



Milestones: Turner Classic Movies at 25

June 4, 1993 – The Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. Board of Directors approves the development of Turner Classic Movies (TCM), a new cable network, to be programmed with films from the Turner Entertainment Co. (TEC) Library of vintage MGM, RKO and pre-1948 Warner Bros. motion pictures as well as titles acquired from all the other major studios.

Jan. 18, 1994 – TCM signs veteran *Hollywood Reporter* columnist, respected author, movie expert and commentator Robert Osborne as network host and anchor.

April 14, 1994 – Surrounded by some of Hollywood's most notable stars, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. Board Chairman and President R.E. Turner launches Turner Classic Movies in the heart of New York City's Times Square. TCM's launch commemorates the exact centennial date of the first public presentation of movies in North America. The network's first feature presentation was a world television premiere of the uninterrupted and commercial free "road-show" version of the 1939 epic *Gone With The Wind*.

March 1, 1995 – TCM debuts *31 Days of Oscar*[®], an unprecedented television event featuring only Academy Award[®]-winning and nominated movies and performances for the entire month – more than 325 motion pictures. *31 Days of Oscar*[®] becomes an annual March event, moving to February in 2004 to coincide with the change in the ceremony schedule.

May 9, 1995 – TCM kicks off *A Woman's View*, a three-month, 180-movie look at Hollywood's relationship with women in motion pictures. The massive presentation goes on to be called "the most extensive and intriguing film festival in TV history" (*Minneapolis Star Tribune*).

Sept. 5, 1995 – TCM premieres its first interview special *Reel Memories* with host Robert Osborne in a conversation with legendary actress Jane Powell. It later becomes a series called *Private Screenings*, inviting celebrities to join TCM in sharing their Hollywood memories with Osborne.

Oct. 1, 1995 – TCM launches *Silent Sunday Nights*, the network's weekly showcase of silent films from comedic geniuses Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin and Harold Lloyd and romantic stars like Rudolph Valentino and Greta Garbo.

Nov. 1, 1995 – TCM premieres its first full-length original production, *Inside the Dream Factory*, hosted by Faye Dunaway, which wins the network its first CableACE for Best Entertainment/Cultural Documentary Special.

June 24, 1996 – TCM airs the U.S. television premiere of the six-hour documentary series *Cinema Europe: The Other Hollywood*, written and directed by Kevin Brownlow and David Gill and hosted by actor/director Kenneth Branagh. The series coincides with a week of rarely seen movies from some of the best European filmmakers

and actors that influenced the course of American cinema. The special is called "fascinating" (*L.A. Times*) and "enthraling" (*USA Today*).

Sept. 10, 1996 – TCM and TEC announce plans to re-release much of the newly returned MGM, pre-1950 Warner Bros. and RKO films under the *Turner Classic Movies on the Big Screen* brand. Fans will see classics like *Gone With The Wind*(1939), *Ben-Hur*(1959) and *Mutiny On The Bounty*(1935) in their local movie theaters across the country. TCM will revive this concept in 2012, when it begins working with Fathom Events.

Jan. 5-12, 1997 – TNT and TCM combine their efforts to present an unparalleled tribute to legendary actor Humphrey Bogart with *Here's Looking at You, Kid*. The documentary *Bogart: The Untold Story*, commissioned by Bogart and Lauren Bacall's son, Stephen Bogart, premieres on TNT on Jan. 5. Following, from Jan. 6-12, TCM becomes the "Humphrey Bogart Channel" for a week, featuring 24 hours of Humphrey Bogart movies and specials.

April 14, 1997 – TCM celebrates its third anniversary by presenting the world television premiere of the director's cut of Howard Hawks' *The Big Sleep*(1946). For the first time, television audiences see the 14 minutes of film cut from the released version. Restored scenes highlight the on-screen heat between Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall.

June 8, 1997 – TCM presents the world television premiere of long-lost Frank Capra film *The Matinee Idol* (1928). The digitally restored silent was discovered in a film vault in France and had never before been seen on television.

Oct. 3, 1997 – TCM revolutionizes movie viewing on television with the premiere of the Inside Track (IT) version of *Some Like It Hot*(1959), featuring special commentary tracks of directors, actors and film experts sharing their insights as the films unfold. Additional IT titles include *Singin' in the Rain*(1952), *Bad Day at Black Rock* (1955) and such international titles as Ingmar Bergman's *The Seventh Seal*(1957) and Francois Truffaut's *The 400 Blows*(1959) and *Jules et Jim*(1962).

