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SAG Foundation Remembers Omar Sharif

Nonprofit releases archived 'Conversations' career retrospective

Los Angeles, CA (July 10, 2015) – Upon hearing of the passing of Omar Sharif, the Screen Actors Guild Foundation has digitized and released its 60-minute career retrospective with the legendary and versatile actor. Recorded in 2003, the *SAG Foundation Conversations with Omar Sharif* was taped before an audience of Omar's fellow SAG-AFTRA union actors.

In the video, Sharif discusses a lifetime of unforgettable roles and career turning points with moderator Todd Amorde, including his Academy Award nomination for *Lawrence of Arabia*, his Golden Globe win for the eponymous *Doctor Zhivago*, and 2003's *Monsieur Ibrahim*, the film that would garner him a César win the following year.

A master of playing intriguing characters, Sharif reveals himself to be a lively, intelligent, and wide-ranging performer who took on any challenge he saw on-screen and off. He shares honest and poignant stories about his early career, notable roles and ongoing passion for the craft.

When asked during the Q&A about surviving in an industry filled with discrimination and turmoil, Sharif answered honestly. He discussed his "foreign" nature as an Egyptian actor, and how it felt to be cast in roles where his accent was the selling point. He also offers intriguing anecdotes about his time working with David Lean and Julie Christie. Mr. Sharif's entire Career Conversations Q&A can be viewed on the SAG Foundation YouTube channel: youtube.com/sagfoundation

The SAG Foundation is in the process of digitizing its Actors Archive, which includes more than 450 recorded Conversations Q&As and career retrospectives featuring legendary actors like Charlton Heston, Jack Lemmon, Henry Fonda and Gloria Stuart. The unarchiving is part of the Foundation's ongoing effort to preserve the history of the craft and its performers.

In the meantime, the SAG Foundation houses over 150 of its Conversations interviews on its YouTube channel, including Q&As with award-winning actors like Leonardo DiCaprio, Matthew McConaughey, Kerry Washington, Al Pacino, Cate Blanchett and Jake Gyllenhaal. The video gallery is available at <https://sagfoundation.org/video-gallery>.

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