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The American Adventure Highlights ‘Dreamers and Doers’ of American History

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — The American Adventure, the flagship pavilion of Epcot World Showcase at Walt Disney World Resort, celebrates the spirit of America’s independence, history and diversity, and reflects the nation’s ever-changing character.

The pavilion is home to the American Adventure show, a dramatic theatrical presentation that combines the magic of Audio-Animatronics with innovations in film and special effects housed inside a 108,000-square-foot Georgian-style mansion.

“The American Adventure story represents some of the great moments, inspiring dreamers and courageous doers and their contributions that have shaped the spirit of America since its earliest roots,” said executive show director and Disney Imagineer Rick Rothschild.

The show is punctuated by the “Golden Dreams” film that depicts some of America’s most moving events from World War II to present day. New sequences include images from the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, Lance Armstrong’s Tour de France victory and Oprah Winfrey’s compassionate work with African children. “These additional scenes portray the resilience and breadth of the American spirit,” Rothschild said.

In the 29-minute theatrical presentation, one of the most elaborate ever created using Audio-Animatronics figures, hosts Benjamin Franklin and Mark Twain take guests on a journey into the birth of a new nation and the resulting spirit of its creation.

The show portrays such famous Americans as Thomas Jefferson, Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, Alexander Graham Bell, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., Tiger Woods and Oprah Winfrey.

Through advances in Audio-Animatronics technology, Disney Imagineers have infused new levels of realism and details so that each character helps tell the story through their own personality.