



Kathy Connell

SAG Awards® Executive Producer
Executive Producer, Awards and National Programming, SAG-AFTRA

Kathy Connell has produced the Screen Actors Guild Awards® since its inception in 1995, when she led a small group of SAG Board members who devised the complete plans for a televised awards show based on actors honoring their union peers, including the innovative and distinctive Ensemble categories.

Deeply involved with the entertainment industry, Connell is a member of the Producers Guild of America and the Television Academy's Producers Peer Group. She also has been honored to serve on the jury panel for several industry awards, including the Irish Film & Television Academy's Film & Television Awards and the Motion Picture Academy/US China Film and Television Entertainment Industry Expo's Golden Screen Awards.

For the union, Connell serves as Executive Producer, Awards and National Programming for SAG-AFTRA. In this role, she serves as liaison to the SAG-AFTRA Foundation and oversees SAG-AFTRA's Special Projects Department, in addition to working on many other SAG-AFTRA initiatives. Her efforts have led to the SAG Awards being the only television special event to be honored with nine consecutive Environmental Media Association (EMA)'s Green Seals and with EMA's Green Production Award for continually redoubling those efforts.

Other productions she's worked on include the Screen Actors Guild's yearlong celebration of its 75th Anniversary, featuring SAG's receipt of the Hollywood Historic Trust's Award of Excellence Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and a series of tributes and celebrations in Hollywood, New York, and SAG-AFTRA's 20 other branches.

A second-generation actor and union member who performed in film, television commercials and stage for more than 25 years, Connell has always been an active supporter of SAG and SAG-AFTRA. She has held various positions on the Screen Actors Guild Board of Directors, including national recording secretary.

Connell also is an ardent advocate for actors' rights, women and the environment, a trinity of passions woven throughout her career.

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