

Wax museum revels in ridicule as critics lampoon its statues

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BOSTON — A good roast- ing hasn't caused a meltdown at Boston's new wax museum. Officials at the Dreamland Wax Museum say they're embracing the extra attention brought by waves of online hecklers who have lampooned some of its less-than-flattering likenesses.

"It's absolutely been a blessing to have all of that controversy," said Michael Pelletz, the museum's vice president of sales. "Even if it's negative press, it's working wonderfully."

Photos of the museum's life-sized wax figures have been circulating online since it opened its doors in July, in some cases inspiring scorching ridicule.

It started with a wax portrayal of President Donald Trump that some say looks more like South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Then it was a statue of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady that some called "creepy," with one online critic saying it looks like someone who "would murder you and hide the body."

Now it's a figure of former Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce, which one sports-news website simply said "looks like someone who's not Paul Pierce."

Pelletz says some of the figures aren't perfect because they're based on photos instead of actual measurements from the celebrities. And if the sculptors aren't keenly familiar with every contour of Brady's face, he

said they can be forgiven — most are based overseas, in London and Paris.

Still, Pelletz said even the imperfect statues are works of art that take months to create.

"I'm proud of every single wax figure in here," he said. "Some people love Picasso, some people don't. It's perception."

Going forward, most new models will be created only after artists sit down with the subject to gather dozens of dimensions. The goal is to add about five statues a year, mostly of stars with roots in Boston.

So far, the jeers have targeted only a small fraction of the museum's 101 wax models of musicians, actors and historical figures. Several others have drawn admiration for their impeccable likenesses.



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Joey Zeitz, 11, poses with a wax figure of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady at the Dreamland Wax Museum on Monday in Boston.

