



The Wizard of Oz (1939)

THE POWER OF THE WIZARD OF OZ

TCM honors the work of
FilmAid International

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This year TCM's annual presentation of *The Wizard of Oz* (1939) is in support of FilmAid International, an organization that screens movies for people in refugee camps throughout the world. Founded in 1999, FilmAid first showed films in camps in Kosovo, followed by Afghanistan and has since expanded to needy areas in East Africa with plans for new program locations soon. Movies such as *The Wizard of Oz*, with its visual eloquence that transcends language barriers and its themes of courage and love of home, provide entertainment and inspiration to those suffering from trauma, isolation and despair. As Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, has said regarding FilmAid, "Cinema provides a creative window of escape and stimulation for people who have been forced to flee their homes and countries." The program also has a strong educational thrust, dealing with such topics as HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, hygiene issues and sexual and domestic violence. Caroline Baron, FilmAid's founder and an award-winning film producer, will join TCM host Robert Osborne in introducing TCM's showings of *The Wizard of Oz*. FilmAid, a non-profit organization, is funded entirely through grants and corporate and private donations. (*The Wizard of Oz* (1939) will also air on July 4.)

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