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**SAG-AFTRA to Honor Finest Performances of 2016
at the 23rd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®**

Simulcast Live on TNT and TBS on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, at 8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT)

The **23rd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®**, one of the awards season's premier events, will honor outstanding performances from 2016 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 will be **simulcast live on TNT and TBS on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 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 internationally televised ceremony, honorees for outstanding television and film stunt ensemble action performances will be announced from the red carpet during the **SAG Awards Live Red Carpet Pre-show** webcast on sagawards.tntdrama.com and People.com.

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 20th telecast of this prestigious industry event on TNT and the 11th 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.

Lily Tomlin, Life Achievement Award Honoree

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the **2016 SAG Life Achievement Award** to **Lily Tomlin**. The entertainment maverick whose talents put her at the pinnacle of comedy, acting, writing and producing will receive the SAG 53rd 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 Tomlin's extraordinary collection of preeminent industry and public honors, which includes a 2014 Kennedy Center Award, the 2003 Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, two Peabody Awards, multiple Emmys®, numerous American Comedy Awards, two Tony® Awards, a Grammy®, a Writers Guild of America Award and both

the Crystal Award and the Lucy Award from Women in Film. Most recently, Tomlin has received a SAG Award nomination for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Comedy Series and an Emmy nomination for Lead Comedy Actress. Previous SAG Life Achievement recipients include Carol Burnett, 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 52 previous Life Achievement Award recipients can be found at sagawards.org.

Nominations & Voting

SAG Awards nominees are chosen by separate film and television nominating committees, randomly selected anew each year, each consisting of 2,500 SAG-AFTRA members from around the country. **Sophia Bush** (*Chicago P.D.*, *One Tree Hill*) and **Common** (*Suicide Squad*, *Selma*) announced this year's nominations on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood. The nominations announcement was carried live on TNT, TBS, truTV, sagawards.tntdrama.com and sagawards.org.

The 121,546 members in good standing of SAG-AFTRA were sent voting instructions on Dec. 19. Votes to determine who will receive the bronze Actor[®] statuettes on Jan. 29 must be received by the SAG Awards official teller, Integrity Voting Systems, by noon (PT) on Friday, Jan. 27.

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 21st consecutive year. This exclusive event, which honors the philanthropic causes and good works of the members of SAG-AFTRA in their communities and of the non-profit SAG-AFTRA Foundation, will immediately follow the SAG Awards on the transformed 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 2016, 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 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 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.

About the 23rd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards[®]

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One of the awards season's premier events, the SAG Awards® annually celebrates the outstanding motion pictures and television performances from the previous calendar year. Of the top industry honors presented to actors, only the SAG Awards are selected entirely performers' peers in SAG-AFTRA, which this year number 121,546. The SAG Awards was the first televised awards show to acknowledge the work of union members and the first to present awards to motion picture casts and television ensembles. For more information about the SAG Awards®, SAG-AFTRA, TNT and TBS, visit sagawards.org/about.

Thumbnails of the photos and graphics available for the 23rd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards are at sagawards.org/media-pr/photos-and-artwork.

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