Slideshow: Morgan Freeman Honored by Gene Siskel Film Center

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Morgan Freeman received the Gene Siskel Film Center Renaissance Award..

CHICAGO – The sonorous and familiar voice of Morgan Freeman was in Chicago on June 7th, 2014, as the Gene Siskel Film Center presented “A Candid Conversation with Morgan Freeman” to benefit the theater. The event, at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, raised more than $350,000 for the Film Center’s programming budget.

The Academy Award winning actor – for “Million Dollar Baby” – is well known for his authoritative narrative voice and heroic presence in films such as “The Shawshank Redemption”, ”Deep Impact,” “Unforgiven,” “Seven,” “The Dark Knight” and “Last Vegas.” He began his career on stage and on the 1970s PBS TV show, “Electric Company,” and has built his resume after his 1989 roles in “Driving Miss Daisy” and “Glory.” He even recently had an animation voiceover role in “The Lego Movie.”

Joe Arce of HollywoodChicago.com was at the Red Carpet before the “Conversation,” which was conducted by producer and director Jon Turtelbaub, and captured the following photos. Published here for the first time is an additional Joe Arce photo of Freeman, shot in 1999. Click “Next” and “Previous” to scan through the slideshow or jump directly to individual photos with the captioned links below. All images © Joe Arce of Starstruck Foto for HollywoodChicago.com.

1. FREEMAN1 [21]: Morgan Freeman honored by the Gene Siskel Film Center, June 7th, 2014.
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The Gene Siskel Film Center of the School of the Art Institute in Chicago is located at 164 N. State Street. Click here *[24] for film programming information, show times and to purchase tickets.*

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