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TCM NEWS: TCM Classic Film Festival Reveals Fortieth Anniversary Screening of Blockbuster Hit â?? E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial

Description

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Steven Spielberg, Kathleen Kennedy, and Frank Marshall To Attend Opening Night



Turner Classic Movies (TCM) will kick off the **13th annual TCM Classic Film Festival** on **Thursday, April 21st**with a **40th-anniversary screening** of the beloved family sci-fi film ***E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial***, from Universal Pictures and Amblin Entertainment, with Academy AwardÂ®-winning director **Steven Spielberg** in attendance along with Academy AwardÂ®-nominated producers **Kathleen Kennedy** and **Frank Marshall**. The 2022 TCM Classic Film Festival, held in the heart of Hollywood **April 21st-24th**, will center around the theme â??**All Together Now: Back to the Big Screen**.â?•


TCM Host, Ben Mankiewicz, at the 2017 TCM Classic Film

Festival Press Conference (Photo by Larry Gleeson/HollywoodGlee)

â??I was 15 years old when *E.T.* came out and what was true then remains so today; the film continues to speak to both children and adults. And itâ??s fair to say that this is the most influential family film since *The Wizard of* Oz,â?• said **Ben Mankiewicz, TCM primetime anchor and official host of the TCM Classic Film Festival.** â??When Steven Spielberg started work on *E.T.,* he didnâ??t imagine he was making a movie with mass appeal. We donâ??t get to say this often, but boy was Spielberg wrong.â?•


Pola Changnon

â??E.T. is the perfect example of a modern classic movie that combines both innovative direction and heartfelt performances,â?• said**, Pola Changnon, general manager of TCM**. â??This film is beloved by millions around the world and weâ??re honored to have it open our festival.â?•

At the center of *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* is Elliott, is a young boy who befriends an extra-terrestrial who is accidentally left behind on Earth. As Elliott attempts to help his new friend contact his home planet, so that he might be rescued, they must elude scientists and government agents determined to apprehend the alien for their own purposesâ?¦which results in an adventure greater than any of them could have imagined. Premiering on June 11, 1982, the film was a box office hit that became the highest-grossing film at the time, beating out *Star Wars*. The beloved masterpiece was directed by Spielberg and produced by Kennedy and Marshall.

TCM has previously announced iconic actress and comedian Lily Tomlin will be honored with a hand and footprint ceremony in the courtyard of the world-famous TCL Chinese Theatre ImaxÂ® in Hollywood. In addition, the third Robert Osborne Award, recognizing an individual who has helped keep the cultural heritage of classic film alive for future generations, will be presented to one of the worldâ??s most respected film critics and historians, Leonard Maltin.

About E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial

Journey back to the magic and adventure of â??one of the great American filmsâ?• (Leonard Maltin) with E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial, the beloved masterpiece from Academy AwardÂ®-winning director Steven Spielberg. Henry Thomas, Drew Barrymore, and Robert MacNaughton star in the unforgettable story of a lost alien and the 10-year-old boy who helps him find his way home. Digitally remastered for optimal picture and sound, this astounding story is sure to thrill viewers of all ages again with its timeless message of trust, courage, and the overwhelming power of friendship.

About the 2022 TCM Classic Film Festival

Movie lovers from around the globe will descend upon Hollywood for the 13th edition of the **TCM Classic Film Festival**. The 2022 festival is set to take place **from Thursday, April 21 â?? to Sunday, April 24, 2022.** 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 the official host of the TCM Classic Film Festival. The festivalâ??s official hotel and central gathering point 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**Â®, the **TCL Chinese 6 Theatres**, the **Hollywood Legion Theater at Post 43**, as well as other Hollywood venues.



Larry Gleeson poses in front of TCM Past exhibit at the TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood, Calif. (Photo courtesy of HollywoodGlee)

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