



Letter from the Editor

Greetings and a Happy Holiday season to everyone!

The holidays are fast approaching and the *Infinitus* team would like to have wish you all a Happy holiday season. To kick off the holidays let's have some fun with two upcoming contests: The T-shirt Contest & The Homepage for the Holidays contest. You can win a Keynote Luncheon ticket or *Infinitus* Merchandise Gift Certificates! Details and rules are listed below, so let's get that creativity flowing. If you're hard pressed for an idea, check out [our forums](#) where you can talk to other *Infinitus* attendees and brainstorm some ideas.

In the spirit of the holidays, the *Infinitus* team is happy to announce that we will play host to the world wide premiere of the long anticipated parody film *Harvey Putter and the Ridiculous Premise* brought to you by [Richardson Productions](#). The film follows Celebrity bad boy teen wizard Harvey Putter as he discovers through his headmaster at Snogwarts School of Witchcrap, Professor Mumblemore, that they are all merely fictitious characters in a best-selling children's book. Harvey and his best friends— "poor witch trash" kid Rod Cheesely and the brainy Hernia Grunger--are tasked with collecting seven magical books known as "Hortexts" in order to escape the book world before the final chapter.

In addition to the film, the filmmakers will be hosting a panel with a Q&A session about the journey it took to make the film. You can learn more about the film and watch video clips from the film on their website at <http://rpstudios.net/harveyputter/main.html>. Stay tuned to www.infinitus2010.org for future details about the screening and panels. Remember, you have to be registered for *Infinitus* to gain access to all of our formal programming events. [Click here to register](#).

Who wants to fight through Black Friday crowds at 5:00 a.m.? Shopping for your *Infinitus* registration and add-ons will be much easier. And to make it even sweeter, we're offering a \$10 gift certificate for use at the *Infinitus* merchandise table when you buy a regular registration on Black Friday (November 27, 2010). And just to stay in the holiday mood, from November 28-December 31, 2009, you will get a \$5 gift certificate for use at the *Infinitus* merchandise table when you [buy a regular registration, upgrade to Merlin's Circle or add on a keynote luncheon](#).

Happy holidays from the *Infinitus* team!

Best Regards,

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T-Shirt Contest

Calling all artists! We've got an opportunity for fame and glory...at least among *Infinitus* attendees. We are looking for designs for the official *Infinitus* t-shirt. Our theme is "Imagine the Infinitus Possibilities" so let that inspire your creativity.

A few guidelines:

- No larger than 8.5 x 11" in finished digital form, or at least 300 dpi
- The artwork and text must be rated PG-13 or lower
- If your submission is for a screen-printed design, please keep it to three or fewer colors (other than the color of the shirt), but if your submission is for a transfer, you can use as many colors as you wish.
- Artwork should include the following elements: the word "Infinitus" and the event dates (July 15 - 18, 2010)
- Any characters included in the art should not be identified by name. We strongly encourage using generic magical creatures and characters if you wish to incorporate people.
- Do not use any of the official "Wizarding World of Harry Potter" artwork.

Submissions will be accepted until midnight (EST) December 30, 2009 at tshirtcontest@infinitus2010.org. Any questions can be forwarded to that address as well. The artist who submits the winning design will win a ticket for the Keynote Lunch of his or her choice at *Infinitus*.

Formal Programming

Happy November from the Formal Programming Team! By using quotes from each of the books, we have put together some prompts/topic ideas to help get your imagination working. We are now accepting proposals on everything from literary criticism to fanfic writing, so start getting your proposals ready! **Remember that the formal programming deadline for proposals is Jan 16, 2010.** If you have any formal programming questions, feel free to email your questions to formalprogramming@infinitus2010.org.

"Are you trying to earn some extra money, Weasley? Hoping to be gamekeeper yourself when you leave Hogwarts, I suppose--that hut of Hagrid's must seem like a palace compared to what your family's used to." (*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*)

- Social elitism and/or the distinction of socioeconomic classes throughout the novels

"Now and then [Harry] caught a phrase like, 'Fame's a fickle friend, Harry,' or 'Celebrity is as celebrity does, remember that.'"

(*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*)

- Discussion of fame and recognition in the Wizarding World

"'What we need,' said Dumbledore slowly, and his light blue eyes moved from Harry to Hermione, 'is more time.'"

(*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*)

- Consideration of the significance of the use of time in *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

"'I mean, what do they do?' asked Malfoy. 'What is the point of them?' Hagrid opened his mouth, apparently thinking hard; there was a few seconds' pause, then he said roughly, 'That's next lesson, Malfoy.'"

(*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*)

- Discussion on whether or not Hagrid would succeed as a teacher in today's educational system

"However, Hermione, who was taking more subjects than either of them, had not only finished all her homework but was also finding time to knit more elf clothes. Harry had to admit that she was getting better; it was now almost always possible to distinguish between the hats and the socks."

(*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*)

- Workshops on fan crafting ideas (knitting, costuming, scrapbooking, etc.)

"'I hear that you met the Minister of Magic over Christmas?' 'Yes,' said Harry. 'He's not very happy with me.' 'No,' sighed Dumbledore. 'He is not very happy with me either. We must try not to sink beneath our anguish, Harry, but battle on.'"

