## GIUSEPPE TORNATORE WILL TURN HIS OSCAR-WINNING FILM ABOUT CINEMA **PARADISE INTO A TV SERIES**

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Cinema Paradiso (r. Tornatore). Photo: AP

Belardi announced that the series will land on a well-known American streaming content provider, reports Variety.

Cinema Paradiso is one of the most famous movies about cinephilia in history. It tells the story of a Sicilian cinema where a little boy named Toto falls in love with the 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 2000's Malena, he focused on Monica Bellucci. Tornatore's last feature film was a 2021 documentary titled *Ennio* about the legendary composer **Ennio Morriconeju**. Morricone is for the film *Paradise cinema* created sentimental original music. The film earned Tornatore an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, and Morricone composed the music for all of his films.

Režiser Giuseppe Tornatore. Photo: AP

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

## "The power of a mother, the solidarity of a friend, sex as taboo"

The series will light up "Mother strength, friendship solidarity, sex as a taboo, forced migration, flight and pronounced social differences", wrote Belardi. It also expands on the stories of the main characters of the fictional Sicilian village of Giancaldo where the film is set, and contextualizes the rise of filmmaking in postwar Italy.

Belardi also said he was considering a documentary on how it came about *Paradise cinema*, both from a creative and production point of view, but it has yet to be given the green light. His production company, Bamboo, recently signed a multi-movie deal with Netflix, reports IndieWire.

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