

EXTENDED SNEAK PEEK NOW AVAILABLE OF DISNEY AND PIXAR'S UPCOMING NEW FILM "SOUL"

PREMIERING ON DISNEY+ ON DECEMBER 25

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EINPresswire.com/ -- As Disney and Pixar's "Soul" nears its debut on Disney+ on December 25, a new sneak peek of the critically acclaimed feature film is now available. In the movie, Joe Gardner (voice of Jamie Foxx) is a middle-school band teacher who dreams of playing in the best jazz club in town. Filmmakers found they could relate to the character's passion for music.



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Director Pete Docter grew up in a musical family and plays the double bass. "My folks are both teachers and both musicians," says Docter. "There are three kids and we all became musicians. I think my mom enjoyed having the Von Trapp family; when people would come over, we'd have to perform. My two sisters stuck with it—one is a cellist with the Metropolitan Opera, and the other one is violist and a teacher."

Co-director Kemp Powers, who used to be a music writer, played the alto saxophone in a jazz band during high school. His affinity for jazz plays a big role in his personal life. "My son's name is Mingus," says Powers. "He's named after Charles Mingus. A lot of us Gen Xers, particularly Black Gen Xers, fell in love with the bebop-era jazz artists—John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk, Charles Mingus, Miles Davis, of course Herbie Hancock. These guys were musical icons that—specifically in New York City—inform so much of the other big musical genre in the city, which is hip hop. The background tunes of my life are jazz and hip hop."

"Life has so much to offer," says Joe in the sneak peek. "We only have a short time on this planet. Don't miss out on the joys of life. Remember to enjoy every minute of it."

Disney and Pixar's "Soul" also features the voices of Tina Fey, Phylicia Rashad, Donnell Rawlings, Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson, Angela Bassett and Daveed Diggs. The film is directed by Docter,

co-directed by Powers and produced by Dana Murray. Jazz compositions & arrangements are by globally renowned musician and GRAMMY® nominee Jon Batiste, while Oscar® winners Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross (“The Social Network”) composed an original score.

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