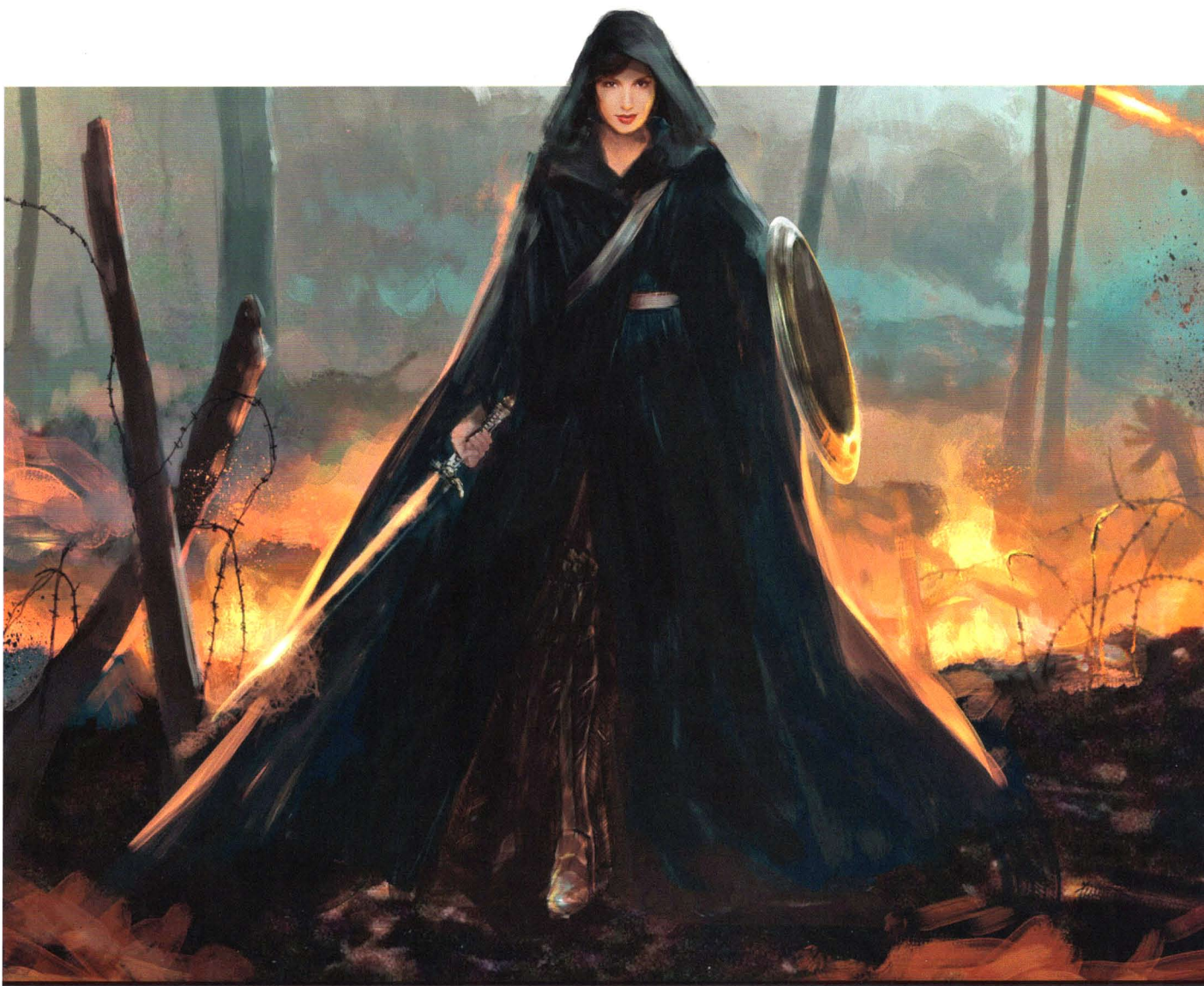


# DRESSED FOR SUCCESS

Costume designer Lindy Hemming is no stranger to superheroes—she clothed Batman for Christopher Nolan's *Dark Knight* trilogy—but *Wonder Woman* presented a new challenge, requiring looks for both the mythical island of Themyscira and the battlefields of World War I. Here, the Oscar winner walks us through Diana and company's finest duds. **BY DEVAN COGGAN**



## READY FOR BATTLE

Diana's red-blue-and-gold suit is virtually identical to the one Gal Gadot first wore in *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*—Hemming made only slight alterations to Michael Wilkinson's original design. Hemming shaped the new armor out of a lightweight leather to make it more comfortable for extended action scenes, and she gave the entire suit a newer, shinier feel. "Because she's only just got it in our

film, [director Patty Jenkins] wanted it to have a sort of newer look, not to be quite so brown and tarnished," Hemming says. The biggest addition was a hooded wool cloak with Mongolian lamb trimming, attached to Diana's body with leather straps. "She has a fabulous cloak, so when she comes into man's world, she isn't just walking around wearing a Wonder Woman suit!" Hemming says with a laugh.



### RHAPSODY IN BLUE

For this Grecian-inspired gown, Hemming, Jenkins and Gadot experimented with different shades of blue and green. “We wanted one of those colors that really pings out on the screen and separates her from all the other people,” Hemming says. Eventually the trio chose this deep blue, dyeing white silk to get the perfect color. Hemming also wanted to design a look that felt period-appropriate for a World War I-era gala while still evoking a timeless quality.

And most important, it had to partly conceal Diana’s enormous sword. “She puts the sword down the back of her dress, so it’s almost like a piece of jewelry,” Hemming explains. “When you see it from behind, you see this beautiful golden sword hilt coming out of the top of her dress, and you have to imagine that she’s pushed it down inside and underneath her clothes. So that’s quite a funny reveal.” Funny, functional *and* fashionable.