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WIN A TOUR OF THE MOST FAMOUS FILM STUDIOS IN THE WORLD - PINEWOOD - INCLUDING LUNCH FOR 4 PEOPLE



A grand prize draw is being held in aid of the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers Children's Magical Taxi Tour. EON Productions are responsible for making the James Bond films and through their kind donation of 007 related goods last year, they were able to make sure that with the proceeds raised three taxis went on The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers Children's Magical Taxi Tour.

This year their production colleagues at Pinewood Studios, where lots of the 007 footage is shot, would like to try to raise enough funds for 10 taxis. They have organised a Grand Prize Draw within the film production industry and have opened it up to the licensed taxi trade as well, giving others a chance of winning the prize. The amazing prize will consist of a full day private tour, for four people, of Pinewood Studios by Terry Bamber, Production Manager from the James Bond Film Crew; Dave Worrall, a James Bond expert, author and Editor of Cinema Retro magazine and Julia Hilsdon of Pinewood. The itinerary of the prize day Thursday 10th June 2010 is as follows:-

- 09.00 Prize winners (four people) picked up from home.
- 10.30 Arrive at Pinewood for coffee and meet the team.
- 11.00 Start tour of studios and visit Technicolor. This is a brand new state of the art film and digital post production suite.
- 13.00 Drive to Palm Suite Restaurant for lunch (this is a film themed restaurant near to Pinewood).



14.30 Return to Pinewood and continue your tour visiting Alpha Grips. They supply the film industry with cranes, tracks, dollies etc. for those amazing camera angles that make you wonder 'how on earth did they shoot that?' Visit the 007 stage and the sets of The Pirates of the Caribbean films (these are subject to the shooting schedules of these productions which can change). You will visit the Pinewood archives and see clips of some of the iconic films made here. Apart from the Bond films, hundreds of classics produced at the studios include Superman, The Pink Panther, Battle of Britain, Aliens, Buggy Malone, Batman, Mission Impossible, Star Wars and of course Carry On Cabby!

The day will finish at approx. 18.00 and the winners will then be driven home. Terry Bamber, the James Bond Film Crew Production Manager, is arranging for the winners to have their Pinewood tour day recorded by a stills photographer and a video camera.

The tickets will be strictly limited to 1000 and priced at £10 each and are expected to sell out very quickly so get in early to avoid disappointment.

The prize draw will take place on Tuesday 25th May 2010 at Pinewood Studios and the prize tour will take place on Thursday 10th June 2010.

If you would like any tickets, please contact Jim Rainbird on 07973 341295.

All proceeds from ticket sales will go to The Children's Magical Taxi Tour.

SPECIALIST WINDSCREEN REPAIR SERVICE FOR TAXIS

A new windscreen repair and replacement service, specialising in London taxis, has proved popular with cabbies since launching earlier this year. Auto Stone are proven specialists in quick and efficient windscreen chip repairs, with all costs usually picked up by the drivers' insurance company, usually at no additional cost to the driver.

Apart from being unsafe a chipped windscreen can result in a failed cab inspection, but of course finding the time for a lengthy (and sometimes costly) windscreen replacement is not easy. Auto Stone is a fully mobile service and can meet the driver on the road and carry out an approved windscreen repair there and then. Most often the full cost is picked up by the insurer, without affecting no claims bonuses and often without any excess to pay.

Auto Stone operate a 24 hour mobile service for maximum convenience and this is crucial to minimise the amount of time a driver spends off the road. Mark Davis, Managing Director of Auto Stone commented: "Taxi drivers cannot afford to take time off waiting for a windscreen repairer to arrive, so we specialise in coming out to the driver and carrying out fully approved, almost invisible repairs as quickly as possible. Very often the chip repairs only take around 30-40 minutes and we can meet the driver on site at a time that suits them."

Even if a driver's insurance does not cover the repair, Auto

Stone can provide a fixed price to do the work, and of course they can also carry out full windscreen replacements if needed.

Computer Cab plc were quick to spot the benefit to taxi drivers of such a service and have arranged for regular weekly visits from Auto Stone to help keep their fleet of taxis safe and sound. General Manager at Computer Cab plc, Malcolm Paice, added: "A chipped windscreen is a nuisance and a worry for the driver. So many small chips can be repaired quickly and easily with this new technology and most of our drivers who have used the service are amazed that it's free and does not even affect their no claims bonus. It's a lot easier than a straight windscreen repair. The fact the work can be done on the road makes it a real benefit for taxi drivers."

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