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Hollywood icon Oliver Stone talks films old and new at live event

Tickets to be part of an audience with three-time Academy Award-winner Oliver Stone will go on sale tomorrow (Thursday, 18 February).

The celebrated writer, producer and director will discuss his illustrious career with University of Edinburgh experts at an event in Edinburgh's Filmhouse on Wednesday, 9 March.

Oliver Stone has written and directed more than 20 full-length feature films, among them *Platoon* (1986), *Born on the Fourth of July* (1989), *JFK* (1991), *Nixon* (1995), *W* (2008) and the documentary *Untold History of the United States* (2012).

During his stay, the filmmaker will take part in a number of workshops with students at Edinburgh College of Art and the School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures.

At the evening event, Edinburgh academics Dr Jonny Murray and Dr David Sorfa will join Oliver Stone on stage to gain insight on his artistic and political motivations and thoughts on how the film industry has changed throughout his thirty-year career. He will talk about his current project, the highly anticipated political thriller, *Snowden*, ahead of its nation-wide release later this year. The film is directed by Oliver Stone and co-written with Kieran Fitzgerald.

Professor Chris Breward, Principal of Edinburgh College of Art, said: "We are delighted to be able to host Oliver Stone's visit to the University of Edinburgh. His ground-breaking work resonates across all of our world-leading film-based programmes in Edinburgh College of Art and the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, and speaks to broader student and staff interests in politics, biography, documentary and the power of the media.

"In collaboration with the Filmhouse we are especially pleased to be able to introduce a true Hollywood Great to Scotland and the city of Edinburgh."

The event has been organised by the University of Edinburgh in partnership with Edinburgh Filmhouse.

Tickets for *In Conversation with Oliver Stone* cost £10 (£8 concessions) and can be purchased via the Filmhouse website: www.filmhousecinema.com

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