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TLN Television presents **GRANDE CINEMA:**  
Movie Magic from Giuseppe Tornatore & Roberto Benigni  
**2** weekends - **6** blockbuster films  
**February 1 & 2, 8 & 9**

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 (TORONTO, ON) - TLN is your ticket to the best of Italian cinema with *GRANDE CINEMA: Movie Magic from Giuseppe Tornatore & Roberto Benigni*. This two weekend movie marathon features a blockbuster lineup of acclaimed films from these movie greats including the Oscar winning *Life is Beautiful & Cinema Paradiso*, Golden Globe winning *The Legend of 1900*, and the acclaimed *Malèna*.

**GRANDE CINEMA: Movie Magic from Giuseppe Tornatore**

*Malèna* - Friday February 1 @ 8pm/et

*Italian Language with English sub-titles*

A world at war, a young man coming of age, and the woman who changed his life forever. Giuseppe Tornatore's award winning romantic/drama *Malèna* stars Italian goddess Monica Bellucci (*Matrix Reloaded*) as a grieving war widow in a small Sicilian town in the 1940s. When her husband dies unexpectedly, *Malèna* is left to deal with the lustful eyes of the village men, the sharp tongues of the women and the interest of 12-year-old Renato.

*Cinema Paradiso* - Saturday February 2 @ 8pm/et

*Italian Language with English sub-titles*

A celebration of youth, friendship, and an everlasting love of the movies, Oscar winning film *Cinema Paradiso* is a cinematic masterpiece filled with nostalgia and comedy. A famous Sicilian filmmaker returns home after 30 years and takes a trip down memory lane recalling his childhood, when he first fell in love with the movies at his village's theater and the pivotal friendship he developed with the theater's projectionist.

*The Legend of 1900* - Saturday February 2 @ 10:30pm/et

*English language*

Golden Globe winning film *The Legend of 1900* is the story of one boy, "1900", named for the year in which he was born and his journey to manhood. Abandoned on an ocean liner as an infant and never having stepped foot on dry land, "1900" (Tim Roth - *Hoodlum*, *Reservoir Dogs*) grows up within the confines of the trans-Atlantic steamer Virginia. His prodigious talent for piano is discovered at a young age and "1900" spends his days entertaining passengers from all over the world.

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## **GRANDE CINEMA: Movie Magic from Roberto Benigni**

### ***Johnny Stecchino* - Friday February 8 @ 8pm/et**

This hilarious comedy is directed by and stars the infamous Roberto Benigni. *Johnny Stecchino* tells the story of Dante, a not-so-bright school bus driver whose Sicilian vacation traps him in the middle of a Mafia plot involving a notorious mob informant.

### ***Life is Beautiful* - Saturday February 9 @ 8pm/et**

Roberto Benigni's Oscar winning film, *Life is Beautiful* is the unforgettable story of an Italian Jew during the 1930's occupation of Italy by German forces. In an attempt to hold his family together and help his son survive the horrors of a Jewish Concentration Camp, Guido proves that love, family and imagination can truly conquer all.

### ***Son of the Pink Panther* - Saturday February 9 @ 10pm/et**

*Son of the Pink Panther* is the ninth entry in the 30-year-old Pink Panther film series. Directed by Blake Edwards, it stars Roberto Benigni as Inspector Clouseau's illegitimate son. Panther regulars Herbert Lom, Burt Kwouk and Graham Stark also star in this film.

**Watch GRANDE CINEMA on TLN and be part of movie magic!**

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