

Cicely Tyson Hand and Footprint Ceremony at TCM Classic Film Festival

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Just when I thought it couldnâ??t get any better at the TCM Classic Film Festivalâ??s warm welcome on Wednesday evening, the extraordinary talent, Cicely Tyson, was honored with a Hand and Footprint Ceremony Friday morning, April 27th, 2018, at Graumanâ??s TCL Chinese Theatre. The diminutive Tyson is still working and shows little sign of slowing down. Enjoy the footage from the ceremony and check out what the festival wrote about Tyson below!

Actress, advocate, and humanitarian, Cicely Tyson is renowned for her portrayals of strong female characters on stage, screen, and television, from her stunning initial stage appearance as Barbara Allen in *Dark of the Moon* to her triumphant 2013 return to Broadway.

After a 30-year hiatus from the Broadway stage, Ms. Tyson returned as Mother Carrie Watts in Horton Footeâ??s *The Trip to Bountiful* in 2013, for which she received rave reviews and the triple crown of theater awards: the Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Best Actress in a play. Ms. Tyson returned to the Broadway stage in September 2015 in *The Gin Game* co-starring James Earl Jones.

Best known for her double Emmy performance (Best Lead Actress in a Drama as well as a Special, unprecedented Emmy Award for Actress of the Year) as Jane in *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, Ms. Tyson also was recently nominated in 2015 and 2017 for an Emmy for her recurring guest role as Ophelia, Annaliseâ??s mother (Viola Davis) in ABCâ??s *How to Get Away with Murder*. Ms. Tyson received her third Emmy Award for *The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All* and was nominated for her performances in *Roots*, *King*, *Sweet Justice*, *The Marva Collins Story* and *A Lesson Before Dying.*

Ms. Tyson was nominated for an Academy Award in 1973 for her role in the film SOUNDER *(1972)*. Her film credits also include *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* (1968), *Fried Green Tomatoes* (1991), *Hoodlum* (1997), *Because of Winn-Dixie* (2005), *Diary of a Mad Black Woman* (2005), *Madeaâ??s Family Reunion* (2006), *Why Did I Get Married Too?* (2010), *The Help* (2011), *Alex Cross* (2012) and most

recently in 2017 *Last Flag Flying* directed by Richard Linklater.

In March 2014, Ms. Tyson served as the executive producer of the film version of *The Trip to Bountiful* , presented on Lifetime television network. In 1977, as a student of the American Film Institute, Ms. Tyson directed the one-act play, *Save Me a Place at Forest Lawn.*

In recognition of her talent, dedication, and contributions, Ms. Tyson has been the recipient of countless awards including numerous Honorary Doctorates, most recently by Columbia University in 2014, as well as an unprecedented number of NAACP Image Awards. Other notable honors have been bestowed on her by the Princess Grace Foundation, National Urban League, National Council of Negro Women, National Civil Rights Museum and other organizations: PUSH, CORE, SCLC and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center.

Ms. Tyson is among the elite number of entertainers honored with a star on the Hollywood Boulevard Walk of Fame. She was recognized for her contribution to the performing arts at the 2015 Kennedy Center Honors. She is the recipient of the NAACPâ??s highest honor, the prestigious Spingarn Award. She also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016, the highest civilian award of the United States.

Since 1996, Ms. Tyson has served as the guiding force of the Cicely L. Tyson Community School of Performing and Fine Arts. This $143 million institution of academic and creative expression in East Orange, New Jersey serves 1,200 students from kindergarten through 12th grade. This cultural icon continues to develop her art as she takes on new roles and opportunities in her efforts to enlighten the human race.

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