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Denzel Washington to Receive 47th AFI Life Achievement Award

Description

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Denzel Washington will receive the 47th AFI Life Achievement Award, Americaâ??s highest honor for a career in film. The award will be presented to Washington at a Gala Tribute on Thursday, June 6, 2019, in Los Angeles, CA.

The AFI Life Achievement Award Tribute special will return for its seventh year with Turner Broadcasting to air on TNT, followed by encore presentations on sister network Turner Classic Movies (TCM). Audi and American Airlines return as Official Sponsors of the event.

Actor, director and producer Denzel Washington is an iconic leading man whose career spans five decades â?? an esteemed repertoire ranging from screen to stage, in works defined by his towering presence as heroic everymen, troubling antiheroes and real-life figures with complicated, often controversial histories. His cinematic legacy includes powerhouse, Academy AwardÂ®-winning performances in GLORY (1989) and TRAINING DAY (2001), as well as celebrated roles in CRY FREEDOM (1987), MALCOLM X (1992), THE HURRICANE (1999), FLIGHT (2012) and ROMAN J. ISRAEL, ESQ. (2017), earning additional nominations for each. Washington has crafted compelling, unforgettable characters in recurring collaborations with master directors past and present, bringing stalwart grit and nuanced complexity to films essential to the American canon, such as Jonathan Demmeâ??s PHILADELPHIA (1993), Spike Leeâ??s INSIDE MAN (2006) and Ridley Scottâ??s AMERICAN GANGSTER (2007) â?? and to blockbuster, crowd-pleasing fare such as Edward Zwickâ??s (AFI Class of 1975) CRIMSON TIDE (1995), Tony Scottâ??s MAN ON FIRE (2004) and Antoine Fuquaâ??s THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN (2016).

A creative force behind the camera as well, Washington has helmed critically acclaimed films, including ANTWONE FISHER (2002) and THE GREAT DEBATERS (2007), in which he also stars. He won a 2010 TonyÂ® for his performance in the play â??Fences,â?• and directed, produced and starred in the 2016 film adaptation that earned him Best Actor and Best Picture OscarÂ®nominations, as well as AFI AWARDS recognition.



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