

The Museum of Modern Art

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART'S 16TH ANNUAL FILM BENEFIT, PRESENTED BY CHANEL, TO HONOR SAMUEL L. JACKSON ON OCTOBER 23

NEW YORK, September 25, 2024—The Museum of Modern Art's 2024 Film Benefit, presented by CHANEL, will honor prolific actor Samuel L. Jackson on October 23.

Jackson has appeared in more than 150 films throughout his career and cumulatively his films have grossed more at the global box office than any other actor. He has been nominated for an Academy Award, two Tony Awards, and an Emmy Award, among countless honors, and was awarded an Honorary Academy Award in 2022.

"Samuel L. Jackson has become a landmark cultural figure thanks to his early film work with Spike Lee, which transfixed both audiences and critics, and his biblically powerful turn as the wise and merciless assassin Jules in *Pulp Fiction* (1994)," said Rajendra Roy, MoMA's Celeste Bartos Chief Curator of Film. "He has acting roots in the New York theater, just a few blocks away from MoMA, and we are thrilled to welcome him in celebration of his unparalleled accomplishments."

MoMA will also present *Samuel L. Jackson: A Tribute* from October 4 through 16, screening several films in the Roy and Niuta Titus Theaters from Jackson's vast filmography that represent his unique talent and range. This selection highlights work with his frequent collaborators Spike Lee and Quentin Tarantino, leading-man roles in *Changing Lanes* (2002) and *187* (1997), and one of his many appearances as Nick Fury, in *Captain Marvel* (2019). Jackson's latest film, a new adaptation of August Wilson's play *The Piano Lesson* (2024) directed by Malcolm Washington, will also be screened as part of the series, ahead of its theatrical release on November 8 and Netflix release on November 22.

CHANEL has been a proud sponsor of The Museum of Modern Art's annual Film Benefit since 2011, and has served as lead sponsor of film at MoMA since 2021. As a longtime 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 the Museum's 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. Previous MoMA Film Benefit honorees include Guillermo del Toro, Penélope Cruz, George Clooney, 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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