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## **Screen Actors Guild Honors Outstanding Film And Television Performances at the 15<sup>TH</sup> Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®**

**LOS ANGELES (Jan. 25, 2009)** - Screen Actors Guild presented its coveted Actor® statuette for the outstanding motion picture and primetime television performances of 2008 at *the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®* in ceremonies attended by film and television's leading actors, held Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Los Angeles Shrine Exposition Center. The *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®* was simulcast by TNT and TBS at 8 p.m., ET/PT, 7 p.m. CT and 6 p.m. MT

The honorees were selected by the approximately 100,000 active members of the Screen Actors Guild nationwide.

Forest Whitaker presented James Earl Jones with Screen Actors Guild's highest honor, the 45th Annual Life Achievement Award, following a filmed tribute.

Honored with individual awards were Sean Penn, Meryl Streep, Heath Ledger and Kate Winslet for performances in motion pictures and Paul Giamatti, Laura Linney, Hugh Laurie, Sally Field, Alec Baldwin and Tina Fey for performances in television. Screen Actors Guild originated awards for the outstanding performances by a motion picture cast and by television comedy and drama ensembles. The Actor® for a motion picture cast performance went this year to "Slumdog Millionaire", while the Actors® for television comedy and drama ensemble performances went this year to "30 Rock" and "Mad Men". Screen Actors Guild's honors for outstanding performances by a stunt ensemble in film and television were awarded to "The Dark Knight" and "Heroes".

Evan Rachel Wood introduced a filmed salute to performances that were 'Trailblazers' either in their casting or subject matter.

PEOPLE magazine and the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF) hosted the Screen Actors Guild Post-Awards Gala for 13th year. This exclusive event honors the philanthropic causes and good works of the members of the Screen Actors Guild. The gala, benefiting the Screen Actors Guild Foundation, immediately followed the SAG Awards on the back lot of the Shrine Exposition Center.

The *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards* is a presentation of Jeff Margolis Productions in association with Screen Actors Guild Awards®, LLC. Jeff Margolis is the executive producer and director. Kathy Connell is the producer. JoBeth Williams, Daryl Anderson, Shelley Fabares, Paul Napier and Yale Summers are producers for SAG. Gloria Fujita O'Brien and Mick McCullough are supervising producers. Stephen Pouliot is the writer. Benn Fleishman is executive in charge of production.

The complete list of recipients of the *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®* follows.

Next year's *16<sup>th</sup> Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards* will be simulcast on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010 on TNT and TBS from the Los Angeles Shrine Exposition Center

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## 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS® RECIPIENTS

### *THEATRICAL MOTION PICTURES*

#### Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role

SEAN PENN	Harvey Milk	"MILK"	Focus Features
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#### Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role

MERYL STREEP	Sister Aloysius Beauvier	"DOUBT"	Miramax Films
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#### Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role

HEATH LEDGER	Joker	"THE DARK KNIGHT"	Warner Bros. Pictures
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#### Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role

KATE WINSLET	Hanna Schmitz	"THE READER"	The Weinstein Company
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#### Outstanding Performance by the Cast of a Motion Picture

"SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE"	Fox Searchlight Pictures
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RUBINA ALI	Youngest Latika
TANAY HEMANT CHHEDA	Middle Jamal
ASHUTOSH LOBO GAJIWALA	Middle Salim
AZHARUDDIN MOHAMMED ISMAIL	Youngest Salim
ANIL KAPOOR	Prem
IRRFAN KHAN	Police Inspector
AYUSH MAHESH KHEDEKAR	Youngest Jamal
TANVI GANESH LONKAR	Middle Latika
MADHUR MITTAL	Oldest Salim
DEV PATEL	Older Jamal
FREIDA PINTO	Older Latika

### *PRIMETIME TELEVISION*

#### Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries

PAUL GIAMATTI	John Adams	"JOHN ADAMS"	HBO
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#### Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries

LAURA LINNEY	Abigail Adams	"JOHN ADAMS"	HBO
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**SAG HONORS FOR STUNT ENSEMBLES**

**Outstanding Performance by a Stunt Ensemble in a Motion Picture**

“THE DARK KNIGHT” (Warner Bros. Pictures)

WADE ALLEN	TERRY JACKSON	CHRIS NOLTE
RICK AVERY	PAUL JENNINGS	ANDY NORMAN
DEAN BAILEY	LUKE KEARNEY	CARL PAOLI
RICHARD BURDEN	MATT LeFEVOUR	LINDA PERLIN
FRANK CALZAVARA	RICK LeFEVOUR	BRIAN PETERS
MARK CHADWICK	TOM LOWELL	SCOTT PHILYAW
BRIAN CHRISTENSEN	TONY LUCKEN	BUSTER REEVES
GEORGE COTTLE	DANIEL MALDONADO	KEN REMER
TOBIASZ DASKIEWICZ	JON MALDONADO	RICHARD RYAN
JUSTO DIEGUEZ	JAMES MAMMOSER	JEFF SHANNON
MARIE FINK	KEVIN MATHEWS	KEVIN SORENSON
JEAN-PIERRE GOY	TOM McCOMAS	JODI STARNES
MARK HARPER	TIM McHENRY	TOM STRUTHERS
ADAM HART	NATALIE M. MEYER	TODD ROGERS TERRY
JAMES HEISNER	RICK MILLER	JIM WILKEY
SY HOLLANDS	MARK MOTTRAM	RICH WILKIE

**Outstanding Performance by a Stunt Ensemble in a Television Series**

“HEROES” (NBC)

ROBERT ALONZO	CHRIS HOWELL	PAT ROMANO
HEATHER ARTHUR	HORACE KNIGHT	SPIKE SILVER
ALLISON CAETANO	WILL LEONG	LEE SMITH
CHRIS CARNEL	JIM LEWIS	ERIK STABENAU
DANE FARWELL	RICK MARCUS	NANCY THURSTON
TIM GILBERT	AUSTIN PRIESTER	XUYEN “SAMMY” VALDIVIA
TROY GILBERT	SIMON RHEE	MARK WAGNER
RYAN JAMES HAPPY	MARK RICCARDI	MARCUS YOUNG

**NOTE TO MEDIA:**

Credits for the Stunt Ensembles are not final. All names are subject to verification.

**Screen Actors Guild Awards 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Life Achievement Award**

**James Earl Jones**