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America's Highest Honor for a Career in Film to Be Presented June 8, 2017

Tribute Will Air on TNT and Turner Classic Movies

The American Film Institute (AFI) Board of Trustees announced today that legendary actress **Diane Keaton** will be the recipient of the **45th AFI Life Achievement Award**, the highest honor for a career in film. The award will be presented to Keaton at a Gala Tribute on **June 8, 2017, in Los Angeles**. The AFI Life Achievement Award Tribute special will return for its fifth year with Turner, premiering on **TNT** and followed by encore presentations on sister network **Turner Classic Movies (TCM)**.

"Diane Keaton is one of the most beloved leading ladies of American film," said **Sir Howard Stringer, Chair, AFI Board of Trustees**. "Peerless in her mastery of both comedy and drama, she has won the world's heart time and again by creating characters of both great strength and vulnerability. Her career as a director and producer is even further evidence of her passion for the art form and her seemingly boundless talents. AFI is proud to present her with its 45th Life Achievement Award."

Diane Keaton - multifaceted actor, director, producer, author, real estate developer and photographer -boasts more than 60 diverse credits across five decades. Her iconic roles span the cinematic spectrum, from long-suffering mob wife Kay Corleone in Francis Ford Coppola's *The Godfather* (1972) to the "la-di-da" heroine of Woody Allen's *Annie Hall* (1977), a role that earned her an Academy Award® for Best Actress and turned her into a national fashion icon. Perhaps best known for her long comedic collaboration with Allen - including *Play It Again, Sam* (1972), *Sleeper* (1973), *Love and Death* (1975), *Manhattan* (1979) and more - she has proven herself equally adept at dramatic roles, with powerhouse performances in films such as *Looking for Mr. Goodbar* (1977), *Reds* (1981), *The Little Drummer Girl* (1984) and *Marvin's Room* (1996). During the 1980s, Keaton turned to directing - from feature narratives and documentaries to music videos and television. A perennial box office favorite, she has maintained her popular profile with such films as *Baby Boom* (1987), *Father of the Bride* (1991) and *Father of the Bride II* (1995), *The First Wives Club* (1996), *Something's Gotta Give* (2003), *Morning Glory* (2010), *The Big Wedding* (2013), *And So It Goes* (2013) and Pixar's *Finding Dory* (2016). She will continue to grace the screen with her unique presence in the upcoming HBO miniseries *The Young Pope*.

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### **About the AFI Life Achievement Award**

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 44th AFI Life Achievement Award Tribute brought together the film and music communities to celebrate John Williams, the first composer honored in the award's history. AFI Life Achievement Award recipient Steven Spielberg (1995) presented the award, while J.J. Abrams, Drew Barrymore, Kobe Bryant, Chris Columbus, Gustavo Dudamel, Will Ferrell, Harrison Ford (2000), Morgan Freeman (2011), Mark Hamill, Tom Hanks (2002), Bryce Dallas Howard, Cloris Leachman, Seth MacFarlane, Steve Martin (2015), Idina Menzel, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Itzhak Perlman and Daisy Ridley paid tribute to Williams in an evening filled with music and memories.

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### **About Diane Keaton**

Born Diane Hall, Keaton grew up in Los Angeles, her mother a homemaker and her father a civil engineer and real estate broker. Because there was already one Diane Hall in Actors Equity, she adopted the name Keaton in tribute to the great silent comedian, Buster Keaton. In New York, she sang in nightclubs, appeared in plays and studied acting at the Neighborhood Playhouse.

At first a stage actor, Keaton was a member of the original Broadway production of *Hair*. In 1972, she broke into film with Francis Ford Coppola's *The Godfather* and Woody Allen's *Play It Again, Sam*, reprising a role she had performed on stage. In addition to appearing in all three *The Godfather* movies, she starred in eight Woody Allen films, including *Sleeper*, *Annie Hall*, *Manhattan*, *Radio Days* (1987) and *Manhattan Murder Mystery* (1993).

