

TRIBUTE TO OLIVER STONE

Oliver Stone was born in New York in 1946. After studying at Yale, he went to Saigon to teach and then sailed around the world aboard a merchant ship. At the age of 21, he enlisted in the army and was sent to Vietnam. He was wounded twice and won two prestigious decorations for his service. When he returned to the US, Stone went back to school to study cinema at New York University. He made his directing debut in 1974 with a horror film called *Seizure*. Four years later, he won an Oscar for his screenplay for *Midnight Express* directed by Alan Parker. His screenwriting talents also brought us Brian De Palma's *Scarface* in 1983 and two years later, Michael Cimino's *Year of the Dragon*. In 1984 he shot *Salvador*, a fiery analysis of American interventionism which was hailed by critics. This success enabled him to helm *Platoon* in 1986 based on his own experiences. The film won several awards including Oscars for best screenplay and best director. Subsequently each of Stone's films has become an event and provoked controversy, as in 1991 when he called for the opening of secret government archives with *JFK*, or in 1994 when he caused an uproar with the radical violence of *Natural Born Killers*, or just recently thought his encounters with two contentious historical figures-Fidel Castro in *Comandante* and Yasser Arafat in *Persona Non Grata*.

- **Comandante**
by Oliver Stone
Spain - 2003 - 1h39
- **Persona non grata**
by Oliver Stone
United States, France, Spain - 2003 - 1h02 – Béta
- **JFK**
by Oliver Stone
United States - 1991 - 3h10
- **Platoon**
by Oliver Stone
United States - 1986 - 2h