
SELECTED TRIBUTES

Artists in attendance for all programs

Each year the Festival pays tribute to filmmakers who have made outstanding individual contributions to the film and video arts with special tributes.

Honorees participate in public programs which include screenings and discussions of the artist's work

Click on the "GUESTS" tab above to view photos of a few of our visiting artists.

The following list includes only selected tribute guests. In addition to the tribute honorees listed below, an additional 70-100 filmmakers are in attendance each year to screen their works throughout the year. Participants include master artists, mid-career filmmakers and emerging filmmakers.

MASTER SCREEN ARTIST TRIBUTES

2024 Martin Sheen

2024 Billy Dee Williams

2019 Ed Asner

2018 Sally Field

2016 Alfred Molina

2015 Margo Martindale

2014 Ed Harris

2003 Anthony Hopkins

2002 Debra Winger

2001 Gary Oldman
1998 Christopher Walken
1997 Tommy Lee Jones
1995 James Earl Jones
1994 Richard Dreyfuss
1993 Richard Harris
1992 Tony Curtis

1991 Audrey Hepburn
1990 Dennis Hopper
1989 James Stewart
1988 Greer Garson
1987 Rod Steiger
1986 Robert Duvall
1985 Jack Lemmon

1984 Shirley MacLaine
1983 Burt Lancaster
1981 Patricia Neal
1980 Anthony Quinn
1978 Charlton Heston
1976 Kirk Douglas
1974 Gregory Peck

2024 Salute to Dean Pitchford
2022 Salute to Sally Struthers
2019 Salute to Udo Kier
2019 Salute to Timothy Busfield
2019 Salute to Constance Towers
2018 Salute to Rupert Everett
2018 Salute to Richard Chamberlain
2018 Salute to Elizabeth Ashley
2018 Salute to Barbara Bain
2017 Salute to Rene Auberjonois
2017 Salute to Diane Baker
2017 Salute to Nancy Cartwright
2017 Salute to Mickey Liddell
2016 Salute to Harry Benson
2016 Salute to Bruce Davison
2016 Salute to Charley Pride
2016 Salute to Kelly Lynch
2015 Salute to Tab Hunter
2015 Salute to Glenn Morshower
2015 Salute to Ernie Hudson
2014 Salute to Carol Kane
2014 Salute to Fionnula Flanagan
2014 Salute to Linda Gray
2014 Salute to Morgan Fairchild
2013 Remembering Kumar Pallana
2013 Salute to David Gordon Green
2013 Salute to Jeff Lipsky
2012 Tribute to Rob Reiner
2012 Tribute to Elliott Gould

