

**HELEN MIRREN TO BE HONOURED GUEST AT THE 72ND TAORMINA FILM FESTIVAL
THE ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING ACTRESS TO RECEIVE THE TAORMINA FILM
FESTIVAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DURING A SPECIAL EVENING DEDICATED TO
ANNA MAGNANI**



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Taormina, Thursday, May 7, 2026 – One of the most extraordinary actresses in contemporary cinema, with an exceptionally successful career, Helen Mirren will be the honoured guest of the 72nd edition of the Taormina Film Festival, scheduled to take place from **June 10 to 14, 2026**, under the direction of **Tiziana Rocca**.

The actress will be presented with the **Taormina Film Festival Achievement Award** during a special evening dedicated to the unforgettable **Anna Magnani**, a symbol of authenticity and expressive power in the history of Italian and international cinema. On **Friday, June 12**, the restored version of **Bellissima**, directed by **Luchino Visconti**, will be screened at the **Ancient Theatre** on the occasion of the **75th anniversary** of the film's release.

"It is a tremendous honour to welcome Helen Mirren to the Taormina Film Festival," said Artistic Director Tiziana Rocca. *"Her talent, elegance and extraordinary career perfectly embody the spirit of our Festival. Presenting her with a lifetime achievement award on an evening dedicated to Anna Magnani represents an ideal bridge between two cinema icons, united by a unique acting strength and a rare ability to move audiences. Helen Mirren's presence further enriches this edition, making it even more prestigious and international."*

An actress of extraordinary versatility and charisma, Helen Mirren has enjoyed a career spanning more than five decades, during which she has distinguished herself through the intensity of her performances and her ability to move with elegance and authority across different genres and artistic languages, from classical theatre to auteur cinema and major international productions. Winner of the **Academy Award** for her iconic performance in **The Queen** — and the recipient of numerous other honours including **BAFTA Awards, Golden Globe Awards, Screen Actors Guild**

Awards, Critics Choice Awards, Emmy Awards and a Tony Award — Helen Mirren represents a rare example of artistic excellence recognised on a global scale.

Helen Mirren's participation is part of a programme rich in events, premieres and meetings with leading figures from world cinema, further confirming the Taormina Film Festival as one of the most anticipated and significant cultural events on the international scene.

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