

Meg Ryan, Billy Crystal & Rob Reiner To Open 2019 TCM Classic Film Festival With Iconic Romantic Comedy *When Harry Met Sally...*

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30th Anniversary Screening Kicks Off TCM's 10th Annual Classic Film Festival



Turner Classic Movies (TCM) will kick off the **10th annual TCM Classic Film Festival** on **Thursday, April 11th** with a **30th anniversary screening** of the seminal romantic comedy ***When Harry Met Sally...*** with beloved stars **Billy Crystal** and **Meg Ryan** and acclaimed director/producer **Rob Reiner** in attendance. The 2019 TCM Classic Film Festival, held in the heart of Hollywood **April 11th-14th**, marks the 10th annual celebration of classic films on the big screen from TCM. The TCM network will also celebrate its 25th anniversary on closing night of the festival.

Celebrated director Rob Reiner had no idea he would strike such a chord with audiences by posing the simple question: "can men and women really be friends?" The charming and timeless film explores this idea by following the characters of Harry (Billy Crystal) and Sally (Meg Ryan) over the course of twelve years through a series of chance encounters. *When Harry Met Sally...* was an instant hit with audiences and critics alike: the film grossed more than \$90 million at the box office and Nora Ephron's taut, hilarious script garnered an Oscar® nomination for Best Original Screenplay. Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan were also both nominated for Golden Globes® for their performances, along with director Rob Reiner.

"There are romantic comedies - and then there's *When Harry Met Sally...*" said **Ben Mankiewicz, TCM primetime anchor and official host of the TCM Classic Film Festival**. "The chemistry between Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan makes them part of a legacy that includes the greats of classic movies: Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn; Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell; and Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine. And Rob Reiner — utilizing Nora Ephron's word-perfect screenplay - follows in the rarefied air of the filmmaking giants who made those earlier pictures."

For more information and talent bios, please visit <http://filmfestival.tcm.com>.

About the 2019 TCM Classic Film Festival

For the tenth consecutive year, thousands of movie lovers from around the globe will descend upon Hollywood for the **TCM Classic Film Festival**. The 2019 festival is set to take place **Thursday, April 11 - Sunday, April 14, 2019**. Over four packed days and nights, attendees will be treated to an extensive lineup of great movies, appearances by legendary stars and filmmakers, fascinating presentations and panel discussions, special events and more.

TCM Primetime host **Ben Mankiewicz** will serve as official host of the TCM Classic Film Festival. The festival's official hotel and central gathering point for the tenth consecutive year will be **The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel**, which has a longstanding role in movie history and was the site of the first Academy Awards® ceremony. The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel will also offer special rates for festival attendees. Screenings and events during the festival will be held at the **TCL Chinese Theatre IMAX**, the **TCL Chinese 6 Theatres** and the **Egyptian Theatre**, as well as other Hollywood venues.

Follow Your Heart: Love At The Movies: Whether it's in the afternoon, at first sight, or in the air, the TCM Classic Film Festival will celebrate love in all of its forms. As we come together for the 10th annual Festival, and the 25th anniversary of TCM, there will be many-splendored moments to revel in romance and obsessions, delight in faithful friendships and surrender to the enduring allure of the silver screen with fellow classic movie lovers.

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