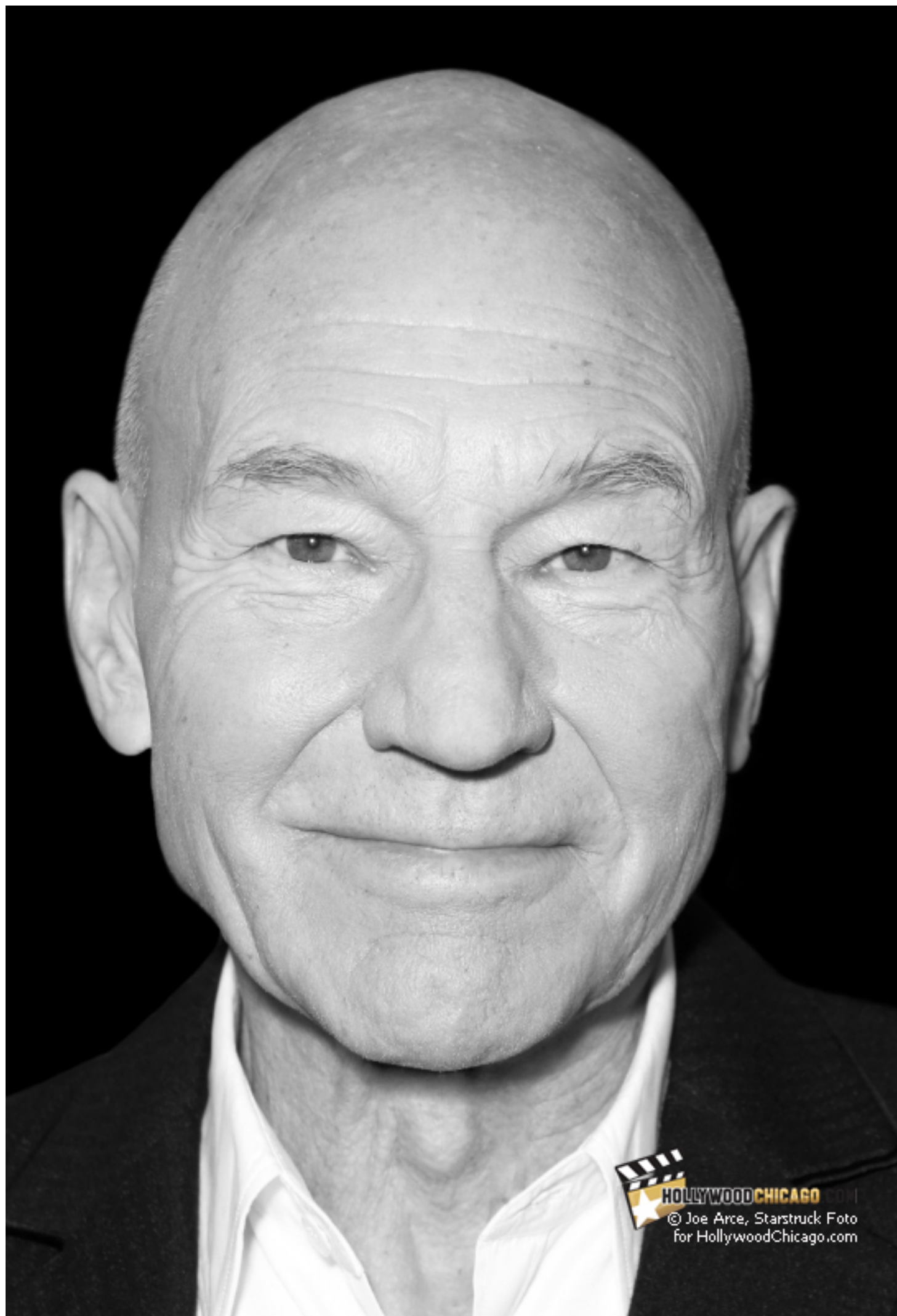


## Exclusive Photo, Audio: Patrick Stewart at 53rd Chicago International Film Festival

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CHICAGO – Make it so, and the 53rd Chicago International Film Festival accomplished “it,” honoring Patrick Stewart at a tribute event on October 25th, 2017. The versatile actor gained fame as Star Trek’s Jean Luc-Picard and X-Men’s Charles Xavier, AKA Professor X... Stewart walked the Red Carpet before the main tribute event, and HollywoodChicago.com interviewed him and photographer Joe Arce took this Exclusive Portrait.



Patrick Stewart at the 53rd Chicago International Film Festival

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Sir Patrick Stewart – he was knighted in 2010 – was born in England during World War II. After leaving school at the age of 15, he fell into acting and received a grant to attend the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. He became a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1966, remaining in residence until 1982.

It was a reading at UCLA that got him cast in “Star Trek: The Next Generation” as Jean-Luc Picard, even though Stewart had no knowledge of the show’s original cult status. The show made him a household name, and led to the next phase of his film career, starring as Charles Xavier in the X-Men series and their spin-offs – there is Oscar talk for his supporting turn in “Logan” this year. Through it all, he has continued to appear on stage and made a perfectly silly-but-appropriate move by hooking up with Seth MacFarlane’s “American Dad,” voicing the character of CIA director Avery Bullock.

**In the audio clip, the legendary Patrick Stewart talks about truth in science fiction and comic book characters, plus his collaboration with “American Dad.”**

*Highlights of the 53rd Chicago International Film Festival, and membership information about joining Cinema/Chicago (the sponsoring organization of the festival) can be found by [clicking here](#). [18]*



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