## ORION PICTURES CORPORATION



#### THE HISTORY OF COMPANY

 «Orion Pictures Corporation» is an American distribution company that produced and released films from 1978 until 1999, and was also involved in television production and syndication throughout the 1980s until the early 1990s.

Woody Allen, James Cameron, Oliver Stone, and several other prominent directors worked with Orion during its most successful years from 1978 to 1992.

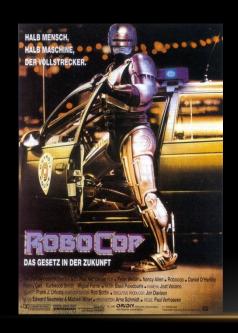






#### THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FILMS

• Of the films distributed by Orion, four won Academy Awards for Best Picture: *Amadeus* (1984), *Platoon* (1986), *Dances with Wolves* (1990), and *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991). Only two other Orion films, *Hannah and Her Sisters* (1986) and *Mississippi Burning* (1988), were nominated for that same category. In Russia was especially popular *Robocop* (1987).







#### THE REASONS OF BANKRUPTCY

• In January 1987, «Orion» faced big competition with the arrival of Sumner Redstone.

In 1989, Orion suffered from a disastrous slate of films, placing themselves dead last among the major Hollywood studios in terms of box office revenue. Among its biggest flops that year were *Great Balls of Fire!*, the autobiography of Jerry Lee Lewis starring Dennis Quaid and Winona Ryder; *She-Devil*, a black comedy starring Meryl Streep and Roseanne Barr; Test screenings of the "Weird Al" Yankovic comedy *UHF* were so strong that Orion had high expectations for it; it too flopped.

1990 was just as dismal for Orion as the year prior, with such failures as *The Hot Spot* and *State of Grace*. The only bright spot that year was Kevin Costner's Western epic *Dances with Wolves*. It won seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and grossed \$400 million worldwide. A few months later, Orion garnered another winner with *The Silence of the Lambs*, but these two films could not make up for years of losses.

### **BANKRUPTCY**

• In 2013, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer revived the Orion name for television; a year later Orion Pictures was quietly relaunched by the studio.





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