Jan. 12, 1999 – TCM announces that it has commissioned Rick Schmidlin to produce a restored and re-edited version of Erich Von Stroheim's masterpiece *Greed* (1924) to premiere on the network in December 1999.

March 1, 1999 – TCM signs actress Courtney Love to host its new documentary, *Clara Bow: Discovering the "It" Girl*.

Oct. 18, 1999 – TCM premieres *A Conversation with Gregory Peck*, a two-hour special featuring a behind the scenes look at the screen icon as he remembers his career. The documentary also includes intimate moments with his friends and family.

June 27, 2000 – TCM explores the escapades of Hollywood tycoon Howard Hughes with the world premiere of *Howard Hughes: His Women and His Movies*.

July 4, 2000 – TCM presents the first ever commercial-free telecast of the beloved classic *The Wizard of Oz* (1939).

Jan. 15, 2001 – TCM celebrates Elvis Presley's birthday with the exclusive world television premiere of *Elvis: That's the Way It Is – Special Edition*.

April 1, 2001 – TCM launches *The Essentials*, a new Sunday-night franchise originally hosted by actor-producer-director Rob Reiner. Future hosts include Sydney Pollack, Peter Bogdanovich and Robert Osborne,

who has been joined by co-hosts Molly Haskell, Carrie Fisher, Rose McGowan, Alec Baldwin, Drew Barrymore and Sally Field. Alec Baldwin also hosted with guests David Letterman, Tina Fey and William Friedkin.

Sept. 6, 2003 – Ben Mankiewicz becomes TCM's weekend daytime host

Nov. 2003 – TCM begins a partnership with Chronicle Books and goes on to publish seven books with them, including the *TCM Crossword Puzzle Book* and *In the Picture: Production Stills from the TCM Archives*.

April 2004 – TCM turns 10 years old on April 14, 2004, marking a decade of bringing viewers the very best classic movies, all uncut and commercial free. To commemorate the occasion, TCM celebrates with a new star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for founder Ted Turner on April 7, the ringing the bell of the New York Stock Exchange on April 13 and the unveiling a special replica star for Turner at the company's Atlanta headquarters on April 27.

Oct. 4, 2004 – TCM officially opens doors to *In The Picture*, a one-of-a-kind pop-up movie exhibition and retail store in Los Angeles, including rare items from *Casablanca*.

Jan. 23, 2005 – TCM launches its *Guest Programmer* series, featuring celebrity guests who program and present a night of films with TCM's Robert Osborne. Future guest programmers include Danny DeVito, Mia Farrow, Kermit the Frog, Whoopi Goldberg, Alex Trebek, Martha Stewart, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Cher, Anthony Bourdain, Ellen Barkin and John Landis.

July 17, 2005 – TCM receives its first Emmy® nomination when the original special *Cary Grant, A Class Apart* is nominated for Outstanding Nonfiction Special.

Nov. 1, 2005 – TCM Canada, the first geographic expansion of Turner Classic Movies' domestic operations, launches. Together with our sister networks in Europe, Asia and Latin America, Turner Classic Movies is now available in more than 40 countries.

March 2006 – TCM launches TCMdb, a movie database featuring more than 130,000 titles and listing more than 1.25 million people; 100,000 pieces of biographical data; 15,000 written biographies; and more than 10 million distinct pieces of information, spanning the full continuum of movie history from the 1890s to films currently in production.

Feb. 1, 2006 – Robert Osborne, TCM host, is awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame immortalizing him as "The Oscar® Expert."

May 2006 – In *Race and Hollywood: Black Images in Film*, TCM explores how Hollywood depicts African-Americans. It is the first of an ongoing series of film festivals looking at cultural and ethnic portrayals.

June 2006 – TCM original documentary *Stardust: The Bette Davis Story* receives two Emmy® nominations and goes on to win for Outstanding Nonfiction Writing, TCM's first Emmy® win.

June 2006 – TCM presents *Leading Ladies*, a movie festival complementing the release of *Leading Ladies: The 50 Most Unforgettable Actresses of the Studio Era* from TCM and Chronicle Books.

