



TCM Classic Film Festival 2018 Welcome!

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Off to a warm start here at the TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood, California!



TCM host, author, director, producer and actress, Illeana Douglas, above, posing outside Club TCM during the 2018 TCM Classic Film

Festival's Welcome Reception, Wednesday, April 26, 2018, at the historic Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. (Photo credit: @illeanarama twitter feed)

I had the pleasure of chatting up TCM host, author, writer, director, producer and actress (the adjectives and accolades could literally go on and on - probably needs its own post), Illeana Douglas.

Having previously met Douglas at her book, *I Blame Dennis Hopper: and Other Stories from a Life Lived In and Out of the Movies*, signing, in 2016, and politely engaging periodically on twitter, my experience last night was comparable to catching up with that long lost, charismatic aunt we haven't seen in years. Happy to hear about her forthcoming book, *It Never Happened*, tentatively scheduled for publication and release next year. She's an extraordinary talent with a refreshing openness and keen sense of humor. And she promised *It Never Happened* parlays the "Other Stories" from her first title into stories, adventures and tales that never happened. (Wink. Wink) Keep an eye out for it! And, if you haven't read *I Blame Dennis Hopper* yet, give it at least a "run through" until her new book, *It Never Happened* hits the shelves. But enough about Illeana Douglas for now!



TCM and FilmStruck General Manager, Jennifer Dorian, welcomes the guests for the 2018 TCM Cla

The TCM Classic Film Festival Staff and Directors were out in full force for the 2018 Welcome Reception held at the Club TCM inside the historic Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Wednesday, April 25th, 2018. TCM and FilmStruck General Manager, Jennifer Dorian, who was also recently named Executive Vice-President for Turner Portfolio 360 Brand Strategy, welcomed the guests explaining this year's welcome would be a more casual affair focusing on creating and building relationships through conversation. Indeed!



Club TCM audience with all eyes on TCM General Manager, Jennifer Dorian, at the TCM Classic Film Festival Gala, April 25, 2018, at the historic Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, Calif. (Photo credit: Larry Glee)

Cocktails and soft drinks were provided with light appetizers.

The 2018 TCM Classic Film Festival officially opens tonight with a [Gala and Presentation by Leonardo DiCaprio](#) followed by a screening of the [Producers](#) (1967) at the Historic Hollywood Chinese Theatre.

Stay tuned as this event is shaping up to be a one-of-a-kind with an extraordinary 120 spectator events and activities!



TCM and FilmStruck host, Alicia Malone, poses before the 2018 TCM Classic Film Festival Welcome

See you at the movies!



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