



24th Annual SAG Awards® Fact Sheet

There's nothing else like the SAG Awards® ceremony

Many of the brightest stars of film and television get together once a year for this congenial celebration to mingle with friends and colleagues while recognizing outstanding achievements by their peers. A live simulcast and an active social media presence invite audiences to experience all the excitement of the ceremony.

Actors honoring actors

- Awards presentations and tributes are introduced by a diverse cavalcade of internationally renowned actors
- Encouraged by the convivial atmosphere, actors on stage often share spontaneous flashes of joy, humor, indiscretion and heartfelt sincerity
- A two-hour running time and nationally live simulcast makes for a lively evening

Inimitable insights

- Actors Stories, the SAG Awards' signature opening sequence, allows surprise performers to describe what they personally mean when they say the evocative words, "**I Am an Actor™**".
- **Morgan Freeman** will receive the 54th SAG Life Achievement Award, commemorating his accomplishments as a versatile Academy Award® winning actor, producer and voice actor, in addition to his work as a humanitarian and activist

Award categories FAQ

- The SAG Awards are a peer award. All SAG-AFTRA members in good standing as of Dec. 1, 2017 are eligible to vote.
- Knowing that acting is a collaborative art, the SAG Awards initiated the innovative and distinctive honors for cast and ensemble performances
- There are 13 acting awards:
 - Five for motion pictures, including awards for male & female lead actors, male & female supporting actors and cast
 - Eight for television, including awards for male & female actors in drama series and male & female actors in comedy series, male & female actors in television movies/limited series, and ensemble awards for drama and comedy series
- Awards for outstanding action performances by television and film stunt ensembles were instituted in 2008 and will be announced during the SAG Awards Red Carpet Pre-Show webcast.

Award voting process FAQ

- Studios, networks, actors and actors' representatives submit performances for consideration each year
- Nominations are decided by two panels selected annually in the spring through a random sample drawing of SAG-AFTRA members who must opt-in to serve. A total of 2,500 members serve on the film nominating committee, with another 2,500 on the TV committee. After serving, members are not eligible to be selected for the same committee until eight years have passed.
- There were 121,544 SAG-AFTRA members in good standing as of Dec. 1, 2017, all of whom are eligible to vote.

- The nominating committees cast their votes for the 24th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards online or by paper ballot. The Guild's official teller, Integrity Voting Systems of Everett, Washington, tabulates the results.
- Actor® nominations were announced by **Olivia Munn** and **Niecy Nash** on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017. Prior to that, SAG Awards Committee Chair JoBeth Williams and Committee Member Elizabeth McLaughlin revealed the nominees for Outstanding Action Performances by Film and Television Stunt Ensembles.
- Final voting for the SAG Awards will begin on December 19, 2017.
- In keeping with the SAG Awards' commitment to sustainable practices, online voting is encouraged and paper ballots are available only upon request. Votes must be received at Integrity Voting Systems by Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 at noon (PT). Results will be sealed until the envelopes are opened live onstage on Jan. 21.

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation

In 2017, the SAG-AFTRA Foundation celebrates 32 years of giving back to the professionals of SAG-AFTRA, their families and communities. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides vital assistance and free educational programming to the professionals of SAG-AFTRA while serving the public at large through its signature children's literacy program. The SAG-AFTRA Foundation relies solely on support from gifts, grants and sponsorships to maintain its free programs. Visit sagaftra.foundation.

The SAG Awards Online Auctions Benefiting the SAG-AFTRA Foundation

The Screen Actors Guild Awards® Holiday Auction benefiting the [SAG-AFTRA Foundation's](http://sagaftra.foundation) Children's Literacy and Actors' Assistance programs began Dec. 7 at sagawards.org/auction and closes on Sunday, Dec. 16. The annual Holiday Auction features the ultimate SAG Awards® VIP Package, with two tickets to the 24th Annual SAG Awards Ceremony and Post-Awards Gala on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018, a backstage tour, two United Airline tickets and a three-night stay at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills. Other highlights include autographed film and television collectibles from Trevor Noah, Mary J. Blige, William Shatner, Sara Michelle Gellar, Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Margaret Atwood, and the casts of "This Is Us," "The Handmaid's Tale," "GLOW" and more. Also up for bid are unique gifts, such as tickets to a taping of "Will & Grace" plus a set tour and meet-and-greet with the cast, VIP tickets to a live taping of "Full Frontal with Samantha Bee," and several SAG Awards Red Carpet Bleacher Seats packages.

SAG Awards Corporate Partners

The official Post-Awards Gala, which is held immediately following the SAG Awards on the transformed stage of the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium, is being hosted for the 22nd year by [People](http://people.com) and the [Entertainment Industry Foundation](http://entertainmentindustryfoundation.org) (EIF), this year joined by TNT & TBS, to honor the SAG-AFTRA Foundation and actors' philanthropic activities. Also returning as corporate partners and SAG-AFTRA Foundation supporters are United Airlines, Champagne Taittinger, Subaru, L'Oréal Paris, FIJI Water and DOVE® Chocolate.

The SAG Awards: A Leader in Sustainable Production Practices

The Screen Actors Guild Awards is committed to reducing its environmental footprint. Since the 15th SAG Awards in 2009, each annual ceremony has been honored with the EMA's Green Seal, recognizing a production's outstanding efforts to implement sustainable initiatives and promote environmental awareness. The SAG Awards is the only televised special event to have received this honor for nine consecutive years. In October 2013, the SAG Awards received the [Environmental Media Association](http://environmentalmediaassociation.org) (EMA)'s prestigious Green Production Award, honoring its ongoing respect for the environment and its principle of enhancing its efforts every year.

The SAG Awards Production Team

The 24th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards® presented by SAG-AFTRA with Screen Actors Guild Awards, LLC will be produced by Avalon Harbor Entertainment, Inc. Kathy Connell is the executive producer. Producing for SAG-AFTRA are SAG Awards Committee Chair JoBeth Williams, Vice Chair Daryl Anderson, Jason George, Elizabeth

McLaughlin and Woody Schultz. Producers Gloria Fujita O'Brien and Benn Fleishman, Consulting Producer Mick McCullough, Supervising Producer Jon Brockett, Talent Producer Maggie Barrett Caulfield, Executive in Charge of Publicity Rosalind Jarrett Sepulveda, Coordinating Producer Cynthia Kistler and also lead the production team. Alan Carter serves as director. Dave Boone and Beth Armogida are the writers.

Telecast

- The 24th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards, one of the awards season's premier events, will honor outstanding performances from 2017 in five film categories and eight television categories, including the distinctive ensemble awards in both media. This year's Actor® recipients will be announced at the Los Angeles Shrine Exposition Center during a live simulcast on TNT and TBS on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 at 8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT).
- TBS and TNT subscribers can also watch the SAG Awards live through the networks' websites and mobile apps. In addition, TNT will present a special encore of the ceremony at 11 p.m. (ET) / 8 p.m. (PT)
- The awards for outstanding action performances by television and film stunt ensembles will be announced from the red carpet during the SAG Awards Red Carpet Pre-Show webcast.

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