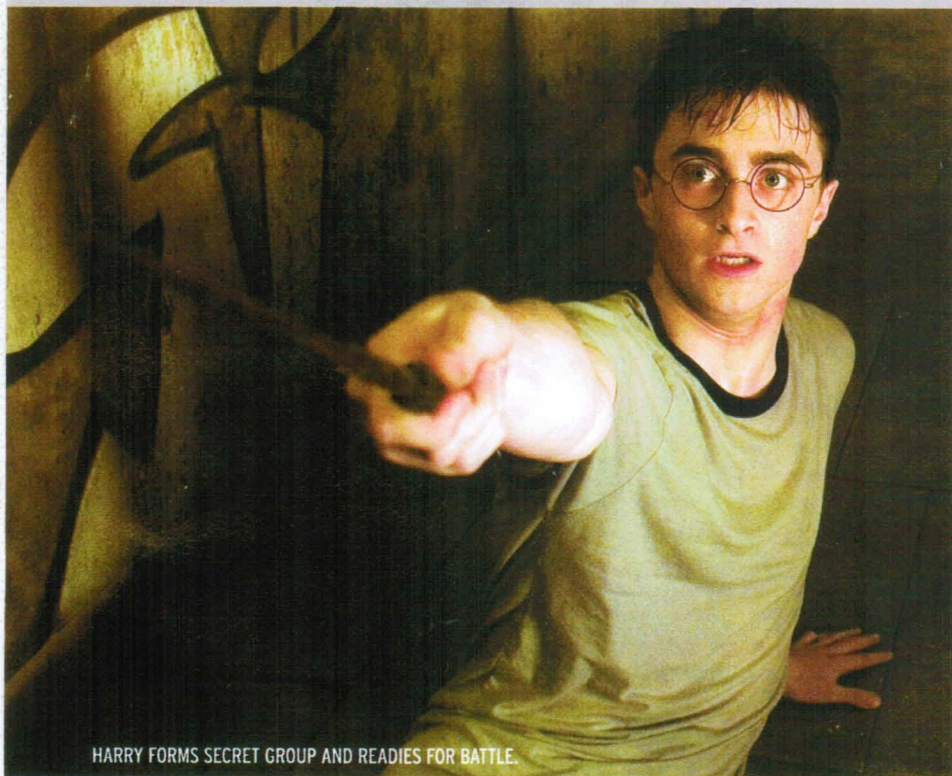


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Potter rises

from the ashes



HARRY FORMS SECRET GROUP AND READIES FOR BATTLE.

Off the wire

Legendary rocker Sir Mick Jagger and Martin Scorsese reveal they will team up to produce a movie. The story will follow two friends through 40 years in the music business from the early days of R&B to contemporary hip-hop. The *Departed*'s William Monahan will write the script.

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the teenage witches and wizards trading incantations with some of Voldemort's most powerful followers, like the silver-haired Lucius Malfoy, viciously portrayed by Jason Isaacs, and the cruel Bellatrix Lestrange (Helena Bonham Carter). This is the teen wizard's most perilous hour ... at least until July 21, when Rowling (the only billionaire author in history) ends the series with the seventh book, and the world learns Harry's ultimate fate.

Plans to film the final books are already under way; after all, three of four previous films rank among the Top 10 world moneymakers. Besides scintillating special effects, part of their attraction is their star-studded roster of great British actors, such as Fiennes, Maggie Smith, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Kenneth Branagh and Gary Oldman.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, the next film in the series, is slated to open in theatres in November 2008. Fans will have to wait until 2010 to catch the final episode on film.

Little Harry's a big boy now. When the first of the sensationally successful Harry Potter films was released in 2001, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) was a bright-eyed 11-year-old mainly interested in snacking on magic candy and racing his flying broom. Last winter, Radcliffe stunned fans by baring all in a London production of the classic play *Equus*. And when Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix opens on July 13, he'll play a 15-year-old Harry who's so distracted by girls that he almost forgets

he's still being stalked by the evil wizard Voldemort (a skeletal Ralph Fiennes).

This chapter (fifth in a seven-film series) balances kissing scenes with fireworks of a deadlier nature as a leaner, shorter-haired and more grown-up Harry is introduced to the hidden headquarters of the Order of the Phoenix, a band of magical allies dedicated to defeating the forces of evil. Back at school with Ron and Hermione – played again by Rupert Grint and Emma Watson – Harry forms his own secret society with the bravest and best Hogwarts students.

A catastrophic magical showdown has

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