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## **JANE FONDA TO RECEIVE 42ND AFI LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**America's Highest Honor for a Career in Film to be Presented June 5, 2014**

**Tribute will Air on TNT and Turner Classic Movies in June 2014**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, LOS ANGELES, CA, October 5, 2013 – Sir Howard Stringer, Chair of the American Film Institute's Board of Trustees, announced today the Board's decision to honor Jane Fonda with the 42nd AFI Life Achievement Award, the highest honor for a career in film. The award will be presented to Fonda at a gala tribute on June 5, 2014 in Los Angeles, CA. The 42nd AFI Life Achievement Award tribute special will return for its second year on TNT when it airs in June 2014, followed by encores on sister network Turner Classic Movies (TCM).

"Jane Fonda is American film royalty," said Stringer. "A bright light first introduced to the world as the daughter of Henry Fonda, the world watched as she found her own voice and forged her own path as an actor and a cultural icon. Today she stands tall among the giants of American film, and it is AFI's honor to present Jane Fonda with its 42nd Life Achievement Award."

The Academy Award®-winning actor of *KLUTE* (1971) and *COMING HOME* (1978), Fonda has starred in more than 40 films since her screen debut. Spanning decades, her diverse career features celebrated comedies – including *CAT BALLOU* (1965) and *9 TO 5* (1980) – as well as powerful dramatic performances such as *THEY SHOOT HORSES, DON'T THEY?* (1969), *JULIA* (1977), *THE CHINA SYNDROME* (1979), *THE MORNING AFTER* (1986) and *ON GOLDEN POND* (1981) – in which she starred with her father, Henry Fonda, the AFI Life Achievement Award recipient in 1978. More recently, Fonda appeared in Lee Daniels' *THE BUTLER* (2013), and currently stars in Aaron Sorkin's HBO series, *THE NEWSROOM*.

Last year's AFI Life Achievement Award tribute brought together the film community in force to honor Mel Brooks. AFI Life Achievement Award recipient Martin Scorsese (1997) presented the award, while other past honorees Robert De Niro (2003), Clint Eastwood (1996), Morgan Freeman (2011), George Lucas (2005) and Steven Spielberg (1995) paid tribute to Brooks and his diverse talent. Among the other comedic and filmmaking greats who honored Brooks were Woody Allen, Billy Crystal, Larry David, David Lynch, Conan O'Brien, Amy Poehler, Carl Reiner, Martin Short, Sarah Silverman and Gene Wilder.

The sponsors of the 2014 AFI Life Achievement Award tribute to Jane Fonda is American Airlines, the official airline of the American Film Institute.

## **About Jane Fonda**

Jane Fonda is part of an American acting dynasty. Where others would have been defined by their place in the family tree – the daughter of an American screen legend, the wife of a famous director, activist or billionaire broadcaster – it is Fonda herself, an Academy Award®-winning actor of *KLUTE* (1971) and *COMING HOME* (1978) and star of more than 40 other films, whose image as an artist and activist eclipses all others. Her path through the starry firmament of Hollywood and the world beyond has ultimately been determined by the gravitational pull of her own power.

Jane Seymour Fonda was born in New York City in 1937 to a socialite, Frances Seymour Brokaw, and an up and coming actor, Henry Fonda. By the time she was old enough to pursue her own career, Fonda's father had become a movie icon of American grit and integrity. At 17, she appeared with her father in a production of "The Country Girl" at the Omaha Community Theatre. She joined the Actors Studio in 1958, studied with Lee Strasberg and made her screen debut two years later opposite Anthony Perkins in *TALL STORY* (1960) directed by Joshua Logan.

Fonda's early screen roles revealed a talent for light comedy in well-crafted adaptations of Broadway plays like *PERIOD OF ADJUSTMENT* (1962), *ANY WEDNESDAY* (1966) and *BAREFOOT IN THE PARK* (1967). Her role in *BARBARELLA* (1968) established her in pop culture before she landed dramatic roles in *THEY SHOOT HORSES, DON'T THEY?* (1969) and *KLUTE*. Her portrayal of prostitute and stalking victim Bree Daniels earned Fonda her first Academy Award®. Fonda's stirring performances in *COMING HOME*, *JULIA* (1977) and *THE CHINA SYNDROME* (1979) won praise from the nation's film critics.

