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## **AFI SILVER THEATRE AND CULTURAL CENTER TO HOST JOEL GREY, PATRICIA HITCHCOCK IN JULY**

### **Distinguished Artists Will Open Bob Fosse & Alfred Hitchcock Film Series with On-Stage Discussions**

**Silver Spring, Maryland, July 7, 2003** —The American Film Institute (AFI) will present two live, on-stage discussions with noteworthy film artists in July's program at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring, MD, opening retrospectives of films by legendary filmmakers with whom they are uniquely familiar.

On Friday, July 11, actor Joel Grey will launch the AFI Silver Theatre's tribute to CHICAGO originator and film director Bob Fosse during two special, series-opening screenings of CABARET, the Fosse-directed musical for which Grey won a Best Supporting Actor Academy Award. The first screening begins at 6:40 p.m., followed by a second at 9:30 p.m.—with onstage discussions at both.

On July 25 and 26, actress/producer Patricia Hitchcock will open the AFI Silver's "Hitchcock at Universal" series honoring her father, director Alfred Hitchcock. Hitchcock's live stage discussions about the "The Master of Suspense" will accompany the July 25, 8:30 p.m. screening of STRANGERS ON A TRAIN—in which she appeared—and the July 26, 8:15 p.m. presentation of STAGE FRIGHT.

Following CABARET, the July 11-24 Bob Fosse retrospective will include screenings of last year's Rob Marshall-directed/Fosse-inspired CHICAGO, and films directed by Fosse—including ALL THAT JAZZ, LENNY and STAR 80.

The "Hitchcock at Universal" July 25-August 6 series will feature screenings of Hitchcock's Universal Studios classics—FAMILY PLOT, FRENZY, TORN CURTAIN, THE BIRDS, TOPAZ and MARNIE.

### **More About the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center**

The AFI Silver is a major, internationally-recognized exhibition center offering film and video generally unavailable elsewhere in the region—independent features, shorts, foreign films, documentaries and classic cinema. Anchored by the rehabilitation of noted architect John Eberson's historic 1938 Silver Theatre, the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center is a 49,000 square foot complex with three theatres—one historic, two new state-of-the-art stadium-style theatres—a café, a film-based retail outlet, office and meeting spaces, and reception and exhibition areas. It is the anchor of an unprecedented public/private redevelopment effort in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland.

The AFI Silver is located in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland, at 8633 Colesville Road (between Georgia Avenue and Fenton Street). Conveniently located, the AFI Silver is two blocks from the Silver Spring Metro stop and easily accessible from the Capital Beltway (I-495), less than two miles from either the Georgia Avenue or Colesville Road exit. Phone: 301.495.6720. Web: <http://AFI.com/Silver>. Tickets will be available online at [www.AFI.com/Silver](http://www.AFI.com/Silver) and at the AFI Silver box office.

### **More About AFI**

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 filmmakers at its world-renowned Conservatory, provides film preservation leadership and explores new digital technologies in moviemaking. AFI's New Media Ventures programs bring together the creative and digital communities, as the department seeks to develop a literacy program for the 21st century, helping young people learn to read and write screens of all sizes—cinema, television, computer and the Internet. With AFI ON SCREEN, the institute is the largest nonprofit exhibitor in the US, with programs at the AFI Los Angeles International Film Festival (AFI FEST); the AFI National Film Theater at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC; and the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring, Maryland. A 49,000 square foot complex with three theatres—one historic, two new state-of-the-art stadium-style theatres—the AFI Silver exhibits film and video generally unavailable elsewhere in the region. AFI's annual almanac for the 21st century, **AFI AWARDS**, honors the most outstanding motion pictures and television programs of the year. **AFI's 100 Years . . . 100 Movies, 100 Stars, 100 Laughs, 100 Thrills, 100 Passions** and **100 Heroes & Villains** have ignited extraordinary public interest in classic American movies. During the past 31 years, AFI's Life Achievement Award has become the highest honor for a career in film. More information about AFI can be found by visiting its Web site, located at [www.AFI.com](http://www.AFI.com).

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Those members of the press who wish to cover any of the above events should RSVP to Joan Kirby at 301.495.6747 or [jkirby@AFI.com](mailto:jkirby@AFI.com) by 3:00 p.m. the day of the event.