(*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*)

- Analysis of the use of holidays as significant turning points in the novels

"He spotted Ginny two tables away; she was sitting with her head on her mother's shoulder... and he

be there...Everywhere he looked he saw families reunited..." (*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*)

- Compare/Contrast the Weasley family and Malfoy family internal dynamics

Call for Informal Programming

Do you have a fanfic that you're eager to share with your fellow Potter fans? Do you have a meet-up group that would like a published time and place to meet during *Infinitus*? Are you a casual wizard rocker who would like to play an acoustic set in the Common Room? Then the Call for Informal Programming is for you! Please submit your ideas to informalprogramming@infinitus2010.org with "Call for Informal Programming" in the subject line. If you would like your meet-up group on the website and program book, or if you'd like to schedule a private event at the hotel, CityWalk or Universal Studios during the week of *Infinitus*, email Heidi at heidi@infinitus2010.org. We can't wait to hear about the ways you enhance the Harry Potter fandom and ensure its infinite place in the world.

Homepage for the Holidays Contest

If you have a home page and plan to decorate it for the upcoming holiday season (no matter what your religious or philosophical angle), consider entering the *Infinitus* "Homepage for the Holidays" contest. The one requirement for entry is the prominent inclusion of a link to the *Infinitus* website. The judges will rate entries based on their creativity, elegance, and fun. Pages can be for people or organizations. Prizes include a ticket to a keynote luncheon and *Infinitus* merchandise gift certificates. Once your page is ready for the contest, email us at holidaycontest@infinitus2010.org. The deadline is December 31st, 2009. Winners will be announced on our website as well as [our Twitter](#). Be sure you're following us to see who wins!



Universal Studios Orlando's Royal Pacific and Portofino Bay hotels have granted HPEF a special price for groups of up to four people attending *Infinitus*. The price per room night for each of these hotels will be \$210 for up to four people per room, which is a terrific discount from their standard pricing, where they have an additional charge for the third and fourth people in a room. Those interested in staying at the Hard Rock Hotel can reserve a room with up to four people for \$245 per night. These prices are good from July 11 through July 21 for *Infinitus* 2010 attendees, as well as their friends and family. To book your room, call Reservations at 866-360-7395, mention that you're coming for *Infinitus*, and enjoy the rate. If you've already made a reservation, we recommend calling back whenever you have a chance to ensure you're going to get the \$210 rate. And don't forget that there's a 25% discount on suites at all three hotels. Some suites can hold up to five people.

If you stay at the Royal Pacific, the Portofino Bay or the Hard Rock Hotel, you'll be able to enjoy exclusive benefits that Universal provides only to on-site guests. Each room key-card is also your Express Pass; you'll skip the regular lines at most rides and attractions. It's the fastest way to ride by enjoy unparalleled access all day long, as often as you'd like, just by showing your hotel room key

Wizarding World of Harry Potter. Even if you just stay one night at one of the Universal hotels, you'll enjoy your Express Pass on both of the days, as it works from the moment you check in until the parks close on the day you check out.

We are also working to arrange showings of the Harry Potter films on one of the hotels' in-room channels, so you can enjoy your favorite movie scenes at random times of day - or night!

Infinitus attendees who stay at any of the on-site hotels can also take the complimentary shuttle to nearby SeaWorld Orlando or Wet n' Wild waterpark and charge purchases made in the Parks and at CityWalk to their rooms; priority seating is also available for hotel guests at certain Universal Studios Orlando restaurants.

And don't forget, if you stay at any of the Universal Orlando hotels, you'll help *Infinitus* meet our room block, and our commitment to the hotel. We are still working to provide a way for you to make your reservation online, so check back at www.Infinitus2010.org, our Facebook page at tinyurl.com/InfinitusFB, or our LiveJournal at infinitus2010.livejournal.com, or follow our Twitter at twitter.com/HPEF, for more announcements.

Register Soon

Registration is \$180.00 until March 31, 2010. It will then increase to \$200.00, pending availability. Please note that your registration will include all Formal Programming except Keynote Luncheons (which can be purchased when you register) as well as:

- The Welcoming and Leaving Feasts
- Our Vendor Room and Art Gallery
- The Common Room and more!

Please note your *Infinitus* registration does not include tickets for admission to Universal Studios Orlando and Islands of Adventure, which will feature The Wizarding World of Harry Potter; however, *Infinitus* registrants will be able to purchase such tickets at a discount later this year. Keep your eye on the website for our announcement when Park tickets go on sale.

Volunteer spotlight – Robin Martin, Chair of Formal Programming

The choice for this month's spotlight was easy. With the Call for Proposals newly released, Robin has had quite a lot on her plate lately. Robin Martin is known in fandom as "Darcy Black" and has been a member of the fandom group Hogwarts Common Room since 2004. I was lucky enough to meet Robin at *Lumos*. She and her friends volunteered to work the door at the Harry & the Potters/The Draco Malfoys concert. I knew she had a brave soul right away. She's been an enthusiastic volunteer ever since. She served on the vetting committee for *Portus* and was a life-saver on site. I was able to bring her onto the *Infinitus* team without too much begging. She's done an amazing job so far. And now she has her biggest job ahead of her – reading all of the submissions that are pouring in. I'm so thankful to have someone so talented to trust with the heart of HPEF events – formal programming. - *Jenn Clack*

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- [Our Facebook](#)

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- [Infinitus LJ](#)
- [HPEF Forums](#)
- [HPEF Presents: The Official Podcast of HPEF](#)

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Do you have questions about anything in the *Inifinitum*? [Email us](#).

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