Sept. 7, 2006 – TCM premieres a brand-new episode of *The Dick Cavett Show* with special guest Mel Brooks, filmed before a live studio audience in Los Angeles.

Oct. 13, 2006 – TCM takes a walk on the wild side with its newest weekly movie showcase, *TCM Underground*. The late-night franchise features after-hours horror and cult classic films and is currently still on the air.

April 4 & 11, 2007 – TCM presents six RKO films previously thought lost from the silver screen: *Double Harness*(1933), *One Man's Journey*(1933), *Rafter Romance*(1933), *Stingaree*(1934), *Living on Love*(1937) and *A Man to Remember*(1938).

May 1, 2007 – TCM premieres original documentary *Brando*, which went on to be nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award. It features a stunning array of interviews with such actors as James Caan, Angie Dickinson, Robert Duvall, Jane Fonda, Martin Landau, Al Pacino, John Travolta and Jon Voight and such directors as Bernardo Bertolucci, Martin Scorsese and Arthur Penn.

May 2007 – TCM opens *Celluloid Skyline: New York and the Movies*, a special exhibit at Grand Central Terminal in New York. The exhibit looks at Hollywood's vision of New York and is complemented by film festival on TCM.

June 2007 – TCM looks at Hollywood's depiction of gay characters in a month-long festival entitled *Screened Out: Gay Images in Film*. It is the second of TCM's annual looks at how Hollywood portrays cultural groups, following *Race and Hollywood: Black Images in Film* in 2006.

June 3, 2007 – TCM launches *Funday Night at the Movies*, a showcase of movies for the whole family hosted by *SpongeBob SquarePants* voiceover artist Tom Kenny. The franchise re-launches in 2008 as *Essentials Jr.*

March 8, 2008 – Actress Rose McGowan joins Robert Osborne to co-host the eighth season of *The Essentials*.

April 15, 2008 – TCM premieres *Role Model: Gene Wilder*, a special in which host Alec Baldwin has the opportunity to sit down for an intimate conversation with his role model, Gene Wilder.

June 1, 2008 – TCM re-launches *Funday Night at the Movies* as *Essentials Jr.* The Sunday night summer showcase of films focuses on presenting films that can be enjoyed by both young and old movie fans. Actress Abigail Breslin and actor Chris O'Donnell are the hosts for the showcase's new season. Future hosts include John Lithgow and Bill Hader.

July 7, 2008 – *TCM Presents Elvis Mitchell: Under the Influence* premieres. This eight-part series features noted film critic/interviewer Elvis Mitchell sitting down with eight film talents to discuss the influences on their lives and careers. The interviewees include Sydney Pollack, Bill Murray, Laurence Fishburne, Quentin Tarantino, Joan Allen, Edward Norton, John Leguizamo and Richard Gere.

April 1, 2009 – TCM wins the highest honor in broadcasting, the coveted Peabody Award, given in recognition of the network's contributions over the past 15 years.

April 14, 2009 – TCM celebrates its 15th anniversary. As part of the celebration, TCM has selected some of its biggest fans from around the country to serve as Guest Programmers. The week of April 13, each fan joined TCM host Robert Osborne to introduce a movie chosen from TCM's unparalleled vault of films.

March 7, 2009 – Emmy® winner Alec Baldwin joins Robert Osborne to host the ninth season of *The Essentials*.

Oct. 2, 2009 – TCM's first *A Night at the Movies* documentary special premieres. The series of periodic specials by award-winning filmmaker and author Laurent Bouzereau takes a look at different film genres, beginning with *The Suspenseful World of Thrillers*. Future installments look at epics, holiday films and Stephen King's favorite horror movies.

March 18-April 21, 2010 – TCM builds up anticipation for its first-ever TCM Classic Film Festival by staging a five-city collection of screenings in Boston, New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. titled *The Road to Hollywood* tour, which gives movie fans a chance to experience a taste of what will be happening in Hollywood during the festival.

April 22-25, 2010 – TCM hosts the first TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood. The four-day event includes dozens of screenings and guest appearances, with venues including the Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the Egyptian Theatre and the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Among the events are a tribute to Mel Brooks and an appearance by 100-year-old Oscar® winner Luise Rainer.

November 2010 – TCM premieres its seven-part documentary series *Moguls & Movie Stars: A History of Hollywood*, narrated by Christopher Plummer. The series is the most comprehensive look at American filmmaking TCM has ever undertaken. It would go on to earn three Emmy® nominations, a new record for TCM.

