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TCM Classic Film Festival

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The TCM Classic Film Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, taking place in Hollywood from Thursday April 11 to Sunday April 14, 2019.

The opening night movie is *When Harry Met Sally* (1989), presented by director Rob Reiner and stars Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal at the Chinese Theater.

This romantic comedy fits this year's festival theme, Follow Your Heart: Love At The Movies.



Love in the Afternoon, 1957-Audrey Hepburn, Gary Cooper

Also featured are *Sleepless in Seattle* (1993) by Nora Ephron with Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks, *Love in the Afternoon* (1957) by Billy Wilder with Audrey Hepburn and Gary Cooper, *From Here to Eternity* (1953) by Fred Zinneman with Burt Lancaster and Deborah Kerr, *Love Affair* (1939) by Leo McCarey with Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer.



Holiday, 1938 - Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn

World premiere restorations will be shown, like *Holiday* (1938) by George Cukor with Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn.



A Woman of Affairs, 1928-Greta Garbo, John Gilbert

Film historian Kevin Brownlow, author of books like *The Parade's Gone By...* (1968), a history of silent cinema, will receive the Robert Osborne Award (named after the beloved TCM host) for his dedication to the restoration of classic movies from the silent era, such as *A Woman of Affairs* (1928) with Greta Garbo and John Gilbert.

Among the numerous guest stars introducing their films are Jacqueline Bisset (*Day for Night*), Angie Dickinson (*The Killers*), Shirley MacLaine (*Steel Magnolias*), Gena Rowlands (*A Woman under the Influence*).

The closing night movie is *Gone with the Wind* (1939) with Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh.

On Friday night April 12, Billy Crystal will stamp his hands and footprints in the wet cement in

front of the Chinese Theater, a tradition that started in 1927.

You don't want to miss such abundance of riches for film lovers who prefer to see movies on the big screens of the Chinese and the Egyptian theaters. You may buy a pass starting from \$299 or individual tickets for \$20.

You may read my articles about the 2017 and 2018 TCM Classic Films Festivals in this magazine, and this 2017 article I wrote for the Golden Globes website.

2019 marks the 25th anniversary of TCM, the Turner Classics Movie Channel. Check out their monthly schedule, record your choices to watch at your leisure.

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