

SAG-AFTRA to Honor Finest Performances of 2013 at the 20th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards[®]

Simulcast Live on TNT and TBS on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, at 8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT)

The **20th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards**[®], one of the awards season's premier events, will honor outstanding performances from 2013 in five film categories and eight television categories, 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. 18, 2014**, at **8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT)**.

TNT will present a primetime encore of the ceremony at 10 p.m. (ET) / 7 p.m. (PT), immediately following the live telecast. A live stream of the SAG Awards can also be viewed online through the TNT and TBS websites, as well as through the Watch TBS and Watch TNT apps for iOS or Android. (Viewers must sign in using their TV provider user name and password in order to view the livestream.)

Of the top industry honors presented to performers, only the SAG Awards are conferred solely by actors' peers in the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Recording Artists (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 17th telecast of this prestigious industry event on TNT and the eighth 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 are filled with a who's who of the entertainment industry as the casts of the year's best-acted films and television series 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 spirited camaraderie, glamorous fashion, warm reunions, spontaneous laughter and shared 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.

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the **2013 SAG Life Achievement Award** to **Rita Moreno**. The groundbreaking actor, singer, dancer, author and educator will receive the SAG 50th 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 Moreno's rare catalog of preeminent industry and public honors, which also includes an Oscar, two Emmys, a Tony[®], a Grammy[®], the Latin Grammy[®] Lifetime Achievement Award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Medal of the Arts. Previous SAG Life Achievement recipients include 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 49 previous Life Achievement Award recipients can be found at <u>sagawards.org</u>.

To add festive touches to the 20th anniversary show, this year's SAG Awards stage and decor will incorporate large-scale beading arrangements reminiscent of grand chandeliers. Enhancing the glamour will be silver leaf accents and black-and-white checkered Formica flooring.

Prior to the televised ceremony, the honors for outstanding action performances by television and film stunt ensembles will be announced from the SAG Awards red carpet during the **SAG Awards Red Carpet Pre-Show**.

The event will be carried live online at <u>sagawards.tntdrama.com</u>, <u>tbs.com</u> and <u>People.com</u>. The online preshow is set to begin at **6 p.m. (ET) / 3 p.m. (PT)**.

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. This year's nominations will be announced on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013 at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood by SAG Awards Social Media Ambassador Sasha Alexander (*Rizzoli & Isles*) and Clark Gregg (*Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D*). The nominations announcement will be carried live on TNT, as well as on the TNT and TBS websites.

All active members of SAG-AFTRA will be mailed voting instructions on Dec. 16. Votes to determine who will receive the coveted bronze Actor statuettes on Jan. 18 must be received by the SAG Awards official teller, Integrity Voting Systems, by Jan. 17.

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 18th consecutive year. This exclusive event honors the philanthropic causes and good works of the members of SAG-AFTRA. The gala, benefiting the **Screen Actors Guild Foundation** (<u>sagfoundation.org</u>), will immediately follow the SAG Awards on the back lot of the Shrine Exposition Center.

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 five consecutive years.

The SAG Awards Production Team

The 20th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards, presented by SAG-AFTRA, will be produced by Jeff Margolis Productions in association with Screen Actors Guild Awards, LLC. Jeff Margolis and Kathy Connell are executive producers and Margolis also serves as director. Producing for SAG-AFTRA are JoBeth Williams, Daryl Anderson, Scott Bakula, Shelley Fabares, and Woody Schultz. The production team also includes Gloria Fujita O'Brien and Benn Fleishman supervising producers; Mick McCullough, consulting producer; Rosalind Jarrett Sepulveda, executive in charge of publicity; Jon Brockett, awards coordinating producer; and Maggie Barrett Caulfield, talent producer.

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TBS is basic cable's reigning champion among young adults in primetime. Available in 101 million households, TBS features original scripted comedies like *Cougar Town, Sullivan & Son, Ground Floor* and *Men at Work*, as well as the upcoming *American Dad!*, which will become a TBS original series in late 2014. TBS also features original unscripted series like *King of the Nerds, Deal With It* and *Trust Me, I'm a Game Show Host*, as well as the upcoming *CeeLo's Goodie Life* (working title). In late night TBS, is home to the Emmy-winning series *CONAN*, starring Conan O'Brien, and the new late-night series *The Pete Holmes Show*. The TBS lineup also includes popular contemporary comedies, such as *The Big Bang Theory* and *Family Guy*, along with blockbuster movies and championship sports.

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