TV LISTINGS

THE DAILY ASTORIAN Evening listings FRIDAY-SUNDAY

FRIDAY EVENING														SEPTEMBER 1	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank		What Would You Do?		20/20		KATU News (N)	(35) H.S. Blitz		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Jeopardy!	Shark Tank	What Would You Do?		20/20		20/20		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Diana, 7 Days A look at the week following Princess Diana's death. (N)		Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver "Hole Puncher"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ua Malo'o Ka Wai"		Blue Bloods "Shadow of a Doubt"		KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver "Hole Puncher"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ua Malo'o Ka Wai"		Blue Bloods "Shadow of a Doubt"		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert		
9	KGW	(9) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)	Live at 7 (N)	Clear the Shelters		Diana, 7 Days A look at the week following Princess Diana's death. (N)		Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show		
10	KRCW	(3) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Penn & Teller: Fool Us		News at 10 (N)	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother		
11	KOPB	(10) Family Travel	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Brown "The Theatre of the Invisible"		Miss Marple "Sleeping Murder" 2/2		Oregon Lens		Inside the Court of Henry VIII			
12	KPTV	(12) News (N)	Timbers in 30	Family Feud	Family Feud	MasterChef		Beat Shazam "Episode Three"		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Raising Hope		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)		Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad!	Cleveland Show		
14	FAM	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef		Beat Shazam "Episode Three"		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Most Wanted	Dish Nation		
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (2007, Comedy)		Kevin James, Jessica Biel, Adam Sandler.		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Eleague "CS:GO Preview Show"		I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry			
21	ESPN	(21) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Friends	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Football Utah State at Wisconsin Site: Camp Randall Stadium -- Madison, Wis. (L)								SportsCenter (N)					
30	ESPN2	(30) (4:00) ITF Tennis U.S. Open (L)								NFL Live		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	30 for 30 "Brian and the Boz"		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	★★★ Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters		(13) Alexandra Daddario, Brandon T. Jackson, Logan Lerman.		Full House		Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	(32) Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover	Bunk'd	Andi Mack		
34	FAM	(34) (4:00) ★★ Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ('02) Daniel Radcliffe.				★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004, Fantasy) Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.						The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007, Action) Chris Evans, Chris Evans, Chris Evans, Chris Evans.				★★★ Cyrus (2010, Comedy) Jonah Hill, John C. Reilly.		(50) ★★ Cyrus (2010, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Marisa Tomei, John C. Reilly.		(50) FXM Presents		No Good Deed (2014, Thriller) Idris Elba.			
36	LIFE	(36) (5:00) ★★ Stepmom (1998, Drama) Susan Sarandon, Ed Harris, Julia Roberts.				★★★ Pretty Woman (1990, Romance) Julia Roberts, Jason Alexander, Richard Gere.						Couples Retreat	Twin Explosions		
38	ROOT	(38) Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)						Post-game		NCAA Football Tulsa at Oklahoma			
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) NCAA Football Washington at Rutgers Site: High Point Solutions Stadium -- Piscataway, N.J. (L)						College FB Extra		MLB Whiparound (L)		Speak for Yourself	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed		
43	SPIKE	(43) (4:00) Kick-Ass ('10) ★★ Kick-Ass 2 (2013, Comedy) Chloe Moretz, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Aaron Taylor-Johnson.				★★★ Remember the Titans (2000, Drama) Will Patton, Wood Harris, Denzel Washington.						Invincible ('06)			
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	★★★ We're the Millers (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Emma Roberts, Jason Sudeikis.					Dave Chappelle: Killin' Them Softly			
45	HIST	(45) Aliens "The Mystery of Rudloe Manor"													
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD													
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Family "It's the Fulfillment of a Promise"			
48	DISC	(48) Bering Sea Gold "Big Cold Gold"													
49	NGEO	(49) Titanic: How It Really Sank													
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Con Man in the Meth Lab"													
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) ★★ Tombstone (1993, Western) Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn, Kurt Russell.				★★★ Predator (1987, Sci-Fi) Carl Weathers, Bill Duke, Arnold Schwarzenegger.						★★★ Predator 2 (1990, Sci-Fi) Gary Busey, Danny Glover.			
52	FAM	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family		
53	FOOD	(53) Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins		
54	HGTV	(54) My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home		
56	FX	(56) (5:30) ★★ Lone Survivor ('14, Act) Taylor Kitsch, Emile Hirsch, Mark Wahlberg.				★★★ Captain Phillips (2013, Docu-Drama) Barkhad Abdi, Tom Hanks.						Captain Phillips			
57	CNN	(57) CNN Special Report "Diana: Chasing a Fairytale"				The Nineties "The One About TV" The '90s unleashed a wide-range of television.				The Nineties "Isn't It Ironic?"		The Nineties "New World Order"			
58	FNC	(58) The Five	Hannity	Tucker Carlson Tonight						Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight			
61	CNBC	(61) Greed "Sudden Death/ Hip Hop Hustle"													
63	BRAV	(63) (5:30) ★★ The Dilemma (L.A. A./Tex. (L) Kevin James, Winona Ryder, Vince Vaughn.				★★★ Couples Retreat (2009, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Kristen Bell, Vince Vaughn.						★★★ Couples Retreat ('09) Jason Bateman, Vince Vaughn.			
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Beach Party ('63) Frankie Avalon.				★★★ Muscle Beach Party ('64, Com) Annette Funicello, Don Rickles, Frankie Avalon.				★★★ Surf Party (1964, Comedy) Patricia Morrow, Jackie DeShannon, Bobby Vinton.		For Those Who Think Young			
65	SYFY	(65) (5:30) ★★ Mission to Mars (2000, Sci-Fi) Gary Sinise, Don Cheadle, Tim Robbins.				Killjoys "Wargasm" (N)				★★★ Immortals (2011, Action) Mickey Rourke, John Hurt, Henry Cavill.		Sucker Punch ('11)			
162	RFD	(162) County Reporter	FarmHer	The Jimmy Dean Show		Cumberland High.	Rural Eve. News	Country's Family Reunion "Ryman"		County Reporter	Virginia Dreams	Time Life Library			

