



## **SAG-AFTRA to Honor Finest Performances of 2015 at the 22nd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®**

**Simulcast Live on TNT and TBS on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, at 8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT)**

The **22nd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®**, one of the awards season's premier events, will honor outstanding performances from 2015 in film and television, including the distinctive ensemble awards. The coveted Actor® statuettes will be handed out at the Los Angeles Shrine Exposition Center during a live simulcast on **TNT and TBS Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, 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 primetime encore of the ceremony immediately following the live presentation.

Prior to the televised ceremony, honorees for outstanding television and film stunt ensemble action performances will be announced from the red carpet during the **SAG Awards Red Carpet Pre-show**, which will be **webcast live on [sagawards.tntdrama.com](http://sagawards.tntdrama.com), [sagawards.org](http://sagawards.org) and [People.com](http://People.com) beginning at 6 p.m. (ET) / 3 p.m. (PT)**.

### **The SAG Awards Are Unique**

Of the top industry honors presented to performers, only the SAG Awards® are conferred solely by actors' peers: members of SAG-AFTRA. The SAG Awards was the first televised awards show created by a union to acknowledge the work of actors and the first to establish ensemble and cast awards. The presentation of this year's SAG Awards marks the 19th telecast of this prestigious industry event on TNT and the 10th simulcast on TBS. This year's ceremony will be telecast internationally, as well as to U.S. military installations overseas through the American Forces Network Broadcast Center.

Each year at the SAG Awards, the red carpet and showroom teem with a who's who of the entertainment industry as the casts of the year's best-acted films and television come together with industry leaders to meet, mingle and cheer their colleagues. Set within an intimate dinner-party atmosphere, the event is an evening of camaraderie, glamorous fashion, warm reunions, spontaneous laughter and mutual respect.

Unlike other awards ceremonies, the SAG Awards puts its focus squarely on the actors, from the signature opening montage of "Actors' Stories" to the acceptance speeches in which Actor recipients speak from the heart to their peers. The Screen Actors Guild Awards are closely watched by the industry as a precursor of possible Oscar® and Emmy® recognition and by viewers as an emotional, memorable night of live television.

### **Carol Burnett, Life Achievement Award Honoree**

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the **2015 SAG Life Achievement Award to Carol Burnett**. The comedic trailblazer, actor, singer, dancer, producer and author will receive the SAG 52nd Life Achievement Award for career achievement and humanitarian accomplishment. It is presented annually to an actor who fosters the "finest ideals of the acting profession." The SAG Life Achievement Award will join Burnett's record of preeminent industry honors, which includes a Peabody Award, the Television Critics Association's Career Achievement Award, multiple Emmy Awards®, five Golden Globe Awards, five American Comedy Awards, 12 People's Choice Awards, an Ace Award, a Horatio Alger Award, both Crystal and Lucy Awards from Women in Film, the TV Land Legend Award, the Jimmy Stewart Museum's Harvey Award and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Previous SAG Life Achievement recipients include Debbie Reynolds, Rita Moreno, Dick Van Dyke, Mary Tyler Moore, Ernest Borgnine, Betty White, James Earl Jones, Charles Durning, Julie Andrews, Shirley Temple Black, James Garner, Karl Malden, Clint Eastwood, Edward Asner, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, Sidney Poitier, Kirk Douglas, Elizabeth Taylor, Angela Lansbury, Robert Redford and George Burns, among others. A complete list of the 51 previous Life Achievement Award recipients can be found at [sagawards.org](http://sagawards.org).

## Stylish and Style Conscious

The style and décor of this year's SAG Awards is the very definition of elegance. Delicate chandeliers flourish overhead like sparkling clouds, while gleaming tubes of steel reach up from along the stage's length. A pair of impressive Actor® statues on pedestals stand sentry by a large center screen, which is framed in additional sleek silver. Far upstage a fiber-optic stardrop provides a celestial twinkle, contrasting with the shimmering light reflected off more than a dozen 30-foot long sheer metallic panels and a high-gloss black and white floor.

## Nominations & Voting

SAG Awards nominees are chosen by separate film and television nominating committees, randomly selected anew each year, each consisting of 2,200 SAG-AFTRA members from around the country. **Anna Faris** (*Mom*, *The House Bunny*) and **Anthony Mackie** (*Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, *The Hurt Locker*) announced this year's nominations on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood. The nominations announcement was carried live on TNT, TBS, truTV, [sagawards.tntdrama.com](http://sagawards.tntdrama.com) and [sagawards.org](http://sagawards.org).

116,741 members in good standing of SAG-AFTRA will be mailed voting instructions on Dec. 16. Votes to determine who will receive the bronze Actor® statuettes on Jan. 30 must be received by the SAG Awards official teller, Integrity Voting Systems, by Jan. 29.

## Screen Actors Guild Post-Awards Gala

**PEOPLE** magazine and the **Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF)** will host the Screen Actors Guild Post-Awards Gala for the 20th consecutive year. This exclusive event honors the philanthropic causes and good works of the members of SAG-AFTRA. The gala, benefiting the [SAG-AFTRA Foundation](http://SAG-AFTRA Foundation) will immediately follow the SAG Awards on the massive Shrine Auditorium stage.

## The SAG Awards: A Leader in Sustainable Production Practices

The Screen Actors Guild Awards is committed to reducing its environmental footprint. In October 2013, the SAG Awards received EMA's prestigious Green Production Award, honoring its overall environmental efforts. Since the 15th SAG Awards in 2009, each annual Actors ceremony has been honored with the Environmental Media Association (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 seven consecutive years.

## The SAG Awards Production Team

The 22nd 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, Shelley Fabares, Jason George and Woody Schultz. Producers Gloria Fujita O'Brien and Benn Fleishman, Consulting Producer Mick McCullough, Executive in Charge of Publicity Rosalind Jarrett Sepulveda, Supervising Producer Jon Brockett, Coordinating Producer Cynthia Kistler and Talent Producer Maggie Barrett Caulfield also lead the production team. Alan Carter serves as director and Dave Boone as writer.

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