

# Vicência Santos, played by Maria Fernanda Candido, and other beloved witches on HBO Max

To celebrate the arrival of the third film in the “Fantastic Beasts” saga to the catalogue, the streaming platform highlights outstanding characters in hit films.

The film that topped the domestic box office for weeks, FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE SECRETS OF DUMBLEDORE, has arrived on HBO Max from the theater to your home at no additional cost. And one character in particular has been enchanting fans of the saga: the witch Vicência Santos

Brazilian Minister for Magic and candidate for the position of Head of the International Confederation of Wizards, Vicência is played by actress Maria Fernanda Cândido from Paraná. According to the actress, the character’s name comes from the verb “to thrive” and reflects her confidence and attitude towards challenges. Elegant and discreet, Vicencia plays a decisive role in this new Wizarding World™ classic. In addition to the first Brazilian witch in the Wizarding World franchise, HBO Max has listed five other iconic witches that fans can see and rewatch on the platform.

## MELISANDRE, THE RED WOMAN (GAME OF THRONES)

Played by Carice van Houten, Melisandre is counselor to Stannis Baratheon and priestess of the Lord of Light, a divine entity that gathers followers in Westeros. Introduced in the second season of George R.R. Martin's series, the mysterious red-haired woman is extremely attractive and claims to possess magical powers, in addition to the gift of prophecy. The sorceress wears a ruby necklace that appears to be the source of her power.

## HERMIONE AND BELLATRIX (HARRY POTTER)

Character from J.K. Rowling's books immortalized by actress Emma Watson, Hermione is Harry Potter's best friend and one of the most diligent students in the history of Hogwarts School of Magic. Despite being born to muggle parents, with her intelligence and loyalty, Hermione becomes a powerful witch and a key ally in the battle against the villain, Voldemort. On the opposite side of the confrontation is the pure-blooded witch Bellatrix Lestrange. Played by the English Helena Bonham Carter, the eccentric villain makes her first appearance in HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE as a follower of “He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named”.

## MS. EVA ERNST/THE GRAND HIGH WITCH (THE WITCHES)

In 2020, Anne Hathaway brought to life the Grand High Witch in the remake of the classic fiction story that tells the tale of a boy who comes across a meeting of witches, who plan to turn all the children in the world into mice. The Oscar®, Emmy® and Golden Globe®-winning actress delivers a fantastic and fun performance. In the original 1990 version, this leader, Ms. Eva Ernst, is played by the multi-talented Anjelica Huston, award-winning American actress, director, producer and writer;

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also known for her portrayal of Morticia Adams.

## WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST (THE WIZARD OF OZ)

In this undisputed classic of children's literature and international cinema, we meet one of the most iconic witches of all time: the Wicked Witch of the West. After young Dorothy arrives in Oz, lands a house on her sister and takes possession of the ruby slippers, the green villain with the pointy hat, played by Margaret Hamilton, vows to take revenge.

FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE SECRETS OF DUMBLEDORE, along with these and other classic titles are now available for free to HBO Max subscribers.