2012 Salute to Bert I. Gordon

2011 Tribute to Malcolm McDowell

2011 Tribute to Piper Laurie

2011 Tribute to Barry Corbin

2011 Tribute to William Fichtner

2010 Salute to Hiroyuki Sanada

2009 Tribute to Brian Cox

2009 Tribute to M. Emmet Walsh

2009 Tribute to Joe Sedelmaier

2009 Tribute to Paul Williams

2008 20th Anniversary Salute to Zeitgeist Films

2008 Tribute to William A. Fraker

2008 Tribute to Rip Torn

2008 Salute to Austin Pendleton

2008 Salute to Meat Loaf

2008 Salute to Mystery Science Theater 3K

2007 Salute to John Turturro

2007 Tribute to Peter Fonda

2007 Tribute to Bill Butler

2007 Salute to Bill Plympton

2007 Salute to Donald E. Westlake

2007 Salute to August Schellenberg

2007 Salute to Charles Busch

2007 Salute to Henry Jaglom

2007 Salute to Irwin Winkler

2007 50th Anniversary Salute to Janus Films

2006 Tribute to Mark Mothersbaugh

2006 Remembering Gordon Parks with
Richard Roundtree

2006 Tribute to Robert Towne

2005 Tribute to Danny Boyle

2005 Tribute to Martin Short

2005 Tribute to Bernie Brillstein

2004 Tribute to Robert Young

2004 Tribute to Dede Allen

2004 Tribute to Owen Roizman

2004 Salute to the Criterion Collection

2004 Tribute to Charles Durning

2004 Salute to Jeannie Epper

2003 Salute to Dina Merrill

2003 Tribute to Neil LaBute

2003 Tribute to Stephen Tobolowsky

2003 Tribute to Paul Wendkos

2003 Remembering Mario Bava

2002 Remembering Faith Hubley

2002 Tribute to Henry Bumstead

2002 Tribute to Ken Russell

2001 Tribute to Harry Shearer

2001 Tribute to Richard Sylbert

2001 Tribute to Merchant Ivory Productions

James Ivory, Ismail Merchant & Ruth Prawer Jhabvala

2001 Tribute to Gregory Hines

2000 Tribute to Albert Maysles

2000 Tribute to Quincy Jones

2000 Tribute to Blake Edwards

2000 Tribute to Conrad Hall

2000 Tribute to Penny Marshall

1999 Tribute to Laszlo Kovacs

1999 Tribute to Elmer Bernstein

1999 Tribute to Dennis Quaid

1998 Tribute to Derek Jacobi

1998 Tribute to Joan Micklin Silver

- 1997 Tribute to Hume Cronyn
- 1997 Tribute to Buck Henry
- 1997 Tribute to Mia Farrow
- 1997 Tribute to Jack Palance
- 1997 Tribute to Peter Greenaway
- 1996 Tribute to Jackie Chan
- 1995 Preserving the Disney Heritage
- 1995 An Evening With Betty Comden & Cyd Charisse
- 1994 Remembering Derek Jarman
- 1994 Tribute to John Waters

- 1993 Tribute to Bill Duke
- 1993 Tribute to Frank Oz

- 1992 Tribute to Ray Harryhausen
- 1992 Tribute to Hal Roach
- 1991 Tribute to Charles Burnett
- 1991 Salute to Samuel Z. Arkoff
- 1990 Tribute to Glenn Ford
- 1990 Tribute to George Axelrod
- 1989 Tribute to Fay Wray
- 1988 Salute to Dorothy Malone

- 1987 Salute to Paramount Pictures' 75th Anniversary
- 1987 Remembering Roberto Rossellini
- 1986 Tribute to Joshua Logan
- 1986 Salute to Alan Alda
- 1985 Salute to Larry Cohen
- 1985 Salute to Richard Edlund
- 1985 Salute to 60 Years of Columbia Pictures
- 1983 Salute to Roger Moore & Action-Adventure Film
- 1983 Salute to Anne Francis and the Films of the Fifties

