

Deadline is reporting that 3x Academy Award-nominee Johnny Depp has signed on for a co-starring role in the 2018 sequel to *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. No further details were provided on his role, but it's been confirmed by multiple sources that he will make a brief cameo in the first film, which is due out in theaters November 18. The sequel is expected to head into production early next year with David Yates back in the director's chair and star Eddie Redmayne also returning for his second adventure as magizoologist Newt Scamander. To speculate for just a moment: considering how secretive the production team is being with his role, could Depp be bringing to life someone Potter fans have heard a lot about but rarely seen such as the legendary dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald, who receives special mention in the extended synopsis, and has been heavily rumored to play a part in this new pentalogy? Depp can be seen next reprising

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