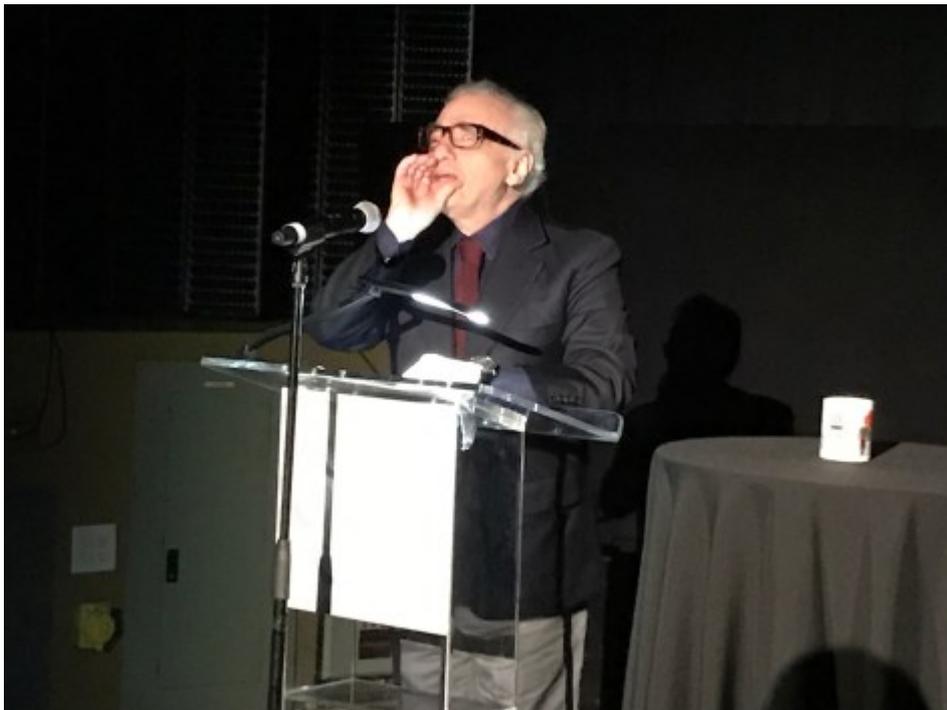# TCM Classic Film Festival to Open with Gala and Presentation by Leonardo Di Caprio

Description

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This is a must see event! Check out the TCM Pressroom media release below. See you at the movies!

Film icon, Martin Scorcese addresses the TCM Classic Film Festival 2017 audience at the Hollywoo

Acclaimed Actor and Activist Leonardo DiCaprio to Present Martin Scorsese with the Inaugural Robert Osborne Award at the TCM Classic Film Festival

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Award Recognizes an Individual Who Has Significantly Contributed to Preserving the Cultural Heritage of Classic Films to Be Given Annually in Honor of TCMâ??s Iconic Host

Turner Classic Movies (TCM) today announced that **Leonardo DiCaprio** will present friend and frequent collaborator **Martin Scorsese** with the inaugural **Robert Osborne Award** as part of the **2018 TCM Classic Film Festival**. DiCaprio, an Academy Award-winning actor, producer, and philanthropist, has appeared in five of Scorseseâ??s films, beginning with 2002â??s *Gangs Of New York* and most recently in Academy nominated 2013â??s *The Wolf Of Wall Street.* DiCaprio will present the award to the world-renowned filmmaker for his decades-long commitment to the legacy and preservation of classic films. The award will be presented on April 26 during opening night of the Film Festival.

In 1990, Scorsese established The Film Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting and preserving motion picture history. The foundation has funded the restoration of over 800 films, which are made accessible to the public globally. In addition, The Film Foundationâ??s World Cinema Project has restored 31 films from 21 countries representing the rich diversity of world cinema.

The Robert Osborne Award will be given out annually at the TCM Classic Film Festival to a recipient whose work has helped keep the cultural heritage of classic films alive and thriving for generations to come.

About the 2018 TCM Classic Film Festival

For the ninth consecutive year, thousands of movie lovers from around the globe will descend upon Hollywood for the **TCM Classic Film Festival**. The 2018 festival is set to take place **Thursday, April 26 â?? Sunday, April 29, 2018**. Over four packed days and nights, attendees will be treated to an extensive lineup of great movies, appearances by legendary stars and filmmakers, fascinating presentations and panel discussions, special events and more.

TCM Primetime host **Ben Mankiewicz** will serve as official host of the TCM Classic Film Festival. The festivalâ??s official hotel and central gathering point for the ninth consecutive year will be **The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel**, which has a longstanding role in movie history and was the site of the first Academy AwardsÂ® ceremony. The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel will also offer special rates for festival attendees. Screenings and events during the festival will be held at the **TCL Chinese Theatre IMAX**, the **TCL Chinese 6 Theatres** and the **Egyptian Theatre**, as well as other Hollywood venues.

Description of the 2018 festival theme *Powerful Words: The Page Onscreen*
Writing focuses visions, reflects our feelings and inspires great performances on both sides of the camera. Join us for the 2018 TCM Classic Film Festival, celebrating the representation of the written word on the silver screen. From original screenplays to unique adaptations to portrayals of writers real and imagined, we will celebrate the foundation of great film: the written word.

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