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MILESTONE MOVIE MUSICAL -WEST SIDE STORY- Returns To Cinemas TWO DAYS ONLY

Yearlong TCM Big Screen Classics Series

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From Fathom Events, TCM, Park Circus and Metro Goldwyn Mayer (MGM), "West Side Story" will be presented in more than 600 Movie Theaters on Sunday, June 24, and Wednesday, June 27, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Local Time Each Day. A Complete List of Theater Locations will be available April 20 on the Fathom Events website (Theaters and Participants are subject to change).

Presented in its Original Widescreen Aspect Ratio, andcomplete with its Original Mid-Film Intermission, "West Side Story" combines a Majestic Score by Leonard Bernstein with the Lyrics of Stephen Sondheim. The Movie was largely shot in New York City (on what is now the Lincoln Center Complex) by co-directors Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins, both of whom received the Oscar as Best Director.

Visually Inventive and Emotionally Resonant, "West Side Story" is the Tale of Two Warring New York City Gangs (the Jets and the Sharks) and the Ill-Fated Love Story that springs up in their Midst. The Film stars Natalie Wood as Maria, Richard Beymer as her Boyfriend Tony, Rita Moreno as Maria's Sister Anita, and George Chakiris as Bernardo. Both Moreno and Chakiris received Oscars for their Indelible Work in Supporting Roles.

By blending Realistic Settings, Stylized Choreography, an Extraordinary Cast of Performers and an Unforgettable Score, "West Side Story" became a Cinematic and Cultural Sensation when it was released in October 1961, grossing $43 million at the Box Office (equivalent to $500 million in today's Dollars). Its soundtrack, including "Tonight," "I Feel Pretty," "America," "Something's Coming" and "Somewhere," has become one of the Most Iconic in Movies History.

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