1982 Salute to Roger Corman, King of the B's

1981 Disney on Film: A Forum on Animation and Fantasy

Filmmaking in the '80's with honored guests John Culhane,

Art Stevens, Tom White and John Lassester

1980 Salute to Gene Kelly and the American Musical

1979 Salute to Martin Balsam

1977 Salute to Toru Takemitsu

1973 Salute to Max Liebman, Sid Caesar and

Imogene Coca

1972 Salute to Grace Kelly

Princess Grace of Monaco arrives

to attend her retrospective

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GREAT DIRECTOR TRIBUTES

2023 Lasse Hallstrom

2017 Finn Taylor

2016 Whit Stillman

2016 Ira Sachs

2012 Peter Lord

2008 Claude Lelouch

2007 Milos Forman

2007 William Friedkin

2003 Robert Benton

2002 Michael Apted

2001 Wim Wenders

2000 Norman Jewison

1999 Arthur Penn

1998 Alan J. Pakula

1997 Paul Mazursky

1996 Sydney Pollack

1995 Stanley Donen

1995 Paul Schrader

1994 Martha Coolidge

1994 Budd Boetticher

1992 Robert Altman

1991 Oliver Stone

1990 John Frankenheimer

1989 Martin Ritt

1988 Alan Rudolph

1987 Michael Powell

1986 Chuck Jones

1985 Richard Brooks

1984 Frederick Wiseman

1983 John Cassavetes

1982 Frank Perry

1981 Robert Wise

1980 Rouben Mamoulian

1979 Sidney Lumet

1978 George Cukor

1977 King Vidor

1976 Mervyn LeRoy

1975 William Wyler

1974 Joseph L. Mankiewicz

1973 Raoul Walsh

1972 Frank Capra

1971 George Stevens

KIDFILM TRIBUTES

2024 Sophie Blackall, Sara Varon

2023 Peter H. Reynolds and Paul A. Reynolds and FableVision; Salute to Warner Bros. 100th Anniversary

2020 Laurie Keller, Adam Rex, Christopher Eliopoulos

2019 Marc Brown

2018 Barney Saltzberg, Ame Dyckman, Jacqueline K. Ogburn

2017 Beth Ferry, Tom Lichtenheld, Anna Kang & Christopher Weyant

2016 Katherine Paterson; Kate & Jim McMullan; Lisa Loeb; Shane Evans & Taye Diggs; honored guests Ed Moy, Raymond Ma and Katherine Park

2015 Alison McGhee; Kathi Appelt

2014 Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley; U.S. premiere of The Lego Movie

2013 Peter Reynolds

2012 Peter Brown; Studio Ghibli Retrospective with the U.S. premiere of The Secret World of Arrietty; special guest The Lorax

2011 Mike Thaler & Jared Lee; special guest Zachary Gordon

2010 Mo Willems; 20th Anniversary Salute to Aardman Animations

- 2009 Bob Barner; special guest Kay Panabaker
- 2008 Doreen Cronin & Betsy Lewin; special guest Alyson Stoner
- 2007 Laurie Keller; Honored guest Mary Matilyn Mouser with Eloise
- 2006 Rosemary Wells; David Devine; Remembering Jerry Juhl with Dave Goelz; Honored guests Polly Draper, Alex & Nat Wolff, Alexander Gould, John Kent Harrison
- 2005 Honored guests included Joe Mantegna with Uncle Nino, Annasophia Robb with Because of Winn-Dixie, director John Stephenson,
author/illustrator Trevor Romain, singer/songwriter Leigh Nash
- 2004 Honored guests Joe Camp and Benji (30th anniversary salute); authors John Grisham, Kimberly Willis Holt and Cari Best; young actors Jonathan Lipnicki and Cody Linley
- 2003 John Dilworth; special guest composer Jody Gray
- 2002 Leonard Maltin, Co Hoedeman, Salute to Peppermint Place Jerry Haynes and Vern Dailey
- 2001 Anniversary Salute to the Classics (The Wizard of Oz, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory with Mel Stuart)
- 2000 Morton Schindel and Paul Gagne, Tribute to Weston Woods
- 1999 Terry Jones
- 1997 Sid and Marty Krofft
- 1996 Tom Yohe, George Newall & Bob Dorough, Saluting Schoolhouse Rock
- 1995 Don Bluth & Gary Goldman
- 1995 Henry Selick
- 1994 Dennis Muren
- 1994 Hayley Mills
- 1993 Jane Henson and The Henson Legacy
- 1992 Shelley Duvall
- 1991 Stephen Bayly
- 1990 June Foray and Will Ryan
- 1989 John Matthews
- 1988 Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnson
- 1987 Bill Justice
- 1986 Michael Sporn
- 1985 Gary Templeton

AUTHOR SALUTES

James Ellroy

Stephen Rebello

John Grisham

Henry Bromell

Howard A. Rodman

John Waters

Louis Sacher

Leonard Maltin

Richard Condon

Andre Dubus III

John Boyne

Mark Frost

Sam Staggs

See KidFilm Tributes section for children's book author salutes.