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TV series "Cinema Paradiso" in progress, directed by Giuseppe Tornatore

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The 1989 Oscar-winning film is being reimagined by Tornatore as a six-episode streaming series.

Giuseppe Tornatore brings "cinema" to the small screen.

As Variety first reported, the Oscar-winning writer/director will be adapting his classic 1989 film Cinema Paradiso into a six-part streaming series. Tornatore will write and direct the TV show, which will be produced by Marco Belardi ("Perfect Strangers") via his Bamboo Production banner. Belardi announced that the series will end up with a prominent US streamer.

Cinema Paradiso tells the story of a stunning Sicilian cinema where a young boy named Toto falls in love with the film. "Cinema Paradiso" won a Special Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival in 1989 and later the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film in 1990. A restored version of the film was re-released in the UK in 2020. Tornatore's last feature film was the 2021 documentary The Glance of Music about legendary composer Ennio Morricone, who created the score for the original film.

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The Cinema Paradiso series will be "the same story as the film but in an expanded form with different narrative threads," producer Belardi said in a press statement, confirming that Tornatore is currently writing the treatment and pilot, with plans for the show's premiere in 2023.

The series will highlight "the strength of a mother, the solidarity of a friend, sex as a taboo, forced relocation, flight, and pronounced social differences," Belardi noted. The backstories of the main characters of the fictional Sicilian village of Giancaldo where the film takes place are also expanded to contextualize the rise of filmmaking in post-war Italy.

Belardi also shared that he is considering making a documentary about how Cinema Paradiso came about, both from a creative and production point of view; However, this document does not yet have the green light.

Belardi's Bamboo Productions recently cemented a multi-picture deal with Netflix to produce two to three unspecified Italian original films for the streaming platform, as well as acquiring streaming rights to three additional films that Bamboo is producing. Other Bamboo projects include a bioseries about Italian singer and actor Franco Califano, a series about the Milanese mob and "Generazione Z" about "today's neo-Nazism and fascism", written by Italian historian and "M. Son of the Land" author Antonio Scurati.

Cinema Paradiso writer/director Tornatore is among the many filmmakers now trying to adapt their own previous projects into television series. Irma Vep writer Olivier Assayas reimagined his 1996 metafilm for an HBO series starring Alicia Vikander, citing the need to fund European-focused productions.

"We are in a moment of profound transformation of what we call cinema, in terms of aesthetics, in terms of funding, in terms of prestige," Irma Vep writer-director Assayas recently told the Los Angeles Times. "'Irma Vep', the original and the same as this one, has one foot in the past and one foot in the present."

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