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Join Forces With Stephen Colbert and J.J. Abrams For The Nerdiest Weekend Of Your Life

In Partnership With Omaze, You Can Support The Montclair Film Festival And Be Their Personal Guest at The Festival's 5th Annual Fundraiser, "The Stephen Colbert and J.J. Abrams: Celebrity Nerd-Off!"

Enter to win here: **[Omaze.com/nerdoff](https://omaze.com/nerdoff)**

October 15, 2015, NEW YORK – Today, in an exclusive video message, Stephen Colbert announced the launch of his and J.J. Abrams' partnership with Omaze, a charitable giving platform offering once-in-a-lifetime experiences, to raise funds for The Montclair Film Festival. The lucky winner and a friend will be flown to New York for *The Stephen Colbert and J.J. Abrams: Celebrity Nerd-Off*, which will feature Stephen and J.J. in a wide-ranging, on-stage discussion of their influences, ideas and creative work.

Watch Stephen's video message here: <https://youtu.be/mPjKOKPCXvs>

The winner will attend the Nerd-Off as Stephen and J.J.'s personal guest, join them on stage to ask a nerd-stomping question and attend a taping of *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. Fans can enter for a chance to win by making a \$10 donation at **omaze.com/nerdoff**, which will automatically enter their name into the raffle to win what could arguably be the nerdiest (and coolest) experience of their lives.

Donations to Stephen and J.J.'s Omaze experience will directly support the Montclair Film Festival's year-round film and education programs.

"It's a privilege to once again partner with Stephen Colbert and J.J. Abrams on this latest Omaze campaign in support of the Montclair Film Festival and its year-round programming. Stephen and J.J. are both incredible influencers inside and outside the world of entertainment, and it's inspiring to be able to work with them to use that influence for good. We're honored they continue to choose Omaze for their charitable fundraising campaigns," says Ryan Cummins, co-founder of Omaze.

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Here are the full details on what the winner and a friend will do:

- Fly to **New York City** and stay in a 4-star hotel (with private car service!)
- Attend a live taping of *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*
- Enjoy a luxury box & champagne reception at the Celebrity Nerd-Off
- Join J.J. and Stephen onstage and ask them a nerd-stomping question
- Experience a private meet and greet backstage with J.J. and Stephen at the Celebrity Nerd-Off!

ABOUT STEPHEN COLBERT

Stephen Colbert is the host, writer and executive producer of "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" on CBS. Previously, he was host, writer and executive producer of the long-running Emmy® and Peabody® Award-winning series "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central. The series ran for 9 years and was nominated for 40 Emmys, winning a total of 6. The show was also twice honored with the prestigious Peabody® Award for Excellence in Broadcasting. Colbert is also a best-selling author and accomplished actor.

ABOUT J.J. ABRAMS

J.J. Abrams is Founder and President of Bad Robot Productions, a film and television production company. He is a writer, director and producer of such television series as "Felicity," "Alias," "Lost," "Fringe," and "Person of Interest," and films such as, "Mission Impossible: 3," "Super 8," "Star Trek." Abrams is currently in post production on "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," which he also co-wrote with Lawrence Kasdan. Bad Robot is also producing the upcoming series "11/22/63," "Westworld," and "Roadies." Abrams and his wife, Katie McGrath, live in Los Angeles with their three children.

ABOUT OMAZE

Founded by writer/filmmakers and friends from college, Matt Pohlson and Ryan Cummins, Omaze is an online social good platform that gives anyone the chance to win once-in-a-lifetime experiences that also support social missions. Omaze offers its community of donors transformative experiences, remarkable causes and compelling content. For more information, please visit omaze.com.

ABOUT THE MONTCLAIR FILM FESTIVAL

The Montclair Film Festival, Inc. (MFF), a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, nurtures and showcases the talents of filmmakers from around the region and world. MFF unites, empowers, educates and celebrates our region's diverse cultural heritage and robust artistic community by presenting an annual spring festival and a growing assortment of engaging programs and events all year long. The fifth annual spring festival will take place from April 29 through May 8, 2016. MFF 2016 is made possible through generous support from Investors Bank, Audible, Audi, HackensackUMC Mountainside, Chubb, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, among others. For information about MFF, visit www.montclairfilmfest.org.