March 2011 – TCM employees get their chance to program and present their favorite films as Guest Programmers for the month with Robert Osborne.

March 3-April 21, 2011 – TCM expands its Road to Hollywood tour to ten cities as part of the buildup to the second-annual TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood.

April 28-May 1, 2011 – The second-annual TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood features tributes to Peter O'Toole, Kirk Douglas, movie music Leslie Caron attends an opening night screening of *An American in Paris* (1951).

June 5, 2011 - Emmy®-winning comedian Bill Hader (*Saturday Night Live*) takes over as host of TCM's *Essentials Jr.* showcase. He returns to host the showcase until 2014.

Oct. 10, 2011 – TCM announces it is teaming up with Sony Pictures Home Entertainment to release several classic films on DVD. Among the DVD sets on tap are a four-film collection of comedies starring Jean Arthur, a five-film set starring Humphrey Bogart, a large selection of cartoons from UPA's *Jolly Frolics* series and an intriguing collection of film noir thrillers, presented in partnership with The Film Foundation.

Nov. 15, 2011 – TCM launches a new series of periodic specials presented in collaboration with the American Film Institute. *TCM Presents: AFI's Master Class – The Art of Collaboration* launches with an in-depth, one-hour special focusing on the 40-year collaboration between filmmaker Steven Spielberg and composer John Williams. Future installments include a look at the collaboration of actor/producer Mark Wahlberg and filmmaker David O. Russell.

Dec. 8-12, 2011 – TCM embarks on the first-ever TCM Classic Cruise, a Caribbean vacation designed for the TCM fan. Eva Marie Saint, Norman Jewison, Ernest Borgnine and Tippi Hedren join the voyage, along with TCM host Robert Osborne and weekend daytime host Ben Mankiewicz aboard the *Celebrity Millennium*, with stops in Key West and Cozumel.

March 3, 2012 – Actress Drew Barrymore joins Robert Osborne to host the 12th season of *The Essentials*.

April 12-15, 2012 – The third annual TCM Classic Film Festival opens with a gala screening of *Cabaret* (1972), including live appearances by Liza Minnelli, Joel Grey and Michael York. The four-day event also features a tribute to Kim Novak, complete with her hand and footprints being enshrined in cement at Grauman's Chinese Theatre; an extensive look at *Style in the Movies*; and a celebration of Paramount Pictures' 100th anniversary.

July 10, 2012 – TCM and Fathom Events announce they will partner to present movies on the big screen with four screenings to take place in theaters nationwide through Fathom's digital broadcast system. The films include *The Birds* (1963), a *Frankenstein* (1931) & *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935) double feature and a special 50th anniversary presentation of *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962).

Jan. 21-26, 2013 – TCM launches the second TCM Classic Cruise, featuring classic film stars Debbie Reynolds, Mickey Rooney, Arlene Dahl, Sally Ann Howes and Norman Lloyd. The cruise sails to Grand Cayman and Cozumel aboard the *Celebrity Constellation*.

April 25-28, 2013 – The fourth annual TCM Classic Film Festival kicked off with an opening night screening of *Funny Girl*. Jane Fonda had this year's hand and footprint ceremony and introduced a screening of her film *On Golden Pond*. Other guests included Mitzi Gaynor, Bill Hader and Alex Trebek.

August 2013 – Turner Classic Movies and On Location Tours begin the TCM Classic Film Tour, a sightseeing bus tour of New York City that provides an insider's view of movie locations and history.

Sept. 2, 2013 – TCM presents the U.S. television premiere of the acclaimed documentary series *The Story of Film: An Odyssey*. The series, which won TCM its second Peabody Award, tells the history of cinema through a worldwide lens. Over the span of 15 weeks, TCM presented *The Story of Film: An Odyssey* curated with a slate of 119 films and dozens of short subjects representing 29 countries across six continents. Mark Cousins, who created *The Story of Film*, joins Robert Osborne to help introduce the series.

Dec. 8-13, 2013 – TCM launches its third TCM Classic Cruise, featuring appearances by movie legends Jane Powell, Robert Wagner, Margaret O'Brien and Theodore Bikel and game-show icon Alex Trebek. The cruise takes place aboard the *Disney Magic*, sailing from Miami, with stops in Nassau and Castaway Cay.

