



**CINECON RETURNS IN PERSON TO THE BIG SCREEN
AT THE HOLLYWOOD LEGION THEATER OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND!
*Mitzi Gaynor, George Chakiris, Jimmy Hunt & Patty McCormack to be honored
with Cinecon Legacy Awards***

HOLLYWOOD – August 1, 2022 – After two years of Cineconline, the renowned festival returns *in person* at a fabulous new venue The Hollywood Legion Theater. For more than half a century Cinephiles have gathered over Labor Day Weekend to celebrate the movies at the annual Cinecon Classic Film Festival. Cinecon is where archivists, authors, collectors and film fans come together for five days of classic film screenings, special programs and celebrity guests. Now celebrating its 58th year, Cinecon is dedicated to showcasing unusual films that are rarely given public screenings.

The festival will take place over Labor Day Weekend in the heart of Hollywood from September 1st thru September 5th, 2022. The Hilton Garden Inn is the host hotel with all screenings taking place inside the beautiful, state-of-the-art Hollywood Legion Theater located across the street on Highland Ave. Cinecon 58 is presented in partnership with Hollywood Heritage, the renowned museum and preservation organization as well as the Hollywood Legion Theater, housed in the historic Post 43 building.

On Thursday, September 1st, the festival will open in grand style with a gala reception in the lobby of the Hollywood Legion Theater followed by a special screening of **ANYTHING GOES (1956)** courtesy of Paramount Pictures. The film stars legendary Emmy[®] winning and Golden Globe[®] nominated actress, comedienne, and musical star Mitzi Gaynor. Ms. Gaynor will be making a rare public appearance to accept her Cinecon Legacy Award from friend and virtuoso performer, Michael Feinstein.

In addition, Cinecon will be honoring three other legendary performers over the weekend. On Friday, September 2nd, we'll be honoring George Chakiris, whose biggest success came with the 1961 film **WEST SIDE STORY**, for which he won the Golden Globe® and the Academy Award® for Best Supporting Actor for his role as Bernardo, leader of the Sharks. Actress and past Cinecon Honoree, Ruta Lee will be presenting the Cinecon Legacy Award to Mr. Chakiris after a screening of the 1964 action adventure **633 SQUADRON**. On Saturday, September 3rd, actor Jimmy Hunt will be on hand to receive the award from friend and co-star Janine Perreau, who appeared with him in the 1953 sci-fi classic **INVADERS FROM MARS**, which will be seen in a newly restored version courtesy of Ignite Films. Finally, on Sunday, September 4th, actress Patty McCormack will be joining us. Patty is probably best known for her starring role in the 1956 film **THE BAD SEED** which she transferred from stage to screen earning her an Oscar® and Golden Globe® nomination and made her a household name. She followed that triumph with nearly three dozen feature films including 1958'S **KATHY 'O**, which will be presented courtesy of NBC/Universal.

The popular **KINECON AT CINECON** program returns this year with an all-new slate of rare television treasures. This year's **SPECIAL PROGRAMS** which take place at the Hollywood Heritage Museum will include a presentation by music historian Mark Cantor who will return with a fascinating compilation of jazz and swing clips from the golden age of Soundies. Members of the Property Masters Guild will be presenting a lively panel of experts who will be doing a show & tell with props used in silent films followed by a screening of **THE PROPERTY MAN** (1914) starring Charlie Chaplin.

Among the rare films being scheduled for Cinecon 58 is **KING OF THE CIRCUS (1924)** with international star Max Linder, which has not been complete since its initial release and is making its U.S. premiere. **OUR HOSPITALITY (1923)** with the great silent comedian Buster Keaton will also be seen in a beautiful new restoration, so Keaton fans will see it like they've never seen it before! Both movies are courtesy of our good friends at Lobster Films. From SONY/Columbia comes Director Budd Boetticher's teenage drama **YOUTH ON TRIAL (1945)**, which features past Cinecon honoree Cora Sue Collins, who is slated to introduce the film. Musical fans will be treated to a screening of the rarely seen Republic Pictures opus **HIT PARADE OF 1943 (1943)**, an early starring vehicle for Susan Hayward. Lillian Gish joins Norman Kerry in the romantic drama **ANNIE LAURIE (1927)** and audiences will be given a double dose of Claire Trevor in **STAR FOR A NIGHT (1936)** and **THE MAD GAME (1933)** co-starring Spencer Tracy. Chinese American Hollywood Star Anna May Wong will be saluted with big a screen showing of **ISLAND OF LOST MEN (1939)**. And that's just a smattering of the features, shorts, cartoons and serials that are being scheduled for this year's festival, all courtesy of major studio archives and libraries.

Some of the other silent films planned for viewing this year include the 1923 version of Victor Hugo's immortal classic **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME**, which will feature live musical accompaniment by Jon Mirsalis. Cecil B. DeMille's **FOOL'S PARADISE (1921)** will give audiences a sampling of one of the great director's earlier offerings starring Conrad Nagel and Dorothy Dalton. Fans of Tom Mix will appreciate **OUTLAWS OF RED RIVER (1926)**, a hearty western adventure from the Fox Films catalog, courtesy of one of our new festival sponsors, Walt Disney Pictures.

This year's exciting line-up of early sound films includes the musical creampuff **HIS BUTLER'S SISTER (1943)** starring soprano Deanna Durbin in one of her best roles. **MY LIPS BETRAY (1933)** offers up Lillian Harvey in an obscure comedy co-starring John Boles. Action serial lovers won't want to miss a new restoration of the chapter play **THE KING OF THE KONGO (1929)** which features a very young Boris Karloff. And the festival is pleased to present several new restorations from the Republic Pictures catalog (courtesy of Paramount Pictures), **SCATTERBRAIN (1940)** a musical comedy starring Judy Canova, Alan Mowbray and Billy Gilbert, plus **SWEET AND LOW (1948)**, a dazzling Technicolor short with the Will Masten Trio featuring a young Sammy Davis, Jr. Plus, much, much more!

All announced titles are subject to final film clearances. Please check <http://www.cinecon.org> for schedule updates, details on how to register, and hotel information. You may also visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Cinecon-Classic-Film-Festival-318809389544> Passes are available for purchase online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cinecon-58-classic-film-festival-september-1-to-september-5-2022-tickets-349106255207>

- The Hollywood Legion Theater is located at 2035 Highland Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90068,
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Cinecon President Stan Taffel is available for interviews. Photos will be made available to the media upon request.

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