Keaton expanded her range throughout her career, moving beyond the loopy free spirits of her early comedies to dramatic roles. She ventured into producing with *The Lemon Sisters* (1989) and *Love the Coopers* (2015), and several television projects, including the series *Pasadena* (2001–2002). She wrote and directed the documentary *Heaven* (1987) and went on to direct the feature films *Unstrung Heroes* (1995) and *Hanging Up* (2000).

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### **AFI Life Achievement Award Recipients**

Diane Keaton joins an esteemed group of individuals who have been chosen for this distinguished honor since its inception:

1973 John Ford☐	1995 Steven Spielberg☐
1974 James Cagney☐	1996 Clint Eastwood☐
1975 Orson Welles☐	1997 Martin Scorsese☐
1976 William Wyler☐	1998 Robert Wise☐
1977 Bette Davis☐	1999 Dustin Hoffman☐
1978 Henry Fonda☐	2000 Harrison Ford☐
1979 Alfred Hitchcock☐	2001 Barbra Streisand☐
1980 James Stewart☐	2002 Tom Hanks☐
1981 Fred Astaire☐	2003 Robert De Niro☐
1982 Frank Capra☐	2004 Meryl Streep☐
1983 John Huston☐	2005 George Lucas
1984 Lillian Gish☐	2006 Sean Connery☐
1985 Gene Kelly☐	2007 Al Pacino☐
1986 Billy Wilder☐	2008 Warren Beatty
1987 Barbara Stanwyck☐	2009 Michael Douglas☐
1988 Jack Lemmon☐	2010 Mike Nichols☐
1989 Gregory Peck☐	2011 Morgan Freeman☐
1990 David Lean☐	2012 Shirley MacLaine☐
1991 Kirk Douglas☐	2013 Mel Brooks
1992 Sidney Poitier☐	2014 Jane Fonda
1993 Elizabeth Taylor	2015 Steve Martin
1994 Jack Nicholson☐	2016 John Williams

### About TNT & Turner Classic Movies (TCM)

**TNT** is one of cable's Top 5 networks with young adults and home to cable's most popular slate of original series, including *Animal Kingdom*, *The Last Ship*, *The Librarians*, *Major Crimes*, *Murder in the First* and the upcoming *Good Behavior*, *Will*, *Foreign Bodies*, *The Alienist*, *Tales from the Crypt* and *The Race Card*. TNT is also the cable home to popular shows like *Arrow*, *Grimm*, *Supernatural*, *Hawaii Five-0*, *Bones* and *Castle*; primetime specials, such as the Screen Actors Guild Awards®, the iHeartRadio Music Awards and the AFI Life Achievement Award; and championship sports coverage, including the NBA and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

**Turner Classic Movies (TCM)** is a two-time Peabody Award-winning network that presents great films, uncut and commercial-free, from the largest film libraries in the world highlighting the entire spectrum of film history. TCM features the insights of hosts Robert Osborne and Ben Mankiewicz, plus interviews with a wide range of special guests and serves as the ultimate movie lover destination. Currently in its 22nd year as a leading authority in classic film, TCM offers critically acclaimed series like *The Essentials*, along with annual programming events like *31 Days of Oscar*® in February and *Summer Under the Stars* in August. TCM also directly connects with movie fans through events as the annual TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood and the TCM Classic Cruise, as well as through the TCM Classic Film Tour in New York City and Los Angeles. In addition, TCM produces a wide range of media about classic film, including books and DVDs, and hosts a wealth of material online at [tcm.com](http://tcm.com) and through the Watch TCM mobile app.

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## 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 the **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 movies and TV series 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**. For more information about AFI, visit [AFI.com](http://AFI.com) or connect with AFI at [twitter.com/AmericanFilm](https://twitter.com/AmericanFilm), [facebook.com/AmericanFilmInstitute](https://facebook.com/AmericanFilmInstitute), [instagram.com/AmericanFilmInstitute](https://instagram.com/AmericanFilmInstitute) and [youtube.com/AFI](https://youtube.com/AFI).

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