




Claudia Cardinale honored at Canadian Film Festival



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Italian-Tunisian actress Claudia Cardinale in her 1970s glory here

Most people imagine the great Italian beauties and instantly say, Sophia Loren or Gina Lollobrigida. But Claudia Cardinale was an ethereal stunner who appeared [in many classic films](#) and is luckily still with us as are the aforementioned Italian actresses.

This past week, Canada honored Claudia Cardinale with a prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award

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Ms. Cardinale is Italian but was born in Tunisia. She was fluent in Tunisian Arabic, Sicilian, French and later Italian, Spanish and English. Her international film library is mostly from the 1960s and 1970s. A mother of two, her first pregnancy at age 19 was concealed and the actress endured great duress in concealing the birth to preserve her career.

In her senior years, she remains politically active, and celebrates her Tunisian Arabic roots in film and serves as a UNESCO goodwill ambassador for the Defense of Women's Rights.

This year at Canada's Italian Contemporary Film Festival, the ICFF celebrated Italian cinema and the iconic actress who was there to enjoy the festivities.

Lifetime achievement award winner Claudia Cardinale (C) here with Raoul Bova who won Best Actor. Andrea Iervolino won the IC Savings Award

But it was Claudia Cardinale during the closing ceremony of the Italian Contemporary Film Festival taking the Lifetime Achievement Award, the festival's shining honor that piqued our interest. Ms. Cardinale joins past honorees, actors Roberto Benigni, Al Pacino, and Carlo Verdone. Ms. Cardinale's latest film, "All Roads lead to Rome," was also shown.

"I don't know how many films I made – 130 or 140," said Cardinale to the press. "Cinema gave me the opportunity to live many lives. This was amazing to me and has spurred me to continue pursuing this profession. In this film, I had the chance to play Raoul Bova's mother. It was truly a special experience."

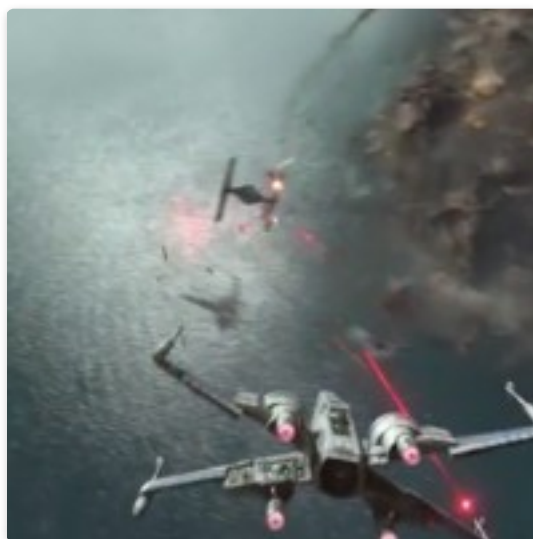


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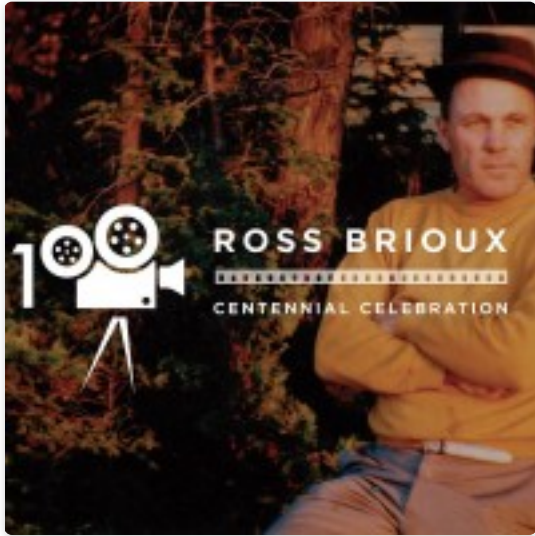
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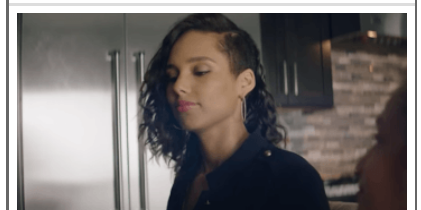
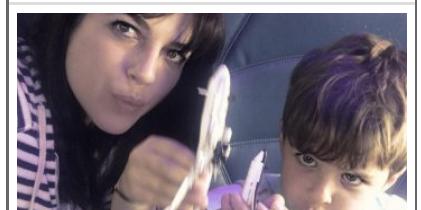
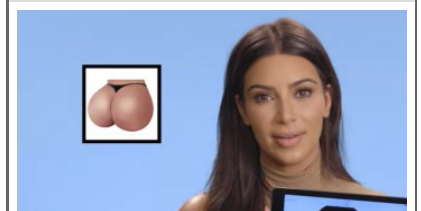
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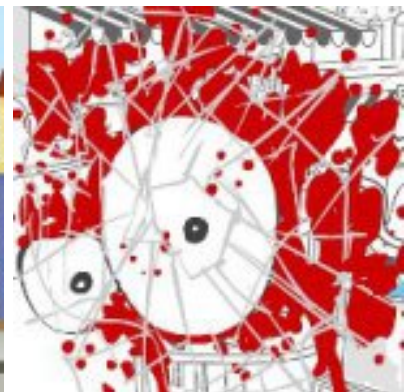
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