In the 1980s, Fonda defied expectations by writing "Jane Fonda's Workout Book" and creating Jane Fonda's Workout Video," best-sellers that ignited a national aerobic exercise craze among baby boomers. In all, Fonda released two dozen fitness videos, six books and 13 audios.

Fonda's acting triumph of the 1980s was the film adaptation of Ernest Thompson's play, *ON GOLDEN POND* (1981), in which she appeared with her father – whose performance earned him his only Academy Award® for Best Actor. Fonda herself was nominated for Best Supporting Actress. Other major films during this decade were *NINE TO FIVE* (1980), *AGNES OF GOD* (1985) and *STANLEY AND IRIS* (1989), after which she announced her retirement.

Retirement didn't last as Fonda returned to the performing arts where she triumphed on the Broadway stage in Moises Kaufman's "33 Variations" (2009), and appeared in such films as *MONSTER-IN-LAW* (2005), *GEORGIA RULE* (2007) and *PEACE, LOVE & MISUNDERSTANDING* (2011). She currently plays Leona Lansing in the HBO series *THE NEWSROOM*.

## **About the AFI Life Achievement Award**

The highest honor given for a career in film, the AFI Life Achievement Award was established by the AFI Board of Trustees on February 26, 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.”

### **AFI Life Achievement Award Recipients**

Jane Fonda joins an esteemed group of individuals who have been chosen for this distinguished honor since its inception in 1973. A group that includes her father Henry Fonda (1978), making them the first father/daughter honorees in the history of the award. Kirk Douglas and Michael Douglas share a similar precedent as recipients in 1992 and 2009, respectively.

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

### **About the American Film Institute**

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generation of storytellers at the world renowned **AFI Conservatory**, recognized for the quality of its instructors and speakers and its notable alumni.

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### **About TNT and TCM**

TNT is television's destination for drama. Seen in 99 million households and ranking among cable's top networks, TNT is home to such original drama series as "Rizzoli & Isles," "Major Crimes," "Falling Skies," "Perception," "Dallas" and "Franklin & Bash," as well as the upcoming "Mob City," "Legends," "The Last Ship" and "Murder in the First." The network also features dramatic unscripted originals like "Cold Justice," "Boston's Finest," "The Hero," "72 Hours" and the upcoming "Marshal Law: Texas," "Save Our Business," "Inside Job," "The Private Lives of Nashville Wives" and "Life Flight." In addition, TNT is the cable home to popular dramas like "Hawaii Five-0," "Castle," "The Mentalist," "Bones" and "Supernatural"; primetime specials, such as the "Screen Actors Guild Awards®" and the "AFI Life Achievement Award"; blockbuster movies; and championship sports coverage, including NASCAR, the NBA and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. TNT's website is located at [tntdrama.com](http://tntdrama.com).

Turner Classic Movies (TCM) is a Peabody Award-winning network that presents great films, uncut and commercial-free, from the largest film libraries in the world. TCM, which is available in more than 85 million homes, features the insights of hosts Robert Osborne and Ben Mankiewicz, plus interviews with a wide range of special guests. Currently in its 20th year as a leading authority in classic film, TCM offers critically acclaimed original documentaries and specials; film series like "The Essentials," hosted by Robert Osborne and Drew Barrymore, and "Friday Night Spotlight"; and annual programming events like "31 Days of Oscar®" in February, "Summer Under the Stars" in August and "TCM Essentials Jr." during the summer. TCM also connects with movie fans through such events as the annual TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood and the TCM Classic Cruise, as well as through the TCM Classic Film Tour in New York City. In addition, TCM produces a wide range of media about classic film, including books and DVDs, and hosts a wealth of material on the TCM website ([tcm.com](http://tcm.com)), which includes the TCM Movie Database, message boards, blogs and more.

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