



Julie Andrews to Receive 48th AFI Life Achievement Award

America's Highest Honor for a Career in Film

to Be Presented at Gala Dinner on April 25, 2020

Tribute Will Premiere on TNT, Thursday, May 7 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, LOS ANGELES, CA, September 20, 2019 — The American Film Institute (AFI) Board of Trustees announced today that Dame Julie Andrews will be the recipient of the 48th AFI Life Achievement Award, the highest honor for a career in film. The award will be presented to Andrews at a Gala Tribute on April 25, in Los Angeles, CA. The AFI Life Achievement Award has won Emmy® Awards across five decades in its 48-year run and will return for its eighth year with TNT, followed by encore presentations on sister network Turner Classic Movies (TCM) in the fall. Audi returns as an Official Sponsor of the event.

"Julie Andrews is practically perfect in every way," said Kathleen Kennedy, Chair of the AFI Board of Trustees. "Her talents across time have inspired a shared sense of joy across generations, and her gifts to our cultural heritage are a testament to the power of this art form to bring us together when we need it most. AFI is proud to sing her praises with its 48th Life Achievement Award."

A legendary actress of both stage and screen, Andrews has enchanted and delighted audiences around the world with her uplifting and inspiring body of work. She continues to captivate viewers in front of the camera, with her remarkable wit, characteristic grace and an incandescent and unmistakable voice all of her own — while also shining a light on humanitarian issues in her activism and philanthropic work.

A three-time Academy Award® nominee, Andrews star turn in *MARY POPPINS* won her both a BAFTA and an Oscar®. From her early debut as Polly Browne in "The Boyfriend" to her critically-acclaimed Eliza Doolittle in the Broadway hit "My Fair Lady" to her timeless performance as Maria von Trapp in *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* to her groundbreaking dual roles in the gender-bending *VICTOR/VICTORIA*, Andrews has proven herself an accomplished and versatile actress. Throughout an illustrious career that spans seven decades, she has won five Golden Globes, three Grammys® and two Emmys® for projects infused with her incomparable charm and recognized for their ability to enthrall audiences worldwide. The critically lauded Andrews is also a Kennedy Center honoree, a Disney Legend inductee and the recipient of a SAG Life Achievement Award.

On stage and screen, she has delivered transcendent performances known for their elegance, artistry and humor, with additional acting credits including: "Camelot" (1960), *THE AMERICANIZATION OF EMILY* (1964), *TORN CURTAIN* (1966), *HAWAII* (1966), *THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE* (1967), *STAR!* (1968), *10* (1979), *LITTLE MISS MARKER* (1980), *THE MAN WHO LOVED WOMEN* (1983), *DUET FOR ONE* (1986), *ENCHANTED* (2007) and *AQUAMAN* (2018). She

has also starred in multiple, successful franchises, including THE PRINCESS DIARIES 1 and 2 (2001); SHREK 2 (2004), SHREK THE THIRD (2007) and SHREK FOREVER AFTER (2010); and DESPICABLE ME (2010) and DESPICABLE ME 3 (2017) and the upcoming MINIONS. Recently, Andrews was cast in Shonda Rhimes' new Netflix series BRIDGERTON to play a sharp-tongued gossip writer in Regency London, marking her continued evolution as an actress and icon. Andrews' second memoir, "Home Work: A Memoir of My Hollywood Years" — a follow-up to her successful 2008 New York Times Best Seller, "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" — will be released October 15.

AFI Life Achievement Award Recipients

Honoree joins an esteemed group of individuals who have been chosen for this distinguished honor since its inception.

1973	John Ford	1997	Martin Scorsese
1974	James Cagney	1998	Robert Wise
1975	Orson Welles	1999	Dustin Hoffman
1976	William Wyler	2000	Harrison Ford
1977	Bette Davis	2001	Barbra Streisand
1978	Henry Fonda	2002	Tom Hanks
1979	Alfred Hitchcock	2003	Robert De Niro
1980	James Stewart	2004	Meryl Streep
1981	Fred Astaire	2005	George Lucas
1982	Frank Capra	2006	Sean Connery
1983	John Huston	2007	Al Pacino
1984	Lillian Gish	2008	Warren Beatty
1985	Gene Kelly	2009	Michael Douglas
1986	Billy Wilder	2010	Mike Nichols
1987	Barbara Stanwyck	2011	Morgan Freeman
1988	Jack Lemmon	2012	Shirley Maclaine
1989	Gregory Peck	2013	Mel Brooks
1990	David Lean	2014	Jane Fonda
1991	Kirk Douglas	2015	Steve Martin
1992	Sidney Poitier	2016	John Williams
1993	Elizabeth Taylor	2017	Diane Keaton
1994	Jack Nicholson	2018	George Clooney
1995	Steven Spielberg	2019	Denzel Washington
1996	Clint Eastwood		

About the AFI Life Achievement Award

The highest honor given for a career in film, the AFI Board of Trustees established the AFI Life Achievement Award in 1973. It is presented to a single honoree each year based on the following criteria as mandated through a resolution passed by the AFI Board of Trustees:

"The recipient should be one whose talent has in a fundamental way advanced the film art; whose accomplishment has been acknowledged by scholars, critics, professional peers and the general public; and whose work has stood the test of time."

Most recently, the 47th AFI Life Achievement Award Tribute gathered American film's finest to honor Denzel Washington on June 6, 2019 at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood. The event saw Mahershala Ali, Chadwick Boseman, Jodie Foster, Antoine Fuqua, Jamie Foxx, Morgan Freeman, Michael B. Jordan, Issa Rae, Julia Roberts and Cicely Tyson pay tribute to Washington's extraordinary life and body of work. The evening featured a musical performance from Jennifer Hudson. Additional guests in attendance included Ed Begley, Jr., W. Kamau Bell, Joel Coen, Ava DuVernay, Carl Franklin, Antoine Fuqua, David Alan Grier, Keegan-Michael Key, Martin Lawrence, Frances McDormand, Stephen McKinley Henderson, John David Washington and Edward Zwick.

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