April 8, 2014 – TCM releases the book *Mom in the Movies: The Iconic Screen Mothers You Love (and a Few You Love to Hate)* in partnership with Simon & Schuster, written by Richard Corliss with a foreword by Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher.

April 10-13, 2014 – A world premiere restoration of *Oklahoma!* opens this year's TCM Classic Film Festival with Shirley Jones, Kim Novak, Tippi Hedren, Wink Martindale, Margaret O'Brien and Richard M. Sherman in attendance. Jerry Lewis was honored for the hand and footprint ceremony and other guests included Alec Baldwin, Maureen O'Hara, Anna Kendrick and Quentin Tarantino. This festival also marked TCM's 20th anniversary.

April 14, 2014 – TCM celebrates its 20th anniversary with *Twenty Classic Moments*, a look at some unforgettable moments in the 20-year history of Turner Classic Movies.

June 2014 - Turner Classic Movies and Starline Tours present the TCM Movie Locations Tour of Los Angeles, taking visitors past sites like the TCL Chinese Theatre and the iconic Broadway & Bradbury building.

June 1, 2014 - TCM launches *Into the Darkness: Investigating Film Noir*, a free online multimedia course open to the general public in partnership with Ball State University and Canvas Network. The massive open online course is one of several interactive initiatives TCM launched in connection to its Summer of Darkness programming event for fans that want to dive deeper into the world of film noir.

Oct. 21-26, 2014– TCM sails to Castaway Kay and Key West aboard the *Disney Magic* for the fourth TCM Classic Cruise. TCM Hosts Robert Osborne and Ben Mankiewicz are joined by classic film stars Diane Baker, Ann Blyth, Richard Dreyfuss, Tab Hunter, Shirley Jones and James Karen.

Nov. 26, 2014 - TCM announced strategic relationship with Walt Disney World Resort and The Walt Disney Studios to broaden its reach in family entertainment with joint efforts centered on classic film. *The Great Movie Ride* at Disney's Hollywood Studios received a TCM-curated refresh of the pre-show, finale and branding and TCM launched *Treasures from the Disney Vault*, a recurring on-air showcase that has included such live-action Disney features as *Treasure Island* (1950) and *Pollyanna* (1960) and animated films like *The Three Caballeros* (1944) and *The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad* (1949).

March 7, 2015 - Oscar®, Golden Globe®, Emmy® and Screen Actors Guild® Award winner Sally Field co-hosts the 15th season of TCM's signature showcase, *The Essentials*, alongside TCM host Robert Osborne.

Oct. 6, 2015 – TCM publishes its first book in partnership with Running Press, *Creating the Illusion: A Fashionable History of Hollywood Costume Designers*. TCM continues to publish books each year with Running Press.

Oct. 27, 2015 – The TCM Wine Club launches, a new venture which curates originally produced wines inspired by classic films as well as expertly selected varietals from renowned vineyards around the globe – all with the convenience of home delivery. TCM has since developed more than 40 collectible movie-themed wines since launch.

Nov. 25, 2014 – George Lucas talks extensively about his fantasy favorites in the one-hour special *TCM Presents A Night at the Movies: George Lucas & The World of Fantasy Cinema*, part of TCM's series of genre documentaries.

Nov. 20, 2014 - TCM and Macy's bring Christmas to New York City's Herald Square with an entire day of screenings of the beloved holiday classic *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947). The movie screened for fans outside Macy's Herald Square throughout the day, and TCM host Robert Osborne and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade executive producer Amy Kule delivered a special holiday greeting that evening on behalf of TCM and Macy's.

March 26-29, 2015 – TCM hosts the sixth annual TCM Classic Film Festival with a 50th anniversary screening of *The Sound of Music* with Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer on hand to introduce the film. Additional events included an interview with Sophia Loren for *Live From the TCM Classic Film Festival* and a hand and footprint ceremony in honor of Christopher Plummer.

April 21, 2015 – TCM hosts the U.S. Television premiere of filmmaker Edoardo Ponti's short film *Human Voice*, starring his mother Sophia Loren, as part of the network's five-film tribute to the actress.

Summer 2015 - TCM premieres *TCM Movie Camp*, a summer-long series targeted to young adults and future filmmakers beginning on June 7. Hosts William Joyce and Brandon Oldenburg, Oscar®-winning filmmakers and co-founders of Moonbot Studios, guided audiences through great films and landmark movie moments during the series.

