



## 23rd 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.

### The Arrivals

- Guests walk past international media and fans along 17,100 square feet of red carpet
- There are 12,500 lineal feet of hedges used for edging
- Three rows of six-foot high bleachers, totaling 180 lineal feet, accommodate 300 fans
- Attendees are shielded from the weather by 21,500 square feet of tenting that covers the red carpet

### 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™**
- **Lily Tomlin** will receive the SAG 53rd Life Achievement Award, commemorating her humanitarian accomplishments and her career as an entertainment maverick whose talents put her at the pinnacle of comedy, acting, writing and producing

### Award categories FAQ

- The SAG Awards are a peer award, voted upon by the 121,546 members in good standing of SAG-AFTRA as of December 1, 2016
- 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 movies/miniseries, 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 from the SAG Awards Red Carpet

### **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 from the approximately 160,000 SAG-AFTRA members. 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.
- The nominating committees cast their votes for the 23rd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards online and by paper ballot. The Guild's official teller, Integrity Voting Systems of Everett, Washington, tabulates the results.
- Actor® nominations were announced on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 by Sophia Bush (*Chicago P.D.*, *One Tree Hill*) and Common (*Suicide Squad*, *Selma*), preceded by the announcement of the stunt ensemble nominations by SAG Awards Committee Chair JoBeth Williams and Committee Member Jason George
- Final voting for the SAG Awards began on December 19, 2016
- 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. 27, 2017 at noon (PT). Results will be sealed until the envelopes are opened live onstage on Jan. 29.

### **The SAG-AFTRA Foundation**

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation is a philanthropic 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides vital assistance and educational programming to SAG-AFTRA professionals while serving the public at large through its signature children's literacy programs. For more than 30 years, the Foundation has granted more than \$18 million in financial and medical assistance, including \$7 million in scholarships to SAG-AFTRA members and their dependents. In addition, the nonprofit has offered more than 7,000 free educational workshops, panels and classes to SAG-AFTRA members nationwide. In addition, its award-winning children's literacy programs, [Storyline Online](#) and [BookPALS](#), have brought the love of reading to more than 190 million children worldwide. The SAG-AFTRA Foundation is the benefitting charity of the annual SAG Awards, and relies entirely on gifts, grants and sponsorships to maintain its free programs and resources. For more information, visit [sagaftra.foundation](http://sagaftra.foundation).

### **The SAG Awards Online Auctions Benefiting the SAG-AFTRA Foundation**

The SAG Awards supports the SAG-AFTRA Foundation through sponsor donations and three online auctions. The Holiday Auction (Dec. 8–18, 2016; the Red Carpet Fan Bleacher Seat Auction (Dec. 29, 2016–Jan. 8, 2017) and the Ceremony Auction (Jan. 27–Feb. 6, 2017). The online auctions feature autographed collectibles, props, and wardrobe from awards contenders, celebrity meet-and-greets, fabulous vacations, one-of-a kind experiences and luxury items. Bidding is held at [www.sagawards.org/auction](http://www.sagawards.org/auction).

### **SAG Awards Corporate Partners**

The official Post-Awards Gala, which is held immediately following the SAG Awards on the massive stage of the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium, is being hosted for the 21st year by [People](#) and the [Entertainment Industry](#)

[Foundation](#) (EIF) to honor the SAG-AFTRA Foundation and actors' philanthropic activities. Returning as corporate partners and SAG-AFTRA Foundation supporters are Champagne Taittinger, FIJI Water, L'Oréal Paris, Subaru and United Airlines, an elite group joined this year by 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 eight consecutive years. In October 2013, the SAG Awards received the [Environmental Media Association](#) (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 23rd 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 JoBeth Williams, Daryl Anderson, Shelley Fabares, Jason George and Woody Schultz. The production team is also led by producers Gloria Fujita O'Brien and Benn Fleishman, consulting producer Mick McCullough, talent producer Maggie Barrett Caulfield; executive in charge of publicity Rosalind Jarrett Sepulveda; supervising producer Jon Brockett, supervising producer and coordinating producer Cynthia Kistler. Alan Carter serves as director and Dave Boone as writer.

### **Telecast**

- The 23rd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards, one of the awards season's premier events, will honor outstanding performances from 2016 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. 29, 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 at during the *People, EW & TNT's SAG Awards® Red Carpet Live* pre-show which will stream simultaneously on [sagawards.tntdrama.com](http://sagawards.tntdrama.com), [sagawards.org](http://sagawards.org), the People/Entertainment Weekly Network ([People.com/PEN](http://People.com/PEN)), [EW.com](http://EW.com), [InStyle.com](http://InStyle.com), [Essence.com](http://Essence.com), and [Time.com](http://Time.com) beginning at 5:30 p.m. (ET) / 2:30 p.m. (PT).