



MEDIA ALERT – March 2, 2020

**Best Picture Academy Award®-Winner *Gladiator*
Returns to the Ring for its 20th Anniversary,
Playing in Movie Theaters Nationwide April 13, 15 and 19**



WHAT: An unparalleled combination of vivid action and extraordinary storytelling, *Gladiator* triumphed at the box office and made history as the first blockbuster of the millennium when it debuted in May 2000. The **Ridley Scott** masterpiece won five Academy Awards® including Best Picture, and influenced a new generation of historical action-dramas. For its 20th anniversary, *Gladiator* returns to movie theaters nationwide for three days only this April in a special presentation from Fathom Events and Paramount Pictures.

Gladiator received both critical and audience acclaim and **Russell Crowe** took home the Oscar® for Best Actor in a Leading Role for his performance as Roman general Maximus Decimus Meridius. In addition to Crowe's magnificent performance, the film boasts an impressive cast that includes **Joaquin Phoenix, Oliver Reed, Derek Jacobi, Connie Nielsen, Djimon Hounsou** and **Richard Harris**. The Fathom Events presentations of *Gladiator* will also include a special featurette that explores the making of an alternate and unused opening title sequence.

Inspired by Daniel P. Mannix's 1958 book "Those About to Die," *Gladiator* tells a harrowing tale of a Roman general (Crowe) who is betrayed by a corrupt prince (Phoenix) and comes to Rome as a gladiator to seek revenge. The film earned over \$460 million worldwide, making it the second highest-grossing film globally in 2000. *Gladiator* will also be available in a new Limited Edition 4K Ultra HD Steelbook on May 5, 2020.

- **WHO:** Fathom Events and Paramount Pictures
- **WHEN:** Monday, April 13, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. (local time)
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. (local time)
Sunday, April 19, 2020 – 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. (local time)
- **WHERE:** Tickets for *Gladiator* can be purchased at www.FathomEvents.com or participating theater box offices. Fans throughout the U.S. will be able to enjoy the event in more than 600 movie theaters. For a complete list of theater locations visit the Fathom Events website (*participating theaters are subject to change*).

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For trailer, artwork and photos, visit the Fathom Events [press site](#).

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