rylance's potential involvement in the series as \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Warner Bros. aims to enlist some of the U.K.'s most esteemed actors for the \_\_\_\_\_ roles in the upcoming HBO adaptation of "Harry Potter."
17. The journey for actors in the HBO series adaptation of "Harry Potter" is expected to correspond to each \_\_\_\_\_ of the book series.

18. The HBO series adaptation of "Harry Potter" is scheduled to premiere in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Mark Rylance 2. Wolf Hall: The Mirror and The Light 3. 9 to 11 4. 2023 5. Seven 6. Warner Bros. Television

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 64 14. 2023 15. Dumbledore 16. adult 17. season 18. 2026

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is a tribute?

Option: A form of payment

Option: An expression of admiration or gratitude

Option: A legal contract

Option: A type of punishment

2. What does an advocate do?

Option: Treats patients in a hospital

Option: Defends or supports a cause or proposal

Option: Plays musical instruments professionally

Option: Writes novels

3. What does it mean to insist?

Option: To agree readily

Option: To demand something forcefully

Option: To change direction abruptly

Option: To express doubt

4. What does the term "spectrum" refer to?

Option: A type of computer monitor

Option: A range of values conditions or characteristics

Option: An ancient manuscript

Option: A scientific theory

### Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )

5. A person's \_\_\_\_\_ is what they leave behind for future generations.

6. Extreme pain or \_\_\_\_\_ is known as anguish.

7. A person or team competing to win a competition is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

8. The fox used its intelligence and trickery to outsmart the other animals.

9. The magician's performance was so enchanting that the audience was spellbound.

10. The professor highly respected in his field was an member of the academic community.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. An expression of admiration or gratitude 2. Defends or supports a cause or proposal  
3. To demand something forcefully 4. A range of values conditions or characteristics

**Gap-Fill:** 5. legacy 6. anguish 7. contender

**Matching sentence:** 1. Cunning 2. Captivating 3. Esteemed

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