Turner extends AFI deal thru 2018

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Turner Broadcasting Extends Deal to Present AFI Life Achievement Award Through 2018

America’s Highest Honor for a Career in Film to be Presented Next to Steve Martin June 4

TBS to Premiere AFI Life Achievement Award: A Tribute to Steve Martin June 13, with Turner Classic Movies Encore Slated for July 30

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. has extended its deal to present the American Film Institute’s annual AFI Life Achievement Award gala tribute. The Emmy®-winning television event, which this year will celebrate the career of actor, comedian, author, playwright, screenwriter, producer and musician Steve Martin, will continue premiering on TNT or TBS through 2018, with encores each year on sister network Turner Classic Movies (TCM). This year’s ceremony is set to take place in Los Angeles on Thursday, June 4, and will premiere Saturday, June 13, at 10 p.m. (ET/PT) on TBS, with an encore at 11:30 p.m. (ET/PT). Sister network TCM will present an encore of the special on Thursday, July 30, at 8 p.m. (ET) during a night of movies starring Martin.

The highest honor given for a career in film, the AFI Life Achievement Award was established by the AFI Board of Trustees in 1973. It is presented to a single honoree each year based on the following criteria as mandated through a resolution passed by the AFI Board of Trustees: "The recipient should be one whose talent has in a fundamental way advanced the film art; whose accomplishment has been acknowledged by scholars, critics, professional peers and the general public; and whose work has stood the test of time."

Most recently, the 42nd AFI Life Achievement Award tribute brought together the film community to honor Jane Fonda. AFI Life Achievement Award recipient Michael Douglas (2009) presented the award, while past honorees Robert De Niro (2003), Morgan Freeman (2011) and Meryl Streep (2004) paid tribute to Fonda and her diverse talent. Among Fonda’s family, friends and collaborators who participated were Sandra Bullock, Cameron Diaz, Sally Field, Peter Fonda, Robert Redford and Lily Tomlin.

AFI Life Achievement Award Recipients

Steve Martin joins an esteemed group of individuals who have been chosen for this distinguished honor since its inception in 1973.
1974  James Cagney  1995  Steven Spielberg
1975  Orson Welles  1996  Clint Eastwood
1976  William Wyler  1997  Martin Scorsese
1977  Bette Davis  1998  Robert Wise
1978  Henry Fonda  1999  Dustin Hoffman
1979  Alfred Hitchcock  2000  Harrison Ford
1980  James Stewart  2001  Barbra Streisand
1981  Fred Astaire  2002  Tom Hanks
1982  Frank Capra  2003  Robert De Niro
1983  John Huston  2004  Meryl Streep
1984  Lillian Gish  2005  George Lucas
1985  Gene Kelly  2006  Sean Connery
1986  Billy Wilder  2007  Al Pacino
1987  Barbara Stanwyck  2008  Warren Beatty
1989  Gregory Peck  2010  Mike Nichols
1990  David Lean  2011  Morgan Freeman
1991  Kirk Douglas  2012  Shirley MacLaine
1992  Sidney Poitier  2013  Mel Brooks
1993  Elizabeth Taylor  2014  Jane Fonda

About the American Film Institute

AFI is America’s promise to preserve the heritage of the motion picture, to honor the artists and their work and to educate the next generation of storytellers. AFI programs include the AFI Catalog of Feature Films and AFI Archive, which preserve film heritage for future generations; the AFI Life Achievement Award, the highest honor for a career in film; AFI Awards, honoring the most outstanding motion pictures and television programs of the year; AFI’s 100 Years...100 Movies television events and movie reference lists, which have introduced and reintroduced classic American movies to millions of film lovers; year-round and special event exhibition through AFI FEST presented by Audi, AFI DOCS and the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center; and educating the next generation of storytellers at the world-renowned AFI Conservatory.

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