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Talking Heads Band-Member to Attend Milwaukee Film's Presentation of Remastered Iconic Concert Film "Stop Making Sense"

Milwaukee native Jerry Harrison, keyboardist and guitarist of renowned new-wave band Talking Heads, will be in attendance weekend of 9/29 at the Oriental Theatre's early screenings of "Stop Making Sense"

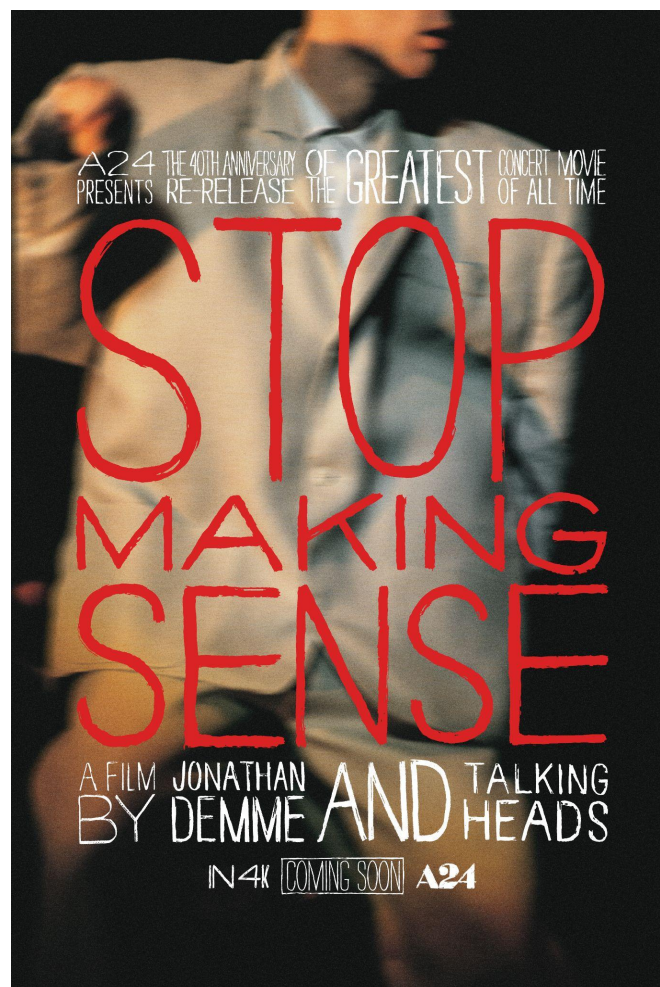


MILWAUKEE – Wednesday, September 13th – Milwaukee Film is thrilled to announce that Jerry Harrison, member of the acclaimed new-wave band Talking Heads, which formed in 1975, will be in attendance for their screening of the 1984 concert film *Stop Making Sense* the weekend of September 30, 2023.

Directed by Jonathan Demme, the film follows the band Talking Heads' three-night run at the Pantages Theater in Hollywood in 1983, and it is widely considered to be one of the greatest concert music documentaries ever made.

Harrison, a proud native of Milwaukee, will return to his hometown to attend Milwaukee Film's opening weekend at the historic Oriental Theatre and plans to participate with a live audience Q&A following the 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm screenings on Saturday, September 30th, as well as an extended introduction from Jerry Harrison at the 10:00 pm screening on Saturday, September 30th, and both an extended introduction and live audience Q&A at the 7:00 pm screening on Sunday, October 1st.

"Reuniting with Milwaukee to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Stop Making Sense will be an incredible homecoming moment for me," Harrison says. "I look forward to joining Milwaukee Film to celebrate and connect to such an enthusiastic community that's been a part of our journey over the years, and with those that will be experiencing the film in its newly restored format for the first time."



Film distributor A24, known for recent films such as *Everything Everywhere All At Once*, and *Pearl*, acquired the rights to Jonathan Demme's seminal concert-documentary. The film was treated to a well-deserved new 4k restoration, which will be re-released in its stunning new form in theaters across the country. The re-release of the film coincides with the 40th anniversary of the band Talking Heads' existence.

This is, however, far from the first time that Milwaukee Film has screened the iconic concert film. For many years, the film (and subsequent dance parties in the cinema) was a mainstay of the Milwaukee Film festival. This honored tradition was not possible in 2022 or 2023 due to the film's rights being unavailable to secure throughout the re-mastering process.

Milwaukee Film CEO Jonathan Jackson exclaims, "Get your dancing shoes on, Milwaukee! I think the sold-out, euphoric Oriental Theatre dance party screenings of 'Stop Making Sense' over the film's 40-year history, from screening late at night in the 80s after its original release to in the last 10 years as a fixture during the Milwaukee Film Festival, are a testament to the enduring power of extraordinary performance, filmmaking, and song-making." Jackson continues, "We are so proud and excited to throw this week-long birthday celebration on the occasion of this concert film's 4k restoration. It's a dance party in a historic movie palace. What more do you need to say?"

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About Milwaukee Film

Milwaukee Film is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to entertaining, educating, and engaging our community through cinematic experiences, with a vision to make Milwaukee a center for film culture. Milwaukee Film operates the magnificent Oriental Theatre, a historic cinema palace committed to high-quality and accessible film and education programming. The 16th annual Milwaukee Film Festival will be held April 11 - April 25, 2024. For more information or to become a Member, visit mkefilm.org.

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