SATURDAY EVENING														SEPTEMBER 2	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
2	KATU	(2) (5:05) NCAA Football Florida State at Alabama (L)				(2:20) Studio	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Paid Program	20/20		KATU News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle		
3	KOMO	(3) (5:05) NCAA Football Florida State at Alabama (L)				(2:20) Studio	Football Tonight	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	20/20		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle		
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	L.M. Traveler	Raw Travel	America's Got Talent "Live Show 3"		America's Got Talent "Live Show 3"		Dateline NBC		KING 5 News	Sat. Night Live		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	Weekend News (N)	Entertainment Tonight Weekend	Entertainment Tonight Weekend	Hawaii Five-0 "Elua La Ma Nowemapa"		Criminal Minds "Keeper"		48 Hours		KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Paid Program		
7	KIRO	(7) Weekend News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Entertainment Tonight Weekend	Entertainment Tonight Weekend	Hawaii Five-0 "Elua La Ma Nowemapa"		Criminal Minds "Keeper"		48 Hours		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Scandal 2/2		
9	KGW	(9) NBC News (N)	Naturally, Danny	Champion (N)	Give	America's Got Talent "Live Show 3"		America's Got Talent "Live Show 3"		Dateline NBC		KGW News (N)	Sat. Night Live		
10	KRCW	(3) The Middle	The Middle	Modern Family	Modern Family	Bones "Bones on a Blue Line"		Bones "Intern in the Incinerator"		News at 10 (N)	Person of Interest	Number Crunch"	Person of Interest		
11	KOPB	(10) Age Reversed													
12	KPTV	(12) (4:30) NCAA Football Louisville vs. Purdue (L)				★★★ Drive (2011, Drama) Carey Mulligan, Bryan Cranston, Ryan Gosling.									
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Agents of SHIELD "T.A.H.I.T.I."		The X-Files "Jump the Shark"		CSI: Miami "Raising Caine"		Super "More Than Meets the Mind"			
14	FAM	(3) (4:30) NCAA Football Louisville vs. Purdue (L)				Seahawks	Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 10	Seahawks	Super "More Than Meets the Mind"			
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		
21	ESPN	(21) (1:15) Scoreboard	NCAA Football BYU vs. Louisiana State University Site: NRG Stadium -- Houston, Texas (L)			The X-Files "Jump the Shark"		Q13 News at 9 (N)		Seahawks	Most Wanted	Name Game	Name Game	Anger Manage	
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) ITF Tennis U.S. Open (L)								SportsCenter (N)		College Football Final			
30	ESPN2	(30) (4:00) ITF Tennis U.S. Open (L)								SportsCenter (N)		College Football Final			
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger 1/2	Henry Danger 2/2	Henry Danger	★★★ Greed "Lesson in Greed/ Soldier Scam"										
32	DISN	(32) Andi Mack	Andi Mack	★★★ Another Cinderella Story ('08) Selena Gomez.		(4:0) A Cinderella Story: If the Shoe Fits ('16) Sofia Carson.									
34	FAM	(34) (5:40) ★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005, Adventure) Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.				(2:20) ★★ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007, Adventure) Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe.									
35	FMC	(35) (5:55) ★★ Colombian ('11) Michael Vartan, Zoe Saldana.				(2:20) ★★ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007, Adventure) Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe.									
36	LIFE	(36) Girl Missing (2015, Thriller) Kiersten Warren, Federico Dordei, Francesca Eastwood.				Boyfriend Killer (2016, Thriller) Barbie Castro, Kate Mansi, Patrick Muldoon.				Trapped Sisters (2016, Thriller) Nora-Jane Noone, Diane Farr, Alexandra Park.					
38	ROOT	(38) MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)								Post-game		H.S. Football			
39	FS1	(39) (4:00) MLB Baseball L.A. A./Tex. (L)													
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:00) ★★ Invincible ('06, Drama) Mark Wahlberg, Greg Kinnear.				★★★ Remember the Titans (2000, Drama) Will Patton, Wood Harris, Denzel Washington.				★★★ Walking Tall ('04) Johnny Knoxville, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.		TMZ Sports (N)	NCAA Football		
