



SAG-AFTRA to Honor Finest Performances of 2014 at the 21st Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®

Simulcast Live on TNT and TBS on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, at 8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT)

The **21st Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®**, one of the awards season's premier events, will honor outstanding performances from 2014 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 Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, 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. The SAG Awards can also be viewed live on the TNT and TBS websites, as well as the Watch TNT and Watch TBS apps for iOS or Android. (Viewers must sign in using their TV service provider user name and password).

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 18th telecast of this prestigious industry event on TNT and the ninth 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 **2014 SAG Life Achievement Award to Debbie Reynolds**. The groundbreaking actor, singer, dancer, author and activist will receive the SAG 51st 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 Reynolds' record of preeminent industry honors, which also includes Oscar®, Emmy® and Tony® nominations as she celebrates her 66th year in show business. Previous SAG Life Achievement recipients include 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 50 previous Life Achievement Award recipients can be found at sagawards.org.

To add festive touches to the 21st edition of the SAG Awards, this year's set features oversized entry gates on either side of the stage between two broken prosceniums, all adorned with gold serpentine open scrolls. Custom chandeliers that are echoed throughout the showroom illuminate the podiums on stage left and right and the high gloss black floor outlined with gold trim and the podiums on stage left and right. For the first time in SAG Awards History, 20,000 white roses will adorn the stage.

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 at sagawards.tntdrama.com and People.com. The online pre-show 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. Ansel Elgort and Eva Longoria will announce this year's nominations on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014 at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood. The nominations announcement will be carried live on TNT, TBS and sagawards.tntdrama.com

More than 100,000 active members of SAG-AFTRA will be mailed voting instructions on Dec. 16. Votes to determine who will receive the bronze Actor® statuettes on Jan. 25 must be received by the SAG Awards official teller, Integrity Voting Systems, by Jan. 23.

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 19th 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** (sagfoundation.org), 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 six consecutive years.

The SAG Awards Production Team

The 21st 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, Scott Bakula, Shelley Fabares, 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.

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upcoming slate of original scripted dramas includes [Public Morals](#) and [Proof](#). TNT also features such dramatic unscripted series as [Cold Justice](#), [On the Menu](#) and [Wake Up Call](#). In addition, TNT is the cable home to popular dramas like [Castle](#), [Bones](#), [Supernatural](#) and [Grimm](#), which joins the lineup in early 2015; primetime specials, such as the [Screen Actors Guild Awards®](#); blockbuster movies; and championship sports coverage, including the NBA and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

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