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TCM Announces Oscar®-Winning Screen Legend Sophia Loren to Join Robert Osborne For *Live from the 2015 TCM Classic Film Festival* Interview

Loren Will Also Introduce a Screening of *Marriage Italian Style* (1964)

TCM (Turner Classic Movies) today announced Academy Award®-winning actress **Sophia Loren** (*Two Women*) is set to attend the **2015 TCM Classic Film Festival**, taking place in **Hollywood March 26-29** for a sit-down interview with TCM host **Robert Osborne** about her life and extraordinary career. In addition to the interview, Loren will be on-hand to introduce a screening of ***Marriage Italian Style*** (1964), for which she received an Oscar® nomination for Best Actress. Loren is also a recipient of an Honorary Career Achievement Academy Award®. The interview will be taped **Saturday, March 28**, in front of a live audience of festival passholders at the **The Ricardo Montalbán Theatre**. The interview will then air on TCM in spring 2016 as the original special ***Sophia Loren: Live from the TCM Classic Film Festival***.

"For more than six decades, Sophia Loren has been an enchanting force of nature on movie screens across the globe," said Osborne. "She is one of the great beauties and magical leading ladies of film. It's going to be a great treat to learn from her first hand about her life as a film star and the people she's worked with such as Cary Grant, Gregory Peck, John Wayne, Marcello Mastroianni and Daniel Day Lewis while also earning an Academy Award® for her performance in *Two Women*."

Each year, the TCM Classic Film Festival features an extended interview taped in front of a live audience for telecast on TCM under the *Live from the TCM Classic Film Festival* banner. In 2010, the first TCM Classic Film Festival welcomed two-time Oscar® winner **Luise Rainer**, who was 100 at the time. In 2011, **Peter O'Toole** was the featured guest, followed in 2012 by Osborne's interview with actress **Kim Novak**. In 2013, Osborne sat down with Oscar-winning actress **Eva Marie Saint**, and last year, Academy Award®-winner **Alan Arkin** was featured.

Loren joins an already exciting roster at this year's festival, including previously announced appearances by **Ann-Margret** for a screening of ***The Cincinnati Kid*** (1973) and former astronaut **Captain James Lovell** for the 20th anniversary world premiere restoration of ***Apollo 13*** (1995). Academy Award®-winners **Julie Andrews** and **Christopher Plummer** are confirmed to walk the red carpet for the festival's opening night 50th Anniversary gala presentation of ***The Sound of Music*** (1965).

About Sophia Loren

Of all the foreign sex symbols to explode on American screens in the 1950s, Sophia Loren is the most iconic and the most enduring, largely because she is as talented as she is beautiful. After early films that relied primarily upon her sultry good looks, she had the good fortune to work with director Vittorio De Sica, who helped hone her comic talents in *The Gold of Naples* (1954) and later demonstrated her dramatic prowess with an Oscar®-winning performance in *Two Women* (1960). By that point, Loren had also become a box-office hit in American films. Her other great screen partner was Marcello Mastroianni, with whom she teamed for such hits as De Sica's *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow* (1963) and **MARRIAGE ITALIAN STYLE** (1964), with the latter earning her an Oscar® nomination. In 1991, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded her an honorary Oscar® in recognition of her career achievements. Still one of the world's most beautiful women, Loren continues film work, recently co-starring as Daniel Day Lewis' mother in *Nine* (2009) and acting for her son, director Edoardo Ponti in the short *Human Voice* (2014).

About the 2015 TCM Classic Film Festival

For the sixth consecutive year, thousands of movie lovers from around the globe will descend upon Hollywood for the **TCM Classic Film Festival**. The 2015 festival is set to take place **Thursday, March 26 – Sunday, March 29, 2015**. 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.

The theme for the 2015 TCM Classic Film Festival will be ***History According to Hollywood***:

The Old West. Medieval England. Ancient Rome. Hollywood has found endless inspiration in re-creating historical moments and bringing to life the heroes and villains of the past, creating a form of time travel for audiences through the ages and around the world. These films, however, are not always true to the historical record. Filmmakers have often created works about the past that are a reflection of the period in which they were made, or change facts to suit a particular storyline. The 2015 TCM Classic Film Festival will explore how cinema has shaped how we view – and remember – history.

TCM host and film historian **Robert Osborne** will once again serve as official host of the TCM Classic Film Festival, with TCM's **Ben Mankiewicz** introducing various events. The festival's official hotel and central gathering point for the sixth 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.

Festival Passes

Passes for the 2015 TCM Classic Film Festival are on sale now and can be purchased exclusively through the official festival website: www.tcm.com/festival. The number of passes available, especially top-level "Spotlight" passes, is limited.

The "Spotlight" Festival Pass: \$1,649 – Includes all privileges available to "Classic" and "Essential" passholders, priority entry to all screening events; plus entry to the exclusive Opening Night Gala Party following the Red Carpet Gala screening at TCL Chinese Theatre IMAX; meet-and-greet events with TCM friends, including Robert Osborne and Ben Mankiewicz; and a limited edition TCM Classic Film Festival poster.

The "Essential" Festival Pass: \$749 – Includes all privileges available to "Classic" passholders, plus entry to the Red Carpet Gala screening at TCL Chinese Theatre IMAX and official TCM Classic Film Festival collectibles.

The "Classic" Festival Pass: \$599 – Includes access to all screenings and events at the TCL Chinese Theatre IMAX (excluding the Opening Night Red Carpet Gala), the Egyptian Theatre and poolside screenings at the historic Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29.

The "Palace" Festival Pass: \$299 – Includes access to all screenings and events at the TCL Chinese Theatre IMAX (excluding the Opening Night Red Carpet Gala), the Egyptian Theatre and poolside screenings at the historic Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29.

About Turner Classic Movies (TCM)

Turner Classic Movies (TCM) is a Peabody Award-winning network that presents great films, uncut and commercial-free, from the largest film libraries in the world. TCM, which is available in more than 85 million homes, features the insights of hosts Robert Osborne and Ben Mankiewicz, plus interviews with a wide range of special guests. Currently in its 21st year as a leading authority in classic film, TCM offers critically acclaimed original documentaries and specials; film series like *The Essentials*, and *Friday Night Spotlight*; and annual programming events like *31 Days of Oscar®* in February, *Summer Under the Stars* in August and *TCM Essentials Jr.* during the summer. TCM also connects with movie fans through such 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 and through the Watch TCM mobile app.

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