44	COM	(44) (5:15) ★★ We're the Millers ('13) Jason Sudeikis.				(4:45) ★★ The Hangover (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms.				★★★ The Hangover Part III ('13, Com) Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.					
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Mountain/ Pawn	(4:0) Pawn Stars	(1:0) Pawn Stars	(3:5) Pawn Stars		
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD													
47	TLC	(47) 90 Day "Models, Moms and Meltdowns"				90 Day Fiancé "I Do's and I Don'ts"		90 Day Fiancé "Where Do We Go From Here?"		90 Day Fiancé "Tell All: Part 1" (N)		90 Day Fiancé "Meet the Parents" (N)			
48	DISC	(48) Bush People "Strength of the Wolfpack"				Alaskan Bush People "Bush Code"		Alaskan Bush People "A New Chapter"		Alaskan Bush People "Finale"		Alaskan Bush People			
49	NGEO	(49) Drugs, Inc. "Dope-landia"				Drugs, Inc. "Hardcore Heroin"		Wicked Tuna "Karma's A Fish"		Wicked Tuna "Dethroned"		Wicked Tuna "I'll Sleep When I'm Dead"			
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) ★★ Red 2 (2013, Action) Helen Mirren, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.				★★★ American Sniper (2014, War) Sienna Miller, Luke Grimes, Bradley Cooper.						The Expendables 3	Sylvester Stallone.		
51	AMC	(51) The Walking Dead "Infected"				The Walking Dead "Isolation"		The Walking Dead "Interment"		The Walking Dead "Live Bait"		The Walking Dead "Dead Weight"			
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Twenty Klicks"				NCIS "The San Dominick"		NCIS "Neverland"		NCIS "Stop the Bleeding"		NCIS "Lockdown"			
53	FOOD	(53) Guy's Road Trip I Hart Food				Chopped "Bizarre Baskets!"		Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 2" 2/4		Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 3" 3/4		Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Finale" 4/4			
54	HGTV	(54) Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters		
56	FX	(56) (5:00) Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2				★★★ Grown Ups (2010, Comedy) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.				Grown Ups 2 (2013, Comedy) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.		History of Comedy "F***ing Funny"			
57	CNN	(57) Declassified (N)				Declassified		Declassified		Declassified		History of Comedy "F***ing Funny"			
58	FNC	(58) Justice With Judge Jeanine				The Greg Gutfeld Show		Watters World		Justice With Judge Jeanine		The Greg Gutfeld Show			
61	CNBC	(61) Undercover Boss "TaylorMade"				Undercover Boss "Vivint"		Undercover Boss "Massage Heights"		Undercover Boss "Cinnabon, Inc."		Undercover Boss "Belfor"			
63	BRAV	(63) Real Housewives "Un-noble Women"				Real Housewives "Run for Your Wife"		★★★ The Social Network (2010, Biography) Rooney Mara, Jesse Eisenberg.		★★★ The Social Network ('10) Jesse Eisenberg.					
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) ★★ 2001: A Space Odyssey ('68) Keir Dullea.				(4:45) ★★ Westworld ('73, Western) Richard Benjamin, James Brinley, Yul Brynner.		★★★ Demon Seed (1977, Sci-Fi) Fritz Weaver, Julie Christie.		(1:15) Scanners ('80, Hor) Jennifer O'Neill.		The Sixth Sense ('99, Thril) Bruce Willis.			
65	SYFY	(65) (5:30) ★★ 300 (2006, Epic) Lena Headey, Dominic West, Gerard Butler.				★★★ The Book of Eli (2009, Adventure) Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis, Denzel Washington.				Hee Haw "John Hartford"		Time Life Library			
162	RFD	(162) Opny Encore	Dailey and Vincent	Mollie B Polka Party		Larry's Country Diner		Country's Family Reunion "Ryman"		Hee Haw "John Hartford"		Time Life Library			

SUNDAY EVENING														SEPTEMBER 3		
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30			
2	KATU	(2) (4:35) NCAA Football West Virginia at Virginia Tech (L)				(5:50) Post-game	ABC Fall Preview	This Old House	Paid Program	Paid Program	20/20		KATU News (N)	(35) Castle		
3	KOMO	(3) (4:35) NCAA Football West Virginia at Virginia Tech (L)				(5:50) Post-game	KOMO 4 News Primetime (N)		To Be Announced		20/20					