



MARTIN SCORSESE TO PRESENT MEL BROOKS WITH AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Brooks to be Honored at AFI Gala Tribute at the Dolby Theatre on Thursday, June 6, 2013

**Special Broadcast Will Air Saturday, June 15 at 9:00 P.M. ET/PT on TNT and
Wednesday, July 24 on TCM as Part of an All-Night Tribute to Brooks**

Los Angeles, CA, Monday May 20, 2013 – Martin Scorsese will present Mel Brooks with the American Film Institute's 41st Life Achievement Award – America's highest honor for a career in film. The private black tie gala will be held at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood on June 6 and will air on **TNT Saturday, June 15, at 9 p.m. ET/PT** and as part of an all-night tribute to Brooks on **Turner Classic Movies (TCM) Wednesday, July 24 at 8 p.m. ET**. Brooks will be recognized for his range of mastery as a director, producer, writer, actor and composer.

Martin Scorsese is widely regarded as one of the greatest directors of all time having received the AFI Life Achievement Award for his contributions to cinema, two AFI Awards, an Academy® Award, a Palme d'Or, Grammy® Award, two Emmys®, four Golden Globes®, a BAFTA and three DGA Awards. Scorsese's body of work includes films such as THE DEPARTED, GANGS OF NEW YORK, GOODFELLAS, HUGO, MEAN STREETS, RAGING BULL, TAXI DRIVER and the upcoming WOLF OF WALL STREET, which will be released in Fall 2013.

"For over 50 years, Mel Brooks has given the world its greatest gift - laughter," said Sir Howard Stringer, Chair of the AFI Board of Trustees. "At the American Film Institute, we also want to shine a proper light on his contributions to the art form as writer, producer, director and actor - and who better to bestow this honor than one of the masters of American film, Martin Scorsese."

In addition to airing the AFI Life Achievement Award special, TCM's July 24 celebration of Mel Brooks will include two of his classic films: the rarely shown THE TWELVE CHAIRS (1970), making its TCM debut, and THE PRODUCERS (1968), the wild comedy that earned Brooks an Oscar® for Best Original Screenplay. Also included with TCM's presentation will be classic interviews with Brooks by television legends Johnny Carson and Dick Cavett.

Proceeds from the AFI Life Achievement Award gala event directly support the Institute's national education programs and the preservation of American film history. Sponsors of the 2013 AFI Life Achievement Award tribute to Mel Brooks include Audi of America, Deloitte, HP and American Airlines, the official airline of the American Film Institute.

About Mel Brooks

Mel Brooks, director, producer, writer, actor and composer, is in an elite group as one of the few creative individuals to earn all four major entertainment prizes – the Tony®, Emmy®, Grammy® and Oscar®. His career began in the borscht belt and then television, writing for YOUR SHOW OF SHOWS. He teamed up with Carl Reiner to write and perform the Grammy®-winning "2000 Year Old Man" comedy albums and books. Brooks and Buck Henry created the long running TV series

GET SMART. Brooks won his first Oscar® in 1964 for writing and narrating the animated short THE CRITIC and his second for the screenplay of his first feature film THE PRODUCERS in 1968. Many hit comedy films followed including BLAZING SADDLES, DRACULA: DEAD AND LOVING IT, HIGH ANXIETY, HISTORY OF THE WORLD PART I, LIFE STINKS, ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS, SILENT MOVIE, SPACEBALLS, TO BE OR NOT TO BE, THE TWELVE CHAIRS and YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN. His film company, Brooksfilms Limited, also produced critically acclaimed films such as 84 CHARRING CROSS ROAD, THE ELEPHANT MAN, THE FLY, FRANCES and MY FAVORITE YEAR. For three successive seasons, 1997-1999, Mel Brooks won Emmy Awards® for his role as Uncle Phil on the hit sitcom MAD ABOUT YOU. Brooks received three 2001 Tony Awards® and two Grammy Awards® for "The Producers: the New Mel Brooks Musical," which ran on Broadway from 2001 to 2006. He followed that success with "The New Mel Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein," which ran on Broadway from 2007 to 2009, and both musicals continue to be performed and enjoyed by audiences all over the world. In 2009 Mel Brooks also received The Kennedy Center Honors, recognizing a lifetime of extraordinary contributions to American culture. His most recent projects include the Emmy®-nominated HBO comedy special MEL BROOKS AND DICK CAVETT TOGETHER AGAIN and a career retrospective DVD box set titled "The Incredible Mel Brooks: An Irresistible Collection Of Unhinged Comedy."

