



★ MEDIA ALERT ★

THE AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE PRESENTS THE 2004 PRESENTATION OF THE 19TH ANNUAL AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE AWARD HONORING STEVE MARTIN

WHO: This year's honoree is **Steve Martin**.

WHAT: The American Cinematheque Award presentation is one of Hollywood's premiere annual events. The benefit dinner and live show is attended by prominent leaders in the entertainment industry. Each year The American Cinematheque Award honors "an extraordinary artist in the entertainment industry currently making a significant contribution to the Art of the Moving Picture." Past honorees include: Eddie Murphy (1986), Bette Midler (1987), Robin Williams (1988), Steven Spielberg (1989), Ron Howard (1990), Martin Scorsese (1991), Sean Connery (1992), Michael Douglas (1993), Rob Reiner (1994), Mel Gibson (1995), Tom Cruise (1996); John Travolta (1997) Arnold Schwarzenegger (1998); Jodie Foster (1999); Bruce Willis (2000); Nicolas Cage (2001); Denzel Washington (2002); and Nicole Kidman (2003).

WHEN: Friday, November 12, 2004

5:30 pm Press Check-in opens on the far west Plaza level of hotel (near self-parking entrance)

6:30 pm Arrivals begin. Red carpet is in the hotel lobby.

7:10 pm Photo Op (THE GALLERY) with Steve Martin. (there will not be a sound or picture feed)

***ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE ASKED TO DISPLAY PHOTO ID (CA Driver's License or passport) IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT. Attire is Black Tie Optional. No Parking validations. CAMERAS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE BALLROOM ITSELF.**

WHERE: Beverly Hilton Hotel (9876 Wilshire Blvd.) -- International Ballroom. Self Park. No validation.

WHO BENEFITS:

Funds raised go towards the American Cinematheque's operating costs for its year round public film and video programs.

EVENT CO-CHAIRS: Ashok Amritraj, Peter Bart, Gil Cates, Dick Cook, Wendi Doyle, David Geffen, Michael S. Gendler, Jim Gianopulos, Brian Grazer, Barry L. Greenfield, Alan Horn, Ron Howard, Jeffrey Katzenberg, Sherry Lansing, Edward F. Limato, Michael Lynne, Chris McGurk, Ron Meyer, Rick Nicita, David Picker, Rob Reiner, Tom Rothman, Robert Shaye, Stacey Snider, Steven Spielberg and Alex Yemenidjian.

AWARD PRESENTATION BY: Brian Grazer and Ron Howard

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS: Claire Danes, Dana Delany, Eugene Levy, Jon Lovitz, Kevin Nealon, Catherine O'Hara, Carl Reiner, Martin Short, Robin Williams, and Rita Wilson will appear in person to pay tribute to Steve Martin. Additional participants will be announced as they are confirmed. ***(taped messages from)** Lawrence Kasdan, Shawn Levy, David Mamet, Frank Oz, Adam Shankman, and Jon Stewart.

EXEC. PRODUCERS: Paul Flattery & Barbara Smith

DIRECTOR: Michael Dempsey

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AMC: Rob Sorcher and Dave Ladik

PRODUCER: Irene Crinita

WRITER: Paul Flattery & David Wild

BROADCAST: THE AWARD SHOW WILL BE TAPED FOR BROADCAST ON AMC ON JAN. 23, 2005.

AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE: Established in 1981, the American Cinematheque is a non-profit, viewer-supported film exhibition and cultural organization dedicated to the celebration of the Moving Picture in all its forms. The Cinematheque presents film and video programming which ranges from the classics and world cinemas to the outer frontiers of the art form. Exhibition of rare works, special prints within our series, etc. are a Cinematheque tradition that keep the avid film lover coming back for once-in-a-lifetime cinema experiences. We also treat our audiences to fascinating post-screening discussions with the filmmakers who created the work. In 2000, the Cinematheque launched its own DVD and video label, "American Cinematheque Presents," to broaden the availability of its critically acclaimed programming. The American Cinematheque owns and operates the historic 1922 Egyptian Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard. The building has won every major preservation award since the completion of its renovation in 1998. The Cinematheque will begin programming the Aero Theatre in 2004.

Cinematheque is pronounced "Cinema-tech" like discotheque not "Cinema-teek."

CLIPS: AMC will provide clips on tape as well as a satellite feed. If you would like to order clips please contact Lynn Weiss (AMC) at 310.998.9307 or llweiss@rainbow-media.com.

SATELLITE COORDINATES:

**Fri 9:30 - 10:00 PM pacific / 0030 - 0100 est
AM 9 transponder 17 KU BAND**

**11:30 - midnight pacific */ 0230 - 0300 est
AM 9 Transponder 17 KU band**

PHOTOGRAPHS: Available upon request. Steve Martin receiving his award from Brian Grazer and Ron Howard; Rick Nicita (American Cinematheque Chairman); Henry Shields, Jr. (Cinematheque President) and Barbara Smith (American Cinematheque Executive Director); plus arrivals. Berliner will have photos available immediately after the event. Contact Linda Pimpare at 323/857-1282 or Linda Pimpare [lindap@berlinerstudio.com]. Outlets must cover their own photo fees. The Cinematheque will have photos later. **Contact:** Margot Gerber at 323/461-2020, ext. 115. More Info. at: www.egyptiantheatre.com

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