



## Centenary Tribute

Country : United States of America (USA)

# Ben-Hur

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1959 / Colour / 212 minutes / English



**Director :** Willi Wyler

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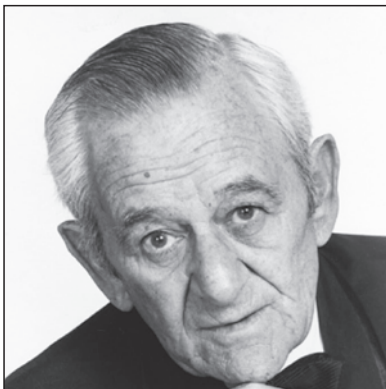
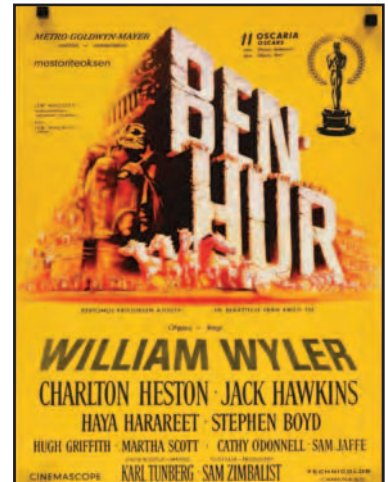
**Cinematographer :** Robert Surtees

**Editor :** John D Dunning

**Music :** Miklos Rozsa

**Cast :** Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins, Haya Harareet , Stephen Boyd

**Synopsis :** Epic drama about an aristocratic Jew living in Judaea who incurs the wrath of a childhood friend, now a Roman tribune. Although forced into slavery on a galley and compelled to witness the cruel persecution of his family, he survives, harbouring dreams of vengeance. A battle at sea and a chariot race are among the memorable sequences. The film used 300 sets at Rome's Cinecitta Studios and won a record 11 Oscars.



**Director's Biography :** William Wyler (1902-1981) was a German-born American film director, producer and screenwriter. Notable works included *Ben-Hur* (1959), *The Best Years of Our Lives* (1946), and *Mrs. Miniver* (1942), all of which won Academy Awards for Best Director, as well as Best Picture in their respective years, making him the only director of three Best Picture winners.