

## 'Grease' is *Still* the Word as the Iconic Movie Musical Returns to Big Screens Nationwide This April for its 40th Anniversary

# John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John Remain the Ones Moviegoers Want in the Classic 50s Celebration

DENVER – March 6, 2018 – It's a high school reunion unlike any other as <u>Grease</u>, the timeless cultural phenomenon starring **John Travolta** and **Olivia Newton-John**, returns to U.S. movie theaters this April to celebrate its 40th anniversary in a special presentation from Fathom Events, Turner Classic Movies (TCM) and Paramount Pictures.

For two days only – Sunday, April 8, and Wednesday, April 11 – **Grease** will be presented as part of the yearlong <u>TCM Big Screen Classics</u> series. TCM Primetime Host **Ben Mankiewicz** will join in the fun by offering special commentary both before and after the film, which will play at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (local time) each day.

Tickets for **Grease** can be purchased online at <a href="www.FathomEvents.com">www.FathomEvents.com</a> or at participating theater box offices. Fans throughout the U.S. will be able to enjoy the event in more than 700 select movie theaters through Fathom's Digital Broadcast Network (DBN). A complete list of theater locations is available on the Fathom Events website (theaters and participants are subject to change).

An explosion of song and dance that made an indelible impact on popular culture when it was released in 1978, **Grease** boasts an unforgettable soundtrack that includes "Greased Lightnin'," "Look At Me, I'm Sandra Dee," "Summer Nights," "Hopelessly Devoted To You" and "Beauty School Drop Out," among others. Forty years later, the film remains a feel-good celebration that's perfect to watch with friends or for a memorable date night.

Directed by **Randal Kleiser** (*The Blue Lagoon, Summer Lovers*), **Grease** was not only the highest-grossing film of the year in 1978, but it remains the second-highest-grossing movie musical of all time.

The film's extraordinary cast also includes Emmy®- and Tony® Award-winning actress **Stockard Channing** as Rizzo, **Jeff Conaway** ("Taxi") as Kenickie, **Didi Conn** ("Benson") as Frenchy, '50s teen idol **Frankie Avalon** as the Teen Angel, plus TV icons **Sid Caesar**, **Eve Arden** and **Dody Goodman** in memorable supporting roles.

"Whether you've seen it dozens of times and know the words to every song, or you're in for the rare treat of seeing it for the first time, watching **Grease** on the big screen with an audience is an unforgettable experience that we're delighted to offer movie lovers," said Tom Lucas, Fathom Events Vice President of Studio Relations.

**Grease** will also be available in a new 40th Anniversary Edition on 4K Ultra HD, Blu-ray, DVD and Digital April 24, 2018 from Paramount Home Media Distribution.

For artwork/photos related to "Grease," visit the Fathom Events press site.

### **About Fathom Events**

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

<u>Turner Classic Movies (TCM)</u> is a two-time Peabody Award-winning network that presents great films, uncut and commercial-free, from the largest film libraries in the world highlighting the entire spectrum of film history. TCM features the insights from Primetime host Ben Mankiewicz and Saturday daytime host Tiffany Vazquez, plus interviews with a wide range of special guests and serves as the ultimate movie lover destination. Currently in its 23rd year as a leading authority in classic film, TCM offers critically acclaimed series like *The Essentials*, along with annual programming events like 31 Days of Oscar® in February and Summer Under the Stars in

August. TCM also directly connects with movie fans through events as the annual TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood, the TCM Big Screen Classics series in partnership with Fathom Events, as well as through the TCM Classic Film Tour in New York City and Los Angeles. In addition, TCM produces a wide range of media about classic film, including books and DVDs, and hosts a wealth of material online at <a href="tcm.com">tcm.com</a> and through the Watch TCM mobile app.

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