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Giuseppe Tornatore will turn his Oscar-winning film about the cinema Paradise into a TV series

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One of the most famous films about cinephilia in history Oscar-winning filmmaker Giuseppe Tornatore will bring his cult film from 1989, Cinema Paradiso, to the small screen. Tornatore will write and direct the six-episode series, with Marco Belardi producing.

Belardi revealed that the series will land on a prominent American streaming content provider, reports Variety.

Cinema Paradiso is one of the most famous films about cinephilia in history. It tells the story of a Sicilian cinema where a young boy named Toto falls in love with film. In 1989, the film won the Special Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival and in 1990 the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film. A restored version of the film was re-released in the UK in 2020.

In Malena from 2000, he put Monica Bellucci in the center. Tornatore's last feature was the 2021 documentary Ennio about the legendary composer **Ennio Morricone**. Morricone created a sentimental original score for the film Cinema Paradiso. The film won Tornatore an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, and Morricone went on to compose music for all of his films.

The Cinema Paradiso series will *"had the same story as the film, but in an expanded form with various different narrative strands,"* producer Belardi said in a press release, confirming that Tornatore is currently writing the synopsis and pilot for the first episode. The premiere is announced in 2023.

"The power of a mother, the solidarity of a friend, sex as a taboo" The series will illuminate *"mother's power, friend's solidarity, sex as a taboo, forced migrations, escapes and marked social differences"*, wrote Belardi. Also, the stories of the main characters of the fictional Sicilian village of Giancaldo, where the film takes place, will be expanded, and the rise of filmmaking in post-World War II Italy will be contextualized.

Belardi also said that he is considering a documentary about how Cinema Paradiso came to be, both from a creative and a production point of view, but it has not yet been given the green light. His production company Bamboo recently signed a multi-film deal with Netflix, reports IndieWire.

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