

The Museum of Modern Art

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART'S 13TH ANNUAL FILM BENEFIT PRESENTED BY CHANEL TO HONOR GEORGE CLOONEY ON DECEMBER 7

Virtual Program to Benefit both MoMA and [Artist Relief](#)

New York, November 11, 2020—The Museum of Modern Art's 2020 Film Benefit, presented by CHANEL, will honor humanitarian and Academy Award-winning actor, producer, director, and screenwriter George Clooney on December 7. This year's virtual Film Benefit will feature a program that recognizes Clooney's acclaimed work with a special musical performance.

To help address the devastating impact of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, this year's event will also benefit [Artist Relief](#), an emergency initiative created by a coalition of national arts grantmakers to offer financial support and informational resources to artists across the United States. A full list of ticketing options can be found on [MoMA.org](#) including—for the first time ever—a new \$25 ticket whose proceeds will benefit Artist Relief directly.

"The arts, especially film, are critical to civil society especially during these challenging times," said Glenn D. Lowry, The David Rockefeller Director of The Museum of Modern Art. "We are proud to continue championing the important contributions of film and filmmakers, and grateful to support Artist Relief and all of the vital work that they're doing to help artists across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Clooney, whose new film *The Midnight Sky* (2020) debuts on Netflix in December, has been nominated for eight Academy Awards in more categories than anyone else in Oscar history, winning the Best Supporting Actor award in 2006 for his role in *Syriana* (2005) and the Best Picture award in 2013 as producer of *Argo* (2012). MoMA's vast film collection includes eight of Clooney's films, including *Out of Sight* (1998), *Three Kings* (1999), *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (2000), *Spy Kids* (2001), *Intolerable Cruelty* (2003), *Syriana* (2005), *Good Night, and Good Luck* (2005), and *The Good German* (2006).

"George Clooney's vast contributions as an actor, director, and producer are surpassed only by his deep commitment to advocating for social justice and humanitarian aid around the world," said Rajendra Roy, The Celeste Bartos Chief Curator of Film at MoMA. "We take great pride in honoring someone who uses the arts to amplify such important causes and are immeasurably grateful to Mr. Clooney and those who support Film at MoMA, especially at the end of such a tumultuous year when the future of cinemas in New York City remains uncertain."

Since 2011, CHANEL has been a proud sponsor of The Museum of Modern Art's annual Film Benefit. This year marks a new chapter in this history of patronage with the expansion of CHANEL's partnership to encompass the role of lead sponsor of film at MoMA. As a long-time patron of art and cinema, CHANEL is committed to supporting film as one of art's most potent mediums by creating opportunities to elevate and amplify the voices of film's most talented and audacious storytellers and through the preservation of cinema's legacy worldwide. CHANEL is delighted to partner with MoMA to share its vast film collection and preserve this critical art form for future generations by restoring some of the industry's most treasured works.

Founded in 1935, MoMA's Department of Film cares for more than 30,000 films and 1.5 million film stills, and has one of the strongest international film collections, ranging from classics to the most innovative and experimental works of today. The Film Benefit enables the continued maintenance and growth of this important collection, as well as virtual programming and an ambitious schedule of film series, premieres, festivals, and retrospectives, all of which the Museum hopes to present in The Black Family Film Center in the future with the resumption of safe, onsite programming

Previous Film Benefit honorees include Laura Dern, Martin Scorsese, Julianne Moore, Tom Hanks, Cate Blanchett, Alfonso Cuarón, Tilda Swinton, Quentin Tarantino, Pedro Almodóvar, Kathryn Bigelow, Tim Burton, and Baz Luhrmann.

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