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**Gala Screening of Newly Restored *Funny Girl* (1968)  
To Launch Fourth Annual TCM Classic Film Festival**

**Passes Go on Sale to the Public Nov. 15 for Four-Day Festival,  
Coming to Hollywood April 25-28, 2013**

***Vanity Fair* Returns for Fourth Year as Festival Partner and  
Co-Presenter of Opening Night After-Party**

**Turner Classic Movies (TCM)** will open the 2013 edition of the **TCM Classic Film Festival** with the world premiere of a brand new restoration of the musical classic *Funny Girl* (1968). TCM's own **Robert Osborne**, who serves as official host for the festival, will introduce *Funny Girl* to kick off the four-day, star-studded event taking place **Thursday, April 25 – Sunday, April 28, 2013, in Hollywood**. In addition to *Funny Girl*, the TCM Classic Film Festival will feature world premiere restorations of *The General* (1926), *Giant* (1956) and *The Great Escape* (1962), with many additional titles to be announced later.

Passes for the 2013 TCM Classic Film Festival are set to go on sale to the public **Thursday, Nov. 15, at noon (ET)**. Passes can be purchased exclusively through the official festival website: <http://www.tcm.com/festival>.

Also announced today, ***Vanity Fair*** will serve as official partner for the TCM Classic Film Festival for the fourth consecutive year. *Vanity Fair* will co-present the after-party following the gala opening-night screening of *Funny Girl*.

Restored in **4K** from the original camera negative by **Sony Pictures Colorworks** in celebration of its **45<sup>th</sup> anniversary**, *Funny Girl* stars Barbra Streisand in her Oscar®-winning performance as *Ziegfeld Follies* comedienne Fanny Brice. Omar Sharif co-stars as high-rolling entrepreneur Nicky Arnstein, with Hollywood veteran William Wyler in the director's chair. Adapted from the popular Broadway musical that earned Streisand a Tony nomination, *Funny Girl* features a score by Jule Styne and Bob Merrill. Among the many memorable songs featured are "People" and "Don't Rain on My Parade," both of which became signature Streisand hits.

Among the first films slated for the 2013 TCM Classic Film Festival are three perennial favorites to be screened for the first time ever in restored editions:

- ***The General* (1926) – World Premiere Restoration**  
Buster Keaton's timeless Civil War comedy returns in a newly restored edition presented with a live score written and performed by the **Alloy Orchestra**. For this restoration, *The General* was scanned from the original nitrate camera negative and restored through the collaborative efforts of the Cohen Film Collective, the Library of Congress Packard Campus for Audio-Visual Conservation and TCM.

- ***Giant* (1956) – World Premiere Restoration**

George Stevens directed this sprawling adaptation of Edna Ferber's Texas saga starring Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson and James Dean. This 4K restoration from the original camera negative was completed by Warner Bros. Motion Picture Imaging under the direction of George Stevens Jr.

- ***The Great Escape* (1963) – World Premiere of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Restoration**

Steve McQueen heads an all-star cast in this blockbuster World War II tale based on actual events. *The Great Escape* was restored by Metro Goldwyn Mayer Studios at Deluxe Digital Media using a 4K scan of the original camera negative. The restoration entailed hundreds of hours of digital restoration to address significant damage and fading.

Additional screenings, events and talent appearances for the 2013 TCM Classic Film Festival will be announced over the coming months. Information about the festival – including video and photos from past festivals – can be found at <http://www.tcm.com/festival/>.

### **About the 2013 TCM Classic Film Festival**

The TCM Classic Film Festival launched in spring 2010 and has established itself as a destination event. Each year, the festival welcomes 25,000 movie fans from around the globe to enjoy more than a hundred screenings and events.

TCM host and film historian **Robert Osborne** serves as official host of the 2013 TCM Classic Film Festival, with TCM's **Ben Mankiewicz** also introducing films and events during the festival. The **Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel**, which has a longstanding role in movie history and was the site of the first Oscars<sup>®</sup> ceremony, will once again serve as the official hotel for the festival, as well as a central gathering point for attendees. Screenings and events will also be held at **Grauman's Chinese Theatre**, the **Chinese 6 Theatres** and the **Egyptian Theatre**. The Hollywood Roosevelt will also offer special rates for festival attendees.

***Cinematic Journeys: Travel in the Movies***, the theme for the 2013 TCM Classic Film Festival, will explore how movies can carry viewers beyond their hometowns to distant or imaginary locales, where they can be transformed by great storytelling. Often, the mode of travel provides the filmic inspiration, whether it's planes, trains, or automobiles. At other times, the trip itself serves as the central narrative, as in the case of many "road movies." With Hollywood as the starting point, TCM's cinematic excursion will take festival attendees on a fascinating journey to worlds both familiar and new.

### **Connect with the TCM Classic Film Festival**

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### **Festival Passes**

Passes for the 2013 TCM Classic Film Festival are set to go on sale in November and can be purchased through the TCM Classic Film Festival website at <http://www.tcm.com/festival/>. Passes will be available in five levels, including an additional level added this year. The number of passes available is limited, especially for top-level "Spotlight" passes.

- **The "Spotlight" Festival Pass: \$1,599** – Includes all privileges available to "Classic" and "Essential" passholders, priority entry to all events; plus entry to an exclusive opening-night party following the red-carpet gala screening at Grauman's Chinese Theatre; meet-and-

greet events with TCM friends, including Robert Osborne and Ben Mankiewicz; and an official TCM Classic Film Festival poster signed by Osborne.

- **The “Essential” Festival Pass: \$699** – Includes all privileges available to “Classic” passholders, plus entry to the opening-night red-carpet gala screening at Grauman’s Chinese Theatre and official TCM Classic Film Festival collectibles.
- **The “Classic” Festival Pass: \$549** – Includes access to all film programs at festival venues Thursday, April 25 – Sunday, April 28 (does not include admittance to the opening-night red-carpet gala screening at Grauman’s Chinese Theatre or the opening-night party); access to all Club TCM events, panels and poolside screenings at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel; an opening-night welcome reception at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel; the closing-night event; and a commemorative festival program.
- **The “Matinee” Festival Pass: \$349** – Includes access to all film programs starting prior to 6 p.m. (PT) at all festival venues Friday, April 26 – Sunday, April 28; admission to Club TCM events and panels at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel until 6 p.m. daily, Friday, April 26 – Sunday, April 28; and a commemorative festival program.
- **NEW PASS LEVEL: The “Palace” Festival Pass: \$249** – Includes access to all screenings and events at Grauman’s Chinese Theatre (excluding the opening-night red-carpet gala) and the Egyptian Theatre Friday, April 26 – Sunday, April 28 as well as a commemorative festival program.

### **About Turner Classic Movies (TCM)**

Turner Classic Movies is a Peabody Award-winning network that presents great films, uncut and commercial-free, from the largest film libraries in the world. Currently seen in more than 85 million homes, TCM features the insights of hosts Robert Osborne and Ben Mankiewicz, plus interviews with a wide range of special guests. As the foremost authority in classic films, TCM offers critically acclaimed original documentaries and specials, along with regular programming events that include *The Essentials*, hosted by Robert Osborne and Drew Barrymore, and the month-long *31 Days of Oscar®* in February and *Summer Under the Stars* in August. TCM also stages special events and screenings, such as the TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood and the TCM Classic Cruise; produces a wide range of media about classic film, including books and DVDs; and hosts a wealth of online through the TCM homepage, which includes the TCM Movie Database, message boards, blogs and more.

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