



## 22nd 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 invites 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 rather than spotlight a single host
- Encouraged by the convivial atmosphere, actors on stage are likely to share spontaneous flashes of joy, humor, indiscretion and heartfelt sincerity
- A two-hour running time and nationally live simulcast makes for a lively evening and active social media buzz

### Inimitable insights

- Actor's Stories, the SAG Awards' signature opening sequence, allows surprise performers to describe what they mean personally when they say the magic words, "I'm an Actor"
- Carol Burnett will receive the SAG 52nd Life Achievement Award, commemorating her incomparable career as a comedic trailblazer, actor, singer, dancer, producer and author

### Award categories FAQ

- The SAG Awards are a peer award, voted upon by 116,741 members (this year) of SAG-AFTRA
- Knowing that acting is a collaborative art, the SAG Awards pioneered the recognition of 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 2,200 members serve on the film nominating committee, with another 2,200 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 22nd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards online and by paper ballot. The Guild's official teller, Integrity Voting Systems of Everett, Washington, tabulated the results.
- Actor® nominations were announced on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 by Anna Faris, star of CBS' hit comedy *Mom* and *The House Bunny*, and Anthony Mackie, co-star of films including *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* and Seth Rogan's *The Night Before*. The event, held at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood, was carried live on TNT, TBS, truTV, [sagawards.tntdrama.com](http://sagawards.tntdrama.com) and [truTV.com](http://truTV.com), preceded by the announcement of the stunt ensemble nominations carried live on [sagawards.tntdrama.com](http://sagawards.tntdrama.com)
- Voting information for the SAG Awards was mailed to all 116,741 SAG-AFTRA members in good standing throughout the country on December 16, 2015
- 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. 29, 2015 at noon (PT). Results will be sealed until the envelopes are opened live onstage on Jan. 30.

## The SAG-AFTRA Foundation

Now celebrating 30 years of giving back, the [SAG-AFTRA Foundation](http://SAG-AFTRA Foundation) provides vital assistance and educational programming to the professionals of SAG-AFTRA while serving the public at large through its signature children's literacy programs. These award-winning programs include [SAG-AFTRA Foundation BookPALS](http://SAG-AFTRA Foundation BookPALS) (Performing Artists for Literacy in Schools), through which volunteer union performers read to over 60,000 children monthly in classrooms nationwide, and [Storyline Online](http://Storyline Online), the interactive literacy website that attracts over 4 million views each month. The SAG-AFTRA Foundation is a national nonprofit organization, independent of SAG-AFTRA, and relies solely on grants, corporate sponsorships and individual donations to maintain its programs and create new ones.

## 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 took place Dec. 3-13, 2015; the other two are the Red Carpet Fan Bleacher Seat Auction (Jan 7-17); and the Ceremony Auction (Jan. 29-Feb. 8). 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 20th year by [PEOPLE Magazine](http://PEOPLE Magazine) and the [Entertainment Industry Foundation](http://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.

## 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 the [Environmental Media Association](http://Environmental Media Association) (EMA)'s prestigious Green Production Award, honoring its overall environmental efforts.

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 seven consecutive years.

### **The SAG Awards Production Team**

The 22nd 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 Gloria Fujita O'Brien and Benn Fleishman, producers; Mick McCullough, consulting producer; Rosalind Jarrett Sepulveda, executive in charge of publicity; Jon Brockett, supervising producer; Cynthia Kistler, coordinating producer; and Maggie Barrett Caulfield, talent producer. Alan Carter serves as director and Dave Boone as writer.

### **Telecast**

- The 22nd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards, one of the awards season's premier events, will honor outstanding performances from 2015 in five film categories and eight television categories, including the distinctive ensemble awards. This year's Actor® recipients will be announced at the Los Angeles Shrine Exposition Center during a live simulcast on TNT and TBS on Saturday, Jan. 30, 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.
- 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 live on [sagawards.tntdrama.com](http://sagawards.tntdrama.com), [sagawards.org](http://sagawards.org) and [People.com](http://People.com) beginning at 6 p.m. (ET)/3 p.m. (PT).