October 2015 - TCM and Women In Film (WIF) Los Angeles join forces for a three-year partnership dedicated to raising awareness about the lack of gender equality in the industry and celebrating the achievements of women in film. Beginning in fall of 2015, TCM kicked off a three-year commitment each October with an extensive on-air programming initiative created to raise awareness about the historical contributions of

women working behind the camera, shining a spotlight on the current lack of women in positions of power in the film business, and promoting resources that empower them to more fully participate in the industry.

Nov 1-6, 2015 – TCM launches its fifth TCM Classic Cruise, featuring appearances by Angie Dickinson, Eva Marie Saint, Lou Gossett, Jr, Roger Corman and Ruta Lee. The cruise takes place aboard the *Disney Magic*, sailing from Miami, with stops in Grand Cayman and Castaway Cay.

April 28-May 1, 2016 – *All The President's Men* (1976) opened the 2016 TCM Classic Film Festival, which also featured a live orchestra and 70-person chorus for *Voices of Light: The Passion of Joan of Arc* and a panel titled "Man's Best Friend: Dogs in Film" with Lassie, Clyde from *Marley and Me* and Stella from *Modern Family* in attendance. Faye Dunaway was this year's interview for *Live From the TCM Classic Film Festival* and Francis Ford Coppola is this year's honoree for the hand and footprint ceremony.

April 27, 2016 - TCM launches its first ever-official fan club, TCM Backlot, which gives fans unprecedented access to all things TCM including exclusive content, never-before-seen talent interviews, archival videos from the TCM vault, as well as opportunities to win visits to the TCM set, attend meet and greets with TCM hosts and the opportunity to influence programming through online votes.

Oct. 2016 – TCM presents its second massive open online course titled *Painfully Funny: Exploring Slapstick in the Movies* running concurrently with a month of slapstick programming on air.

Nov. 12-19, 2016 – TCM sets sail on its largest voyage yet with 7 nights aboard the *Disney Fantasy*. TCM Host Ben Mankiewicz is joined by Kim Novak, Leslie Caron, Jerry Lewis, Michael York and Dick Cavett as the TCM Classic Cruise sails from Port Canaveral to St. Maarten, San Juan and Castaway Cay.

March 5, 2017 - TCM takes up permanent residence in the shadowy world of film noir with the launch of *Noir Alley*, a new programming franchise hosted by Eddie Muller, founder and president of the Film Noir Foundation. Known to classic film fans as "The Czar of Noir," Muller explores the genre from every angle as he introduces a different noir classic each week.

April 6-9, 2017 – The eighth annual TCM Classic Film Festival kicks off with *In The Heat of the Night* (1967) with the iconic Sidney Poitier in attendance. Additional tributes include actress Lee Grant, actor/director Peter Bogdanovich and Todd Fisher paid tribute to his mother and sister and iconic actresses Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher. Carl and Rob Reiner became the first father and son duo to have their hand and footprints in front of the Chinese Theatre and Michael Douglas was interviewed for Live From the TCM Classic Film Festival.

May 6, 2017 - Emmy® winner and Oscar® nominee Alec Baldwin begins hosting *The Essentials*. Joining Baldwin each week throughout the season were three special guests: late-night television icon David Letterman, acclaimed actress, writer and comedian Tina Fey and legendary filmmaker William Friedkin.

June 2017 – TCM celebrates Pride Month with *Gay Hollywood*, a series of programming looking at both open and closeted stars throughout film history, including MGM star William Haines, considered the first openly gay Hollywood actor

June 14, 2017 – The first local chapters of the Backlot fan club launch in Baltimore, Chicago, Des Moines, Hollywood, Houston, Miami, New York City, Salt Lake City, and Virginia.

June 26-August 7, 2017 - TCM hosts its third free massive open online course exploring the prolific career of Alfred Hitchcock. The course ran concurrently with TCM's on-air spotlight on Hitchcock, hosted by TCM host Ben Mankiewicz and *78/52* director Alexandre O. Philippe.

