

MOVIES! Network marks first birthday on Monday, May 26 Celebrate with John Wayne & ‘The Duke of MOVIES!’

5.22.2014 – Chicago, Illinois – MOVIES! Network marks first birthday on Monday, May 26, 2014 and will celebrate with a silver screen superstar. MOVIES! Network shares a birthdate with legendary actor John Wayne, who was born on May 26, 1907.

To celebrate MOVIES! Network will air ‘The Duke of MOVIES!’ on Monday, May 26, a full day of John Wayne’s wildest adventures and grittiest westerns. Film icon John Wayne was known for his ability to portray many characters, from war heroes to complicated cowboys. It’s this unsurpassed talent that keeps his enduring legacy as an American film icon alive.

The all day event begins with ‘Hatari,’ followed by ‘The Shootist’ and then ‘The Sons of Katie Elder.’

First in ‘Hatari,’ Sean Mercer leads a group of expatriates in East Africa who capture wild game and sell them to zoos around the world. But when a beautiful young photographer joins the group, Mercer may have just met his match.

Next in ‘The Shootist,’ Wayne stars as a dying gunfighter who spends his last days looking for a painless and dignified end to his life. The film earned an Oscar nomination for Best Art Design. Lauren Bacall and Ron Howard co-star.

Lastly in ‘The Sons of Katie Elder,’ Wayne is John, the eldest son of three brothers seeking revenge for their father’s murder and the swindling of their deceased mother. Dean Martin and Dennis Hopper co-star.

‘Hatari’ begins at 8 am ET, ‘The Shootist’ begins at 11:30 am ET and ‘The Sons of Katie Elder’ begins at 1:45 pm ET. The ‘The Duke of MOVIES!’ marathon ends at 4am ET the next day; each movie runs in this order.

About MOVIES! Network:

MOVIES! Network has 42 affiliates and clears 48% of the country. MOVIES! Network offers viewers a new way to watch movies 24 hours a day on broadcast television creating an exceptional viewer experience. MOVIES! is a classic movie focused brand that features timeless films from multiple studios in the original run times. Notable titles in the MOVIES! library include ‘The African Queen,’ ‘From Here to Eternity,’ ‘Breakfast At Tiffany’s,’ ‘Bridge Over the River Kwai’ and ‘The French Connection.’

MOVIES! Network launched nationally in May 2013 and is owned and operated by Fox Television Stations and Weigel Broadcasting Co. Click [here](#) for additional information about the network, where to watch and complete program schedule.