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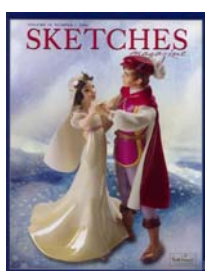
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WDCC Gossip

Those of you, who are members of the Walt Disney Collectors Society and have read *Sketches*, have probably noticed it already.

The first *Sketches* of 2006 shows us some very interesting possibilities for new releases.



On page 10 and 11 you can read an article about the Animation Research Library: a repository for over 60 million pieces from more than 75 years of wonderful Disney Animation. The photos, that accompany this article, are very interesting: one photo shows Ruben Procopio (a WDCC sculptor) with a maquette of Chernabog and a second photo shows us a maquette of Cruella de Vil.



Chernabog is most certainly one of the most sought after sculptures of the Walt Disney Classics Collection.

This character was last released in 1997 during the

Disneyana Convention: it was only available to guests who attended the convention and he was available in a limited edition of 1,500 pieces. Nowadays, it has become a very rare and expensive sculpture.

In the same *Sketches* there is an article on a not so well-known Disney classic: *Bedknobs and Broomsticks*. Question is:

will there be a sculpture from this feature as well?

Of course, it is not 100% sure, that we will really see these figurines, but it seems that a little tradition has been born. After all, the last *Sketches* of 2005 told us some clues on the new *Jungle Book* sculpture of Kaa and Mowgli.

On a regular basis we are asked how *Sketches* can be obtained: you have to be a member of the Walt Disney Collectors Society. A membership costs about € 75,- a year and you will receive the membership gift sculpture. You can read all about the Walt Disney Collectors Society on [this page](#). Dealers can be found at our special [dealers-page](#).



Marketplace

Behind the screens, we are working on the expansion of our website. We are currently developing a marketplace.

Every few months we look at our private WDCC collection and pick the figurines that really do not fit in any more. This "cleaning" must clear the much needed space in our cabinets for new sculptures. The figurines that are "obsolete" will be sold at this marketplace. This expansion will be a better alternative for the marketplace that we currently have online at our [forum](#).



We will also offer third parties, who want to sell their private collections, the possibility to offer their figurines on the website.

In all cases it has to be a private sale from a private collection.

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In the Spotlights

This time we will discuss the first set from the "Of Dreams & Magic" series, Alice and Caterpillar: "Who R U?" and "Properly Polite".

Kathryn Beaumont was cast for the voice of Alice, she was also the model for Alice. The voice of the Caterpillar was done by Richard Haydn (better known for his role of Uncle Max in *The Sound of Music*). The first scene that was recorded with Kathryn and Richard was the encounter between Alice and the Caterpillar: the inspiration for this wonderful set made by the Walt Disney Classics Collection.

These pieces are also museum pieces: in 2005 Alice and the Caterpillar were part of the exhibition "Disneyland, the first 50 years", which was held in the *American History Museum* (better known as *The Smithsonian Institute*). Along with the sculptures of Dumbo, Timothy Mouse and Mr. J. Crow (2003) they could be watched by the visiting public for 3 months.



This special set (sculpted by Dusty Horner) was released in 2003 and was only available for members of the Walt Disney Collectors Society during 15 months (from January 1, 2003 until March 31, 2004).

The set is plussed with a pipe made of bronze, pewter and porcelain. The feet of the Caterpillar have been made of pewter.



Did you know ...

... that the gemstone on the turban of Jafar ("Villainous Vizier") is a genuine ruby.

The "first" Jafar ("Oh Mighty Evil One") has a genuine red garnet on his turban.



Questions, wishes and remarks ...

Would you like to see a specific figurine discussed in "In the Spotlights" or do you have other remarks, wishes or questions? Please send us an e-mail: info@getandcollect.nl.