

BILL COLLINS



Bill Collins is Mr Movies, his charisma charm and warmth have made him one of our most loved and respected presenters. With an enormous depth of knowledge and appreciation of the arts, including film, music, literature and dance, Bill Collins holds a unique place in this Australia's cultural history.

Bill has graced screens on virtually all Australian free to air networks over the years and in 2009 he was inducted into the *Logies Hall of Fame* to recognise his contribution to Australian television.

Bill's television career began when he first appeared on *ABC TV* presenting and producing a series of segments on film appreciation. In 1966 he appeared on Channel 9 with the *Golden Years of Hollywood* and in 1975 moved to Channel 7 with *Bill Collins' Golden Years of Hollywood*, *Bill Collins' Picture Show* and *Bill Collins' Show Business*. In 1980 he moved to Network Ten where he continued to present the hugely popular *Golden Years of Hollywood*.

In 1995, Bill joined the FOXTEL network. Bill now evokes the golden years of Hollywood every night of the week when he presents *Fox Classics*, the dedicated movie zone on the Fox channel. From the Boatshed Theatre, Bill showcases Twentieth Century Fox's fantastic library of musicals, action thrillers, comedies and academy award winners.

Bill is fully qualified teacher at both secondary and tertiary level and lectures regularly on film and associated subjects at various Universities, including the University of Sydney where he gained his B.A. (Hons) Dip.Ed.M.Ed.

Bill's career as a film critic covers newspapers, magazine interviews (over 500 celebrities) and reviews which eventually led to the publication of three books: *The Electric Classroom* (in collaboration with two colleagues at the Sydney Teachers' College); *Bill Collins' Book of Movies* and *Bill Collins Presents The Golden Years of Hollywood*. He has also launched his own series of classic movies through CEL, *the Bill Collins Movies Collection*.

Bill's achievements were also acknowledged when he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his services to film and television (1987).

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