



33rd AFI LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE LUCAS PREMIERES ON USA NETWORK JUNE 20, 2005

***Steven Spielberg to Present Award to Lucas
Tom Hanks, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher and Harrison Ford
Among Colleagues and Friends Expected at Tribute Gala to Honor Lucas***

Los Angeles, CA, May 27, 2005—George Lucas will receive the American Film Institute's (AFI) 33rd Life Achievement Award on June 9, at a gala event, which will be taped for a television broadcast later in the month. Filmmaker and past recipient Steven Spielberg will present Mr. Lucas with the award at the tribute, which will be held at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles. THE 33rd AFI LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE LUCAS will air on USA Network on Monday, June 20, 2005, at 9:00 p.m. (ET/PT).

The event will feature tributes from a number of Lucas' friends and colleagues—including Richard Dreyfuss, Robert Duvall, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher, past recipients Tom Hanks and Harrison Ford, as well as intergalactic celebrities C3PO, Chewbacca and R2D2. Additionally, clips from Lucas' films will be presented with commentary from four Academy Award winning directors—Spielberg, James Cameron, Ron Howard and Peter Jackson.

During the past 33 years, AFI's Life Achievement Award has become the highest honor for a career in film. As the first award in the film community to acknowledge career achievement, the honor has been bestowed upon many of the greatest film artists in history such as Meryl Streep, Robert De Niro, Clint Eastwood, Tom Hanks, Barbra Streisand, Harrison Ford, Dustin Hoffman, Steven Spielberg, Jack Nicholson, Elizabeth Taylor, Sidney Poitier, Gregory Peck, Barbara Stanwyck, Billy Wilder, Fred Astaire, James Stewart, Alfred Hitchcock, Bette Davis, Orson Welles, James Cagney and John Ford.

THE 33rd AFI LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE LUCAS is executive produced and written by Bob Gazzale and directed and co-produced by Louis J. Horvitz. The event is sponsored by Microsoft.

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