

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP AWARD



DIRECTOR MARTIN SCORSESE (LEFT) WAS HONORED BY TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY AS HE RECEIVED THE FACULTY OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS HONORARY FELLOWSHIP. MEMBERS OF THE DAIS INCLUDED UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, PROFESSOR HAIM BEN-SHAHAR (CENTER), AND CONSUL GENERAL OF ISRAEL, BENYAMIN NAVON. IN PRESENTING THE AWARD, BEN-SHAHAR PRAISED SCORSESE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CINEMATIC ARTS.

"I can only say that in each of my films I have tried to tell the truth the way I see it, and I've tried to be as honest as possible," said Director Martin Scorsese as he received Tel Aviv University's Faculty of Visual and Performing Arts Honorary Fellowship from University President, Professor Haim Ben-Shahar. "As a student in New York in the 1960's, I remember the inspiration and guidance I was able to draw from the works of others," he added. "If now through my films and through this occasion I can be of the same help to young filmmakers today, I am doubly grateful."

Emceed by Tony Randall, the evening was highlighted by a special screening of "The King of Comedy," Scorsese's new film. Randall, who has a cameo role in the film, emphasized that he was thrilled to have worked with Scorsese on the picture. "I can tell you from first-hand experience that Martin Scorsese's is a burning energy, a natural ability for coax-

ing intense and revealingly personal performances out of actors."

Sherry Lansing, former President of 20th Century - Fox Productions and Honorary Chairperson for the Tribute, said of Scorsese that "the quality of including people, and of making everyone feel important is what makes Marty so very special." Honorary Chairperson Arnon Milchan, producer of "King of Comedy," was unable to be present, as he was caught in the east coast snowstorm.

Western Region President of American Friends of Tel Aviv University, Jerry Oren, welcomed the guests. Presenting the Honorary Fellowship to Scorsese, Professor Ben-Shahar announced the establishment of a Visual and Performing Arts Endowment Fund to assist in upgrading the level of training in the school by providing scholarships for talented students to study film and T.V., and helping acquire the necessary technical equipment. He invited professionals from the Hollywood film and television community to visit

the school, stressing that "after all, there is only one Hollywood, and from nowhere else can our students obtain this outstanding knowledge that you have."

Ben-Shahar also noted the first cultural mission from this community, under the leadership of Monty and Marilyn Hall, departing for Israel at the end of April. A similar study mission from Orange County, under the leadership of Sheila and Mel Jaffe, will also leave in April.

Following the award ceremony and film screening, the evening's guests were invited to a celebration and buffet supper at the 20th Century - Fox Commissary. Participating in the occasion were "King of Comedy" cast members Sandra Bernhard and Diahnne Abbott, and many other members of the entertainment community including Robert Blake, Eydie Gorme, Steve Lawrence, Wayne Rogers, Peter Strauss, and Michael York. Additional guests included State Senator Herschel Rosenthal, Assemblymen Tom Bane and Gray Davis, Su-

pervisor Mike Antonovich and Councilmen Hal Bernson and John Ferraro.

In relaying greetings from Israel, Consul General Benjamin Navon remarked that "it is fitting that the only school for performing arts in the Middle East honor Martin Scorsese, a director who makes movies about people -- and people is what the State of Israel is all about."

OPPOSITION TO U.S. ARMS SALE TO JORDAN

WASH. (WNS) -- A resolution opposing the sale of advanced arms to Jordan, which was introduced in the Senate by four lawmakers, has the support of 47 of their colleagues. The resolution, introduced by Senators John Heinz (R. Pa.), Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.), Gary Hart (D. Colo.) and Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.), is similar to one sponsored by a majority of the Senate last year - but never voted on because the Reagan Administration has not officially proposed selling arms to Jordan.

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