

Robin Williams Helped During 'Schindler's...' Shoot: Spielberg

LOS ANGELES: Filmmaker Steven Spielberg credits late actor Robin Williams for helping him get through the "trauma" of filming "Schindler's List".

The "Lincoln" filmmaker and Williams became close after they worked together on 1991's "Hook" and when Spielberg took on the emotional task of directing "Schindler's List" which was about German businessman Oskar Schindler, who is credited with saving 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust, Williams was there to comfort his friend by performing

stand-up over the phone, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"Robin called me," Spielberg said at the Tribeca Film Festival's 25th-anniversary screening of the film on Thursday.

"Robin knew what I was going through. Once a week he called me on schedule. He knew exactly what time it was in Poland, what time it was in San Francisco... and he would do 15 minutes of stand-up on the phone, and I would laugh hysterically because I had to release so much," said Spielberg.

"The way Robin is on the telephone, he would always hang up on the loudest, best laugh you'd give him. He'd never say goodbye, just hang up on the biggest laugh," he added.

The emotionally-draining process of directing the movie paid off for Spielberg when he brought home Oscars for Best Picture and Best Director, but he didn't feel like he could celebrate.

"That night wasn't really a celebration at all. I don't feel this movie is a celebration. The subject matter and the impact the



film had on all of us... took sort of the celebration out of that," he said.

"It was wonderful to win, but at the same time I just remember

how moved I was when Branko Lustig, our co-producer, showed the world that he was in Auschwitz, too, and had numbers on his arms," he added.

Stars On Hollywood Walk Of Fame



Chris Kirkpatrick, from left, Lance Bass, JC Chasez, Joey Fatone and Justin Timberlake of the band NSYNC appear at a ceremony honoring them with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Monday, April 30, 2018, in Los Angeles. (Photo by Jordan Strauss/Invision/AP)

Terror Doll To Return With Third 'Annabelle' Film

LOS ANGELES: The raggedy doll will be back to haunt people as the third part of "Annabelle" movie is in the works.

New Line is expanding the profitable "Conjuring" universe with a third "Annabelle" movie that will open on July 3, 2019, reports variety.com.

Gary Dauberman, who has written the scripts for two demon doll movies, will make his directorial debut on the untitled "Annabelle" project. He is also writing its script.

James Wan's Atomic Monster and the Peter Safran Company will produce the project. The four movies in the "Conjuring" universe -- which includes the two "Annabelle" titles -- have generated more than \$1.1 billion worldwide. The fifth "Conjuring" universe film "The Nun" will open on September 7.

Dauberman also wrote the script for "The Nun" with Wan and is one of the three writers with screenplay credits on horror blockbuster "It" and next year's



sequel "It: Chapter 2".

The porcelain doll was a key component of "The Conjuring", inspired by a story told by paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren. The Warrens were portrayed by Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga.

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