

Press Release

Gaumont Added to The List of New Contributors to The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures

The Legendary French Film Company Takes on an Important Role in the Final Round of Funding and Future of the Museum

Gaumont has joined the prestigious list of proud participants in The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures' Pillar Campaign. Decades after their creation, the pillars remain an important feature of the redesign and have taken on a symbolic importance to the project. Like the museum, they represent the past, present and future and will be located within the museum's historic Saban Building of the highly anticipated Academy Museum.

Gaumont will be named alongside a growing list of notable philanthropists, including Regina and John Scully (in honor of Sophia Loren, Miyoshi Umeki, and Rita Moreno), Barbra Streisand, museum board chair Ron Meyer, museum trustee Jason Blum, the William S. Anderson Family, Jamie Lee and Kelly Curtis (in honor of Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh), Cinépolis, Viacom, Iervolino Entertainment, Tom Dolby, museum trustee Kimberly Steward (in honor of Hattie McDaniel), museum trustee Miky Lee/CJ Group, as well as anonymous donors. The Pillar Campaign, now in its' final stretch is being led by actress Laura Dern and Kimberly Steward.

In addition to their participation as a donor, Gaumonts' CEO, Sidonie Dumas, recently joined the Museum's Board of Directors alongside Ron Meyer, Ted Sarandos, Kimberly Steward, Jason Blume, Jim Gianopulos, Tom Hanks, Dawn Hudson, Alejandro Ramírez Magaña, Dominic Ng, Emma Thomas, Dian von Furstenberg, Kevin Yeaman, Laura Dern, David Dolby, Mark Johnson, Miky Lee, Katherine Oliver and Rubin.

The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures is currently under construction with an anticipated 2020 grand opening

About the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures

The Academy Museum will be the world's premier institution dedicated to the art and science of movies. Located on Wilshire and Fairfax in Los Angeles, the Museum will be simultaneously immersive, experimental, educational, and entertaining. More than a museum, this dynamic film center will offer unparalleled experiences and insights into movies and moviemaking. Designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Renzo Piano, the Museum is restoring and revitalizing the historic Saban Building—formerly known as the May Company building (1939)—at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue. The Saban Building will feature six floors, including exhibition spaces, the 288-seat Ted Mann Theater, the Shirley Temple Education Studio, special event spaces, conservation areas, a café, and store. The new spherical addition will connect to the Saban Building via glass bridges and will feature the state-of-the-art 1,000-seat David Geffen Theater and the rooftop Dolby Family Terrace with its sweeping views of the Hollywood Hills.