



## 25th 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.

### 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™**.
- **Alan Alda** will receive the 55th SAG Life Achievement Award, commemorating his accomplishments as an award-winning actor, writer, director, producer, polymath and advocate for science communication, in addition to his work as a humanitarian.

### The Nominees

- **Awkwafina** (*Crazy Rich Asians*, *Ocean's Eight*) and **Laverne Cox** (*Orange Is the New Black*, the upcoming *Bad Hair*) will announce the nominees on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood.
- The nominations announcement will be carried live on TNT, TBS, truTV, [tntdrama.com/sag-awards](http://tntdrama.com/sag-awards), [truTV.com](http://truTV.com) and [sagawards.org](http://sagawards.org) at 10 a.m. (ET) / 7 a.m. (PT).
- The Actor® Nominations also can be viewed via TNT's [Facebook](#), Twitter [@TNTdrama](#) and [YouTube](#) channels and TBS's [Facebook](#), Twitter [@tbsnetwork](#) and [YouTube](#) channels.

### 25th Annual SAG Awards Partner Celebrations

- American Forests expands its relationship by saluting the SAG Awards' Silver Anniversary with 25,000 trees: 1,000 planted for each of the ceremony's 25 years.
- Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants, the Official Wine of the Screen Actors Guild Awards® developed a limited-edition wine named the "Artist's Red Blend" just for the occasion, complete with commemorative label.
- "Artist's Red Blend" will be served in the showroom, at the Post-Awards Gala, and during SAG Awards viewing parties in its restaurants with taste-matched menus. It also will be available to the nearly 350,000 members of the Cooper's Hawk Wine Club as January's wine of the month.
- More Silver Anniversary experiences coming soon!

### **Award categories FAQ**

- The SAG Awards are a peer award. Nearly 121,000 SAG-AFTRA members in good standing as of Dec. 1, 2018 are eligible to vote.
- 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 television movies/limited series, 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 during the SAG Awards Red Carpet Pre-Show webcast.

### **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 of SAG-AFTRA members who must opt-in to serve. 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.
- There were 121,544 SAG-AFTRA members in good standing as of Dec. 1, 2017, all of whom were eligible to vote. A similar number is expected for this year's vote.
- The nominating committees cast their votes for the 25th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards online or by paper ballot. The Guild's official teller, Integrity Voting Systems of Everett, Washington, tabulates the results.
- Actor® nominations will be announced on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018. The event, held at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood, will be carried live on Turner's TNT, TBS and truTV cable networks and the TNT/TBS apps, as well as online at <http://www.tntdrama.com/sagawards>, [truTV.com](http://truTV.com) and [sagawards.org](http://sagawards.org), preceded by the announcement of the stunt ensemble nominations. Prior to that, the stunt ensemble nominees will be announced during a live webcast on [tntdrama.com/SAG Awards](http://tntdrama.com/SAG Awards), and [sagawards.org](http://sagawards.org). at 9:50 a.m. (ET) / 6:50 a.m. (PT). In addition, both announcements will be available through a Facebook Live stream on the TBS, TNT and truTV Facebook pages, and on the TNT/TBS YouTube and Twitter channels. A replay of both announcements is available for viewing on <http://www.tntdrama.com/sagawards> and [sagawards.org](http://sagawards.org).
- Final voting for the SAG Awards will begin on December 18, 2018.
- 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. 25, 2019 at noon (PT). Results will be sealed until the envelopes are opened live onstage on Jan. 27.

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

In 2018, the SAG-AFTRA Foundation celebrates 33 years of giving back to the professionals of SAG-AFTRA, their families and communities. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides vital assistance and free educational programming to the professionals of SAG-AFTRA while serving the public at large through its signature children's literacy program. The SAG-AFTRA Foundation relies solely on support from gifts, grants and sponsorships to maintain its free programs. Visit [sagaftra.foundation](http://sagaftra.foundation).

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

The Screen Actors Guild Awards® Online Auctions benefit the [SAG-AFTRA Foundation's](#) Children's Literacy and Actors' Assistance programs. The three annual auctions feature unmatched experience packages, autographed film and television collectibles, unique gifts, and exclusive opportunities like visits to watch popular shows being made.

### **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 ten 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 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.

### **Telecast**

- The 25th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards, one of the awards season's premier events, will honor outstanding performances from 2018 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. 27, 2019 at 8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT). In addition, TNT will present a special encore of the ceremony at 11 p.m. (ET) / 8 p.m. (PT).
- The awards for outstanding action performances by television and film stunt ensembles will be announced from the red carpet during the SAG Awards Red Carpet Pre-show webcast.

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