

TOM HANKS TO RECEIVE 30TH AFI LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

AFI AND USA NETWORK ANNOUNCE LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT AFI LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

TRIBUTE TO BE HELD IN THE NEW KODAK THEATRE AT HOLLYWOOD & HIGHLAND

LOS ANGELES, CA, October 25, 2001—Tom Hanks has been selected by the American Film Institute's (AFI) Board of Trustees to receive the 30th AFI Life Achievement Award, it was announced today by Howard Stringer, Chair of the AFI Board of Trustees. The tribute on June 12, 2002, will be held in the new Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland. AFI's Life Achievement Award and the Academy Awards are the only two film award programs to be presented at the Kodak Theatre.

AFI also announced today that it has entered into a multi-year relationship with USA Network to air the Life Achievement Award tributes. USA Network has set the initial broadcast of the 30th AFI Life Achievement Award for June 23, followed by three encore performances on June 24, 29 and 30.

"Tom Hanks is American film's Everyman for a new generation. It is fitting that he receive the 30th AFI Life Achievement Award from the nation's preeminent cultural arts organization as his talent and commitment to his craft is only matched by his great respect for and understanding of American history," stated Mr. Stringer. "AFI is also pleased to have established a relationship with USA Network. Barry Diller was one of the architects of the first Life Achievement Award in 1973, so we enjoy a rich past together and look forward to an enduring future."

"Though hating to admit I'm old enough to have been there at the beginning of the founding of the Life Achievement Award, I am oppositely inclined on the opportunity of presenting the 30th edition," stated Barry Diller, Chairman and CEO of USA Networks, Inc. "I'm very glad we're doing it, I'm very glad to be again associated with the American Film Institute, and very much more of the same in congratulating Tom Hanks."

"Hollywood & Highland was built in the heart of Hollywood to honor the history of this community and its enormous contributions to our American film heritage," stated TrizecHahn Development President and CEO Lee Wagman. "It is a privilege for the Kodak Theatre to host the AFI Life Achievement Award, one of the world's greatest symbols of excellence for a career in film."

Tom Hanks—actor, producer, writer and director—has an off-screen appeal that reminds of former Life Achievement Award recipients James Stewart and Henry Fonda. Master of comedy and drama, Hanks has been nominated five times for the Academy Award® and has won two Oscars (PHILADELPHIA, FORREST GUMP), becoming the first man since Spencer Tracy to receive back-to-back Academy Awards for Best Actor. He was also the recipient of an Emmy Award in 1998.

In his first film, SPLASH, Hanks' portrayal of an ordinary man in love with Daryl Hannah's mermaid struck a chord with audiences and launched his career as a leading man. After numerous romantic comedies throughout the 1980s, Hanks received his first Academy Award® nomination for Best Actor for his comic, endearing portrayal of a young boy trapped in a man's body in Penny Marshall's BIG (1988).

After starring opposite Meg Ryan in Nora Ephron's SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE (1993), Hanks surprised audiences and critics by taking on the dramatic role of a gay lawyer dying of AIDS in Jonathan Demme's PHILADELPHIA (1993). Hanks proved his ability to capture the soul of dramatic material and went on to win the Academy Award® for Best Actor. The following year, Hanks repeated his Oscar win for Best Actor, playing the title role in Robert Zemeckis' FORREST GUMP (1994).

In 1995, Hanks reteamed with Ron Howard for the Oscar nominated APOLLO 13 and provided the voice of Woody in the breakthrough animated film TOY STORY. A year later, Hanks moved behind the camera for the first time as writer and director of THAT THING YOU DO! (1996).

Hanks appeared in three high-profile projects in 1998. The first, FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON, signaled a new phase in Hanks' career—an increased presence behind the camera in projects that celebrate America's history and the human spirit. FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON was HBO's Emmy-winning space series which Hanks executive produced, hosted and also served as director for one episode, and writer for four others.

Also in 1998, Hanks starred in Steven Spielberg's WWII drama SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (for which he received another Oscar nomination) and Nora Ephron's comedy YOU'VE GOT MAIL. In 1999, Hanks returned as the voice of Woody in TOY STORY 2 and won critical acclaim in the Oscar-nominated THE GREEN MILE.

In 2000, Hanks had the starring role in CAST AWAY, which garnered him an Oscar nomination for Best Actor. In that same year, he also hosted SHOOTING WAR, a two-hour television special about WWII combat cameramen produced by Spielberg and written, co-produced and directed by Richard Schickel.

In 2001, Hanks reteamed with Spielberg to produce BAND OF BROTHERS for HBO, the TV mini-series event based on WWII historian Stephen Ambrose's non-fiction book about an Army rifle company parachuting into France on D-Day. Hanks also co-wrote one episode and directed one episode. Most recently, Hanks has completed the starring role in Sam Mendes' THE ROAD TO PERDITION, which is scheduled for release in 2002.

The highest honor given for a career in film, the AFI Life Achievement Award was established by the AFI Board of Trustees on February 26, 1973, and is presented to a single honoree each year based on the following criteria: 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." In 1993, the trustees extended the criteria to encompass "individuals with active careers and work of significance yet to be accomplished."

Past Life Achievement Award Recipients

1973	John Ford	1988	Jack Lemmon
1974	James Cagney	1989	Gregory Peck
1975	Orson Welles	1990	Sir David Lean
1976	William Wyler	1991	Kirk Douglas
1977	Bette Davis	1992	Sidney Poitier
1978	Henry Fonda	1993	Elizabeth Taylor
1979	Alfred Hitchcock	1994	Jack Nicholson
1980	James Stewart	1995	Steven Spielberg
1981	Fred Astaire	1996	Clint Eastwood
1982	Frank Capra	1997	Martin Scorsese
1983	John Huston	1998	Robert Wise
1984	Lillian Gish	1999	Dustin Hoffman
1985	Gene Kelly	2000	Harrison Ford
1986	Billy Wilder	2001	Barbra Streisand
1987	Barbara Stanwyck		

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AFI is the preeminent organization dedicated to advancing and preserving the art of film, television and other forms of the moving image. AFI trains the next generation of moving image artists, provides leadership in the nationwide film and television preservation effort and explores new technologies in the digital media arts. AFI also presents the best of film through the AFI Los Angeles International Film Festival, the AFI National Theater at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, and the annual AFI Life Achievement Award, the highest honor given for a career in film. More information about AFI can be found by visiting its award-winning Web site, located at www.AFionline.org.

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