September 2017 – The shadowy world of *Noir Alley* expands with immersive brand extensions including a comic book and 360-degree experience featuring original digital episodes. TCM partnered with DC Entertainment for a free comic book titled *Batman in Noir Alley* starring DC's iconic superhero, Batman, and *Noir Alley* host Eddie Muller. TCM also offered fans the opportunity to dive deeper into the mysterious world of film noir with a new 360-degree experience for desktop and virtual reality devices with an accompanying seven-episode digital feature.

Oct. 21, 2017 – Backlot hosts its first *TCM In Your Hometown* contest in Buffalo, New York. Director Barry Levinson joined TCM Host Ben Mankiewicz for a free screening of *The Natural*, marking Levinson's first time back in Buffalo since the movie was shot 35 years prior.

March 4, 2018 – Alicia Malone and Dave Karger make their on-air debuts as TCM host.

April 26-29, 2018 – Mel Brooks opens this year's TCM Classic Film Festival with a screening of *The Producers* (1967) and Leonardo DiCaprio presents the first annual Robert Osborne Award to filmmaker Martin Scorsese. Actress Cicely Tyson is honored with the hand and footprint ceremony.

June 2018 - Turner Classic Movies (TCM) paid homage to the glittering world of Hollywood musicals with *Mad About Musicals!*, a special month of programming celebrating timeless movie musicals such as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Singin' in the Rain* and *Cabaret*. TCM once again offered a free online multimedia course tied to this programming special about the history of the musical genre and its evolution with cultural and technological shifts.

September 2018 - TCM and the African American Film Critics Association (AAFCA) partnered to bring viewers *The Black Experience on Film*, a comprehensive month-long programming initiative showcasing portrayals of African Americans throughout cinematic history hosted by 13 different members of AAFCA from print, online and broadcast outlets throughout the country.

Dec. 2, 2018 – TCM's official fan club, Backlot, hosted a free screening of *Rio Bravo* (1959) at the historic Fox Tucson Theatre for the second Bring TCM to your Hometown event. Star of the film and iconic actress Angie Dickinson joined TCM Primetime Host Ben Mankiewicz for a special introduction and for a meet and greet with fans.

Feb. 6, 2019 - After an extended five-day presentation in movie theaters nationwide, the TCM Big Screen Classics screening of *The Wizard of Oz* (1939) in partnership with Fathom Events proved its enduring appeal by grossing more than \$2 million at the domestic box office, becoming the highest-grossing classic film for Fathom Events and the event cinema industry.

April 11, 2019 – Iconic game show *Jeopardy!* celebrates TCM's 25th anniversary with a category of clues introduced by TCM Primetime Host Ben Mankiewicz.

April 11-14, 2019 – The TCM Classic Film Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary with a 30th anniversary screening of *When Harry Met Sally...* with stars Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan and director Rob Reiner. Other events include the second annual Robert Osborne award dedicated to film preservationist Kevin Brownlow and an 80th anniversary presentation of *Gone With The Wind* featuring an interview with TCM founder Ted Turner.

April 14, 2019 – TCM celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Oct. 22-27, 2019 – TCM Classic Cruise launches again for the seventh time, sailing on the *Disney Magic* from New York to Bermuda.

Recurring Specials and Showcases

The Essentials

2001-03 – Hosted by Rob Reiner

2003-05 – Hosted by Sydney Pollack

2005-06 – Hosted by Peter Bogdanovich

2006-07 – Hosted by Robert Osborne & Molly Haskell

2007-08 – Hosted by Robert Osborne & Carrie Fisher

2008-09 – Hosted by Robert Osborne & Rose McGowan

2009-11 – Hosted by Robert Osborne & Alec Baldwin

2012-15 – Hosted by Robert Osborne & Drew Barrymore

2015-16 – Hosted by Robert Osborne & Sally Field

2017 – Hosted by Alec Baldwin with special guests David Letterman, Tina Fey and William Friedkin

Hand and Footprint Ceremonies at TCM Classic Film Festival

2011 – Peter O'Toole

2012 – Kim Novak

2013 – Jane Fonda

2014 – Jerry Lewis

2015 – Christopher Plummer

2016 – Francis Ford Coppola

2017 – Rob & Carl Reiner

2018 – Cicely Tyson

2019 – Billy Crystal

Robert Osborne Award at TCM Classic Film Festival

2018 – Martin Scorsese

2019 – Kevin Brownlow

Backlot's Bring TCM to Your Hometown Contest Winners

2017 – Buffalo, NY

2018 – Tucson, AZ

Books published in partnership with Running Press

2015 - *Creating the Illusion: A Fashionable History of Hollywood Costume Designers*


