

THE TAORMINA FILM FEST IN PICTURES

TAORMINA, SICILY - JUNE 16 – 22, 2007



The Greek Theater outlined against the sea and smoking Mount Etna. A good place to hold a film festival.

- The main competition is exclusively Mediterranean, featuring just seven highly selected premiers
- World cinema will be on view with seven new titles in a section called "Beyond the Mediterranean"
- We are screening the first complete retrospective of Sicilian director Giuseppe Tornatore
- Every evening the city's spectacular 5,000-seat Greek Theater will come to life with surprise events and special viewings of films on one of the largest screens in Europe.



2,300 years ago the Greeks constructed this magnificent outdoor theater in Sicily, on a mountain-top dropping into the Mediterranean sea. It is still in use today. Its natural acoustics have never been bettered. It seats 5,000



The *creme de la creme* of Italy's film industry can be found every night in Taormina's Greek Theater. Dress code: casual chic, Italian style.



The screen in the Greek Theater is one of the biggest in Europe. Its Greek builders constructed it as a window on the Taormina gulf.



Photo call for Jane Campion. The festival is closely followed by the international press



The festival social hour begins every evening at 7:30 with a cocktail on the terrace of the Timeo hotel. The backdrop: Mount Etna and the Mediterranean sea.



Peter Weir presents the Taormina Arte Award to Dame Judi Dench on stage at the Greek Theater. Past recipients, besides Weir and Dench, include Antonio Banderas, Michael Douglas, Tom Cruise, Melanie Griffith, Victoria Abril, Malcolm McDowell, Irene Papas, Bob Rafelson, Margarethe Von Trotta, Mira Sorvino, Francesco Rosi, Marisa Paredes, Nino Manfredi, Miklos Jancso, Joel Schumacher, Robert Duvall, Jane Campion, Ennio Morricone, Isabelle Huppert, Hugh Grant, Willem Dafoe, Stefania Sandrelli, Mike Leigh, Laura Morante, Greta Scacchi, Ettore Scola, Vittorio Storaro, Alberto Sordi, Gillo Pontecorvo, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Giancarlo Giannini, Gina Lollobrigida, Liam Neeson, Tonino Guerra, Norman Jewison, Claudia Cardinale, Michelangelo Antonioni and Giuseppe Tornatore.





The great comic actor Nino Manfredi had a passion for Taormina and the sea.



Tom Cruise chose Taormina for the European launch of his production **Mission Impossible 2**. He received the Taormina Arte Award one unforgettable evening in 2000, which happened to be his birthday.



Anna Magnani, the mythic actress who made post-war Italian cinema famous.



Taormina after dark – particularly expressive when Mt. Etna is in eruption and hot red lava outlines the volcano, as it did during the screening of Francis Ford Coppola's **Apocalypse Now Redux**