About the AFI Life Achievement Award

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. It is presented to a single honoree each year based on the following criteria as mandated through a resolution passed by the AFI Board of Trustees:

"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."

AFI Life Achievement Award Recipients

Mel Brooks joins an esteemed group of individuals who have been chosen for this distinguished honor since its inception in 1973.

1973 John Ford	1994 Jack Nicholson
1974 James Cagney	1995 Steven Spielberg
1975 Orson Welles	1996 Clint Eastwood
1976 William Wyler	1997 Martin Scorsese
1977 Bette Davis	1998 Robert Wise
1978 Henry Fonda	1999 Dustin Hoffman
1979 Alfred Hitchcock	2000 Harrison Ford
1980 James Stewart	2001 Barbra Streisand
1981 Fred Astaire	2002 Tom Hanks
1982 Frank Capra	2003 Robert De Niro
1983 John Huston	2004 Meryl Streep
1984 Lillian Gish	2005 George Lucas
1985 Gene Kelly	2006 Sean Connery
1986 Billy Wilder	2007 Al Pacino
1987 Barbara Stanwyck	2008 Warren Beatty
1988 Jack Lemmon	2009 Michael Douglas
1989 Gregory Peck	2010 Mike Nichols
1990 David Lean	2011 Morgan Freeman
1991 Kirk Douglas	2012 Shirley MacLaine
1992 Sidney Poitier	2013 Mel Brooks
1993 Elizabeth Taylor	



About the American Film Institute

AFI is America's promise to preserve the history of the motion picture, to honor the artists and their work and to educate the next generation of storytellers. AFI provides leadership in film, television and digital media and is dedicated to initiatives that engage the past, the present and the future of the moving image arts.

AFI programs include the ***AFI Catalog of Feature Films*** and **AFI Archive**, which preserve film heritage for future generations; the **AFI Life Achievement Award** – the highest honor for a career in film – now in its 41st year; **AFI Awards**, honoring the most outstanding motion pictures and television programs of the year; **AFI's 100 Years...100 Movies** television events and movie reference lists, which have introduced and reintroduced classic American movies to millions of film lovers; year-round and special event exhibition through **AFI Fest presented by Audi**, **AFI Docs presented by Audi** and the **AFI Silver Theatre**; and educating the next generation of storytellers at the world renowned **AFI Conservatory**, recognized for the quality of its instructors and speakers and its notable alumni.

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About TNT and TCM

TNT is television's destination for drama. Seen in 99 million households and ranking among cable's top networks, TNT is home to such original drama series as DALLAS, FALLING SKIES, FRANKLIN & BASH, MAJOR CRIMES, PERCEPTION and RIZZOLI & ISLES, as well as the upcoming KING & MAXWELL and THE LAST SHIP. The network also features dramatic unscripted originals like the upcoming 72 HOURS, COLD JUSTICE and THE HERO. In addition, TNT is the cable home to popular dramas like BONES, CASTLE, THE MENTALIST and SUPERNATURAL; primetime specials, such as THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS; blockbuster movies; and championship sports coverage, including NASCAR, the NBA and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. TNT's website is located at tntdrama.com.

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. Currently seen in more than 85 million homes, TCM features the insights of hosts Robert Osborne and Ben Mankiewicz, plus interviews with a wide range of special guests. As the foremost authority in classic films, TCM offers critically acclaimed original documentaries and specials, along with regular programming events that include THE ESSENTIALS, hosted by Robert Osborne and Drew Barrymore, and the month-long 31 DAYS OF OSCAR® in February and Summer Under the Stars in August. TCM also stages special events and screenings, such as the TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood and the TCM Classic Cruise; produces a wide range of media about classic film, including books and DVDs; and hosts a wealth of materials at its website, tcm.com.

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