2015 - *Fellini: The Sixties*

2016 - *TCM The Essentials: 52 Must-See Movies and Why They Matter*

2016 - *Into the Dark: The Hidden World of Film Noir, 1941-1950*

2016 - *Natalie Wood: Reflections on a Legendary Life*

2016 - *TCM Movie Night Menus: Dinner and Drink Recipes Inspired by the Films We Love*
2017 - *Kirk and Anne: Letters of Love, Laughter and a Lifetime in Hollywood*
2017 - *Sophia Loren: Movie Star, Italian Style*
2017 - *TCM Must-See Musicals: 50 Show-Stopping Movies We Can't Forget*
2018 - *TCM Must-See Sci-Fi: 50 Movies that Are Out of This World*
2018 - *A Star Is Born: Judy Garland and the Film that Got Away*
2018 - *TCM Christmas in the Movies: 30 Classics to Celebrate the Season*
2019 - *Forbidden Hollywood: The Pre-Code Era (1930-1934) – When Sin Ruled the Movies*
2019 - *Hollywood Black: The Stars, the Films, the Filmmakers*
2019 - *Dynamic Dames: 50 Leading Ladies Who Made History*





25 Fascinating Facts from 25 Years of Turner Classic Movies

First movie ever to air on TCM: *Gone with the Wind* (1939), which has since been shown more than 60 times.

Oldest films to air on TCM: *Annie Oakley*, *Bucking Bronco* and *Sioux Ghost Dance*, all from 1894.

Newest film to air on TCM: *Hugo* and *The Artist*, both from 2011

Most frequently aired movie on TCM: *Casablanca* (1942), which has aired 150 times.

Number of on-air appearances by Robert Osborne: 62,851

Number of on-air appearances by Ben Mankiewicz: 20,077

First appearance by TCM primetime host Ben Mankiewicz: September 6, 2003

First appearance by TCM host Alicia Malone: March 4, 2018

First appearance by TCM host Dave Karger: March 5, 2018

First appearance by *Noir Alley* host Eddie Muller: March 5, 2017

TCM Guest Programmers: 245 Guest Programmers, including celebrated actors, directors, composers, celebrities, film critics, musicians, fashion designers, athletes, authors, producers, fans, TCM employees, and - a Muppet!

***The Essentials* Hosts:** 12 hosts, beginning with Rob Reiner, Sydney Pollack and Peter Bogdanovich. Starting in 2006, Robert Osborne began co-hosting with film critic Molly Haskell, followed by Carrie Fisher, Rose McGowan, Alec Baldwin, Drew Barrymore and Sally Field. Following Robert's passing, Alec Baldwin hosted in 2017 with guests David Letterman, Tina Fey, and William Friedkin.

Robert Osborne's favorite interview for TCM: Kermit the Frog

Ben Mankiewicz's favorite interview: Actress Sophia Loren at the 2015 TCM Classic Film Festival

Alicia Malone's favorite interview: Director (and fellow Aussie) Gillian Armstrong at the 2018 TCM Classic Film Festival

Dave Karger's favorite interview: Actor/director Bradley Cooper ahead of the release of *A Star Is Born* (2018)

Person whom Ben would most like to interview Bruce Springsteen

Number of events during the first TCM Classic Film Festival in 2010: 52, including one world premiere restoration

Number of events in 2019 during the 10th annual TCM Classic Film Festival: 129, including 88 film titles

Number of Hand & Footprint Ceremonies at the TCM Classic Film Festivals: Nine, including Billy Crystal, Cicely Tyson, Rob & Carl Reiner, Francis Ford Coppola, Christopher Plummer, Jerry Lewis, Jane Fonda, Kim Novak and Peter O'Toole

Number of Stars on the Walk of Fame: Two, including Robert Osborne and Mel Brooks

Number of local chapters in Backlot, TCM's official fan club: 34

Number of classic films shown in theaters as part of TCM Big Screen Classics in partnership with Fathom: 78 since 2011

Number of TCM Classic Cruises: Six, with the seventh setting sail in Oct. 2019

Highest price ever paid for a movie prop: \$4,085,000 for the iconic lead statuette of the Maltese Falcon from the 1941 film, sold by Bonhams in partnership with TCM