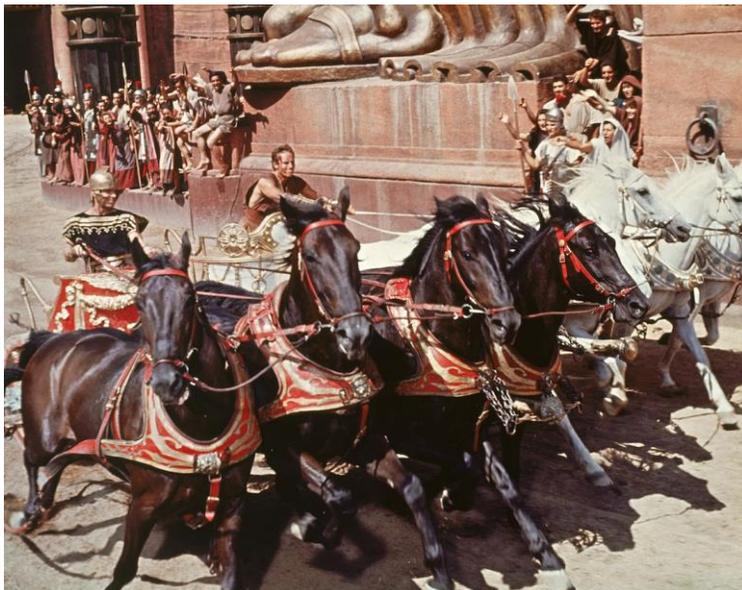


MEDIA ALERT – March 6, 2019

**Epic Cinematic Spectacle *Ben-Hur* Celebrates Its 60th Anniversary  
by Returning to Movie Theaters on April 14 and 17  
in the TCM Big Screen Classics Series**



- **WHAT:** Massive in scale, cast, story and budget, *Ben-Hur* is the kind of film they literally don't make anymore, an analog-era feat that was unprecedented in its day and perhaps has never been equaled. *Ben-Hur* will be presented in cinemas for two days only – April 14 and April 17 – along with TCM Primetime Host **Ben Mankiewicz**'s fascinating insightful pre- and post-show commentary on the film, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary. Playing in more than 600 theaters nationwide, *Ben-Hur* will be digitally projected in its original super-widescreen "Ultra 65" format.

An epic award-winner, director **William Wyler**'s classic received 11 Academy Awards, more than any other film to that point (and still tied with *Titanic* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*). The production encompassed 300 sets, nine sound stages and consumed 1.1 million feet of film, yet never loses sight of its compelling story of Jewish prince (**Charlton Heston**) who vows revenge when he is enslaved by his Roman childhood friend (**Stephen Boyd**). **Jack Hawkins**, **Haya Harareet** and **Hugh Griffiths** also star in the film, which grossed the equivalent of nearly \$1 billion upon its release.

- **WHO:** Fathom Events, Turner Classic Movies and Warner Bros.
- **WHEN:** Sunday, April 14, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (local time)  
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (local time)
- **WHERE:** Tickets for *Ben-Hur* can be purchased at [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com) or participating theater box offices. Fans throughout the U.S. will be able to enjoy the event in hundreds of select movie theaters through Fathom’s Digital Broadcast Network (DBN). For a complete list of theater locations visit the Fathom Events website (*participating theaters are subject to change*).

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