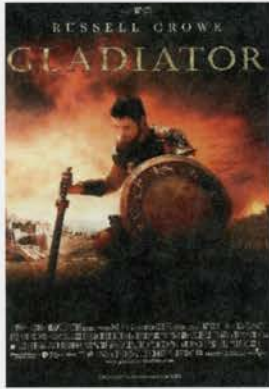




THE MUSEUM OF WESTERN FILM HISTORY

Gladiator



Gladiator is a 2000 British-American epic historical drama film directed by Ridley Scott, and starring Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Ralf Möller, Oliver Reed (in his final film role before his death), Djimon Hounsou, Derek Jacobi, John Shrapnel, and Richard Harris. Crowe portrays the fictional character, loyal Roman general Maximus Decimus Meridius, a powerful Roman general, loved by the people and the aging Emperor. Before his death, the Emperor chooses Maximus to be his heir over his own son, Commodus. Marcus Aurelius, the Emperor, is betrayed when Commodus, his ambitious son, murders his father and seizes the throne and a power struggle leaves Maximus reduced to slavery and his family put to death. The powerful general is unable to save his family, and his loss of will allows him to get captured and put into the Gladiator games until he dies. The only desire that fuels him now is the chance to rise to the top so that he will be able to look into the eyes of the man who will feel his revenge. Maximus rises through the ranks of the gladiatorial arena to avenge the murders of his family and his emperor.

The film was released in the United States on May 5, 2000, and was a box office success, receiving generally positive reviews and being credited with rekindling interest in the historical epic. The film won multiple awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor for Crowe, and three other Oscars at the 73rd Academy Awards.

Director: Ridley Scott

Production: Dreamworks/**Distributed by:** Universal Pictures

Box Office Budget: \$103,000,000 (estimated)

Gross: \$187,670,866 (USA)

Stars: Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen

Lone Pine Filming Location

The Sierra background represents the Roman Hills in a scene in which Maximus Decimus Meridius (Crowe) is returning from Europe to Rome after winning a competition.

Exhibit

The Museum has on exhibit screen artifacts which include a costume as worn by “captured” gladiators including belt, sword, and boots; as well as complete shooting script and framed movie poster.



Filming Locations:

Bourne Woods, Farnham, Surrey, England, UK (Opening battle scenes)

Val d'Orcia, Siena, Tuscany, Italy

Ouarzazate, Morocco

Ait Benhaddou, Morocco

Atlas Corporation Studios, Ouarzazate, Morocco

Alabama Hills, Lone Pine, California, USA

Shepperton Studios, Shepperton, Surrey, England, UK

Morocco

Italy

UK

Credits:

IMDB: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0172495/>

Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gladiator_\(2000_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gladiator_(2000_film))

