

# SAG-AFTRA to Honor Finest Performances of 2018 at the 25th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards<sup>®</sup>

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The Silver Anniversary Actors® Celebration of Excellence Will Be Simulcast Live on TNT and TBS on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, at 8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT)

The **25th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards**®, one of the awards season's premier events, will honor outstanding performances from 2018 in film and television, including the distinctive cast and ensemble awards. The coveted Actor® statuettes will be handed out during a **live simulcast on TNT and TBS** from the Shrine Auditorium and Expo Center. **on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019 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.

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.

## 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 22nd telecast of this prestigious industry event on TNT and the 13th simulcast on TBS.

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.

## Alan Alda, Life Achievement Award Honoree

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the **2018 SAG Life Achievement Award** to <u>Alan Alda</u>, the award-winning actor, writer, director, producer, polymath and advocate for science communication. SAG-AFTRA's highest accolade recognizes career achievement and humanitarian accomplishment, and is given annually to an actor who fosters the "finest ideals of the acting profession."

Previous SAG Life Achievement recipients include Morgan Freeman, Lily Tomlin, Carol Burnett, Debbie Reynolds, Rita Moreno, Dick Van Dyke, Mary Tyler Moore, Ernest Borgnine, Betty White, James Earl Jones, 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 54 previous Life Achievement Award recipients can be found at <a href="mailto:sagawards.org">sagawards.org</a>.

#### **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. **Awkwafina** and **Laverne Cox** announced this year's nominations on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2017 at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood.

There were 120,785 members of SAG-AFTRA who were in good standing on Dec. 1, 2018, all of whom are eligible to vote. Ballots to determine who will receive the bronze Actor® statuettes on Jan. 27 must be received by the SAG Awards official teller, Integrity Voting Systems, by noon (PT) on Friday, Jan. 25.

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

The Screen Actors Guild Awards is committed to reducing its environmental footprint. In October 2017, 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 nine consecutive years.

### The SAG Awards Production Team

The 25th 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, Jason George, Elizabeth McLaughlin and Woody Schultz. Producers Gloria Fujita O'Brien and Benn Fleishman, Consulting Producer Mick McCullough, Supervising Producer Jon Brockett, Talent Producer Maggie Barrett Caulfield, Executive in Charge of Publicity Rosalind Jarrett Sepulveda and Coordinating Producer Cynthia Kistler also lead the production team. Alan Carter serves as director. Dave Boone and Beth Armogida are the writers.

#### About the 25th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®

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