



## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual SAG Awards® Fact Sheet

### Telecast

The 20th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards® presented by SAG-AFTRA is one of awards season's premier events. The ceremony will be simulcast live coast to coast on TNT and TBS Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014 at 8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT) from the Los Angeles Shrine Exposition Center. It will be followed by an encore telecast on TNT.

A live stream of the SAG Awards can also be viewed online through the TNT and TBS websites, as well as through the Watch TBS and Watch TNT apps for iOS or Android. (Viewers must sign in using their TV provider user name and password in order to view the livestream.)

The awards ceremony will be preceded by the SAG Awards Red Carpet Pre-Show webcast which streams on [sagawards.tntdrama.com](http://sagawards.tntdrama.com), [tbs.com](http://tbs.com) and [People.com](http://People.com) beginning at 6 p.m. (ET) / 3 p.m. (PT).

### Unique Atmosphere & Audience Appeal

The SAG Awards ceremony takes place in an intimate dinner setting where film casts and TV casts alike are seated next to one another making for a unique and relaxed party atmosphere. Between bites, actors can mix and mingle with their friends and peers.

The evening is a fast and fun two hours packed with various elements:

- Surprises – Nobody in the audience knows which actors will tell their "stories" during the show's signature opening sequence until the ceremony begins.
- Emotion and humor – There is no telling what the actors will say or do onstage during their acceptance speeches.
- No host – There is no single host for the SAG Awards. Prominent actors introduce each award or film sequence.
- Rita Moreno – The groundbreaking actor, singer, dancer, author and educator will receive the SAG 50th 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 Moreno's rare catalog of preeminent industry and public honors, which also includes an Oscar®, two Emmys®, a Tony®, a Grammy®, the Latin Grammy® Lifetime Achievement Award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Medal of the Arts.

### Award Categories & Voting

The SAG Awards are a peer award, voted on by the members of SAG-AFTRA.

There are 13 acting awards:

- Five for film, including awards for male & female lead actors, male & female supporting actors and ensemble.
- Eight for TV, including awards for male & female actors in drama series; male & female actors in comedy series, male & female actors in movies/miniseries and ensemble awards for drama and comedy series.

Recognizing that acting is a collaborative art, the SAG Awards include award categories for acting ensembles in film, television drama and television comedy. As a result, several other award-giving bodies now honor ensembles.

Honors for outstanding action performances by television and film stunt ensembles were instituted in 2008. These non-televised kudos are announced from the SAG Awards red carpet.

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 165,000 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 cannot serve on the same committee again for eight years.

Nominating committees votes (cast either online or by paper ballot) are due on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013 at noon (PT). The Guild's official teller is Integrity Voting Systems in Washington State. Nominations will be announced on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013 by SAG Awards Social Media Ambassador Sasha Alexander ("Rizzoli & Isles") and Clark Gregg ("Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."), who will be introduced by SAG-AFTRA President Ken Howard.

Voting information for the SAG Awards will be mailed on December 16, 2013, to every active paid-up member of SAG-AFTRA across the country.

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. 17, 2014 at noon (PT). Results will be sealed until the envelopes are opened onstage on Jan. 18.

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

The SAG Awards supports the SAG Foundation through sponsor donations and three online auctions: the Holiday Auction (December 5-15, 2013); the Red Carpet Fan Bleacher Seat Auction (January 2-7, 2014); and the Ceremony Auction (January 16-26, 2014). The Holiday and Ceremony 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).

### **The SAG Foundation**

The Screen Actors Guild 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 Foundation [BookPALS](#) (Performing Artists for Literacy in Schools), through which 2200 union performers read to over 60,000 children monthly in classrooms nationwide, and [Storyline Online](#), the interactive literacy website that attracts over 2 million views each month. The SAG Foundation is a national non-profit organization, independent of SAG-AFTRA, and relies solely on grants, corporate sponsorships and individual donations to maintain its programs and create new ones. For more information, visit [sagfoundation.org](http://sagfoundation.org).

### **SAG Awards Corporate Partners**

The official Post-Awards Gala, which is held immediately following the SAG Awards on the Shrine's back lot, is being hosted for the 18<sup>th</sup> year by PEOPLE Magazine and the Entertainment Industry Foundation to honor the SAG Foundation and actors' philanthropic activities. PEOPLE and EIF will again make a generous donation to the SAG Foundation. In the same spirit of support for the SAG Foundation and actors' charitable activities, Graff Diamonds is returning to host the SAG Awards Green Room. Also returning as corporate partners and SAG Foundation supporters are Champagne Taittinger, FIJI Water, L'Oréal Paris and Subaru.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 five consecutive years.

### **SAG Awards Fun Facts**

- 500 million bubbles are contained within each magnum of Champagne Taittinger Brut La Française, served at the SAG Awards dinner, the showroom bars, the SAG Awards Gala and during the toast that opens the SAG Awards Red Carpet.
- The inner space of the Shrine's Exposition Center, with its 34,000 square foot wooden floor, paint-trimmed overhangs and bare columns, has to be completely transformed into a new SAG Awards showroom each year.
- 15,872 square feet of red carpet is laid in the arrivals area, edged by 585 lineal feet of hedges.
- Three-row six-foot high bleachers are placed along an 180' section of the red carpet arrivals area to accommodate 300 fans.
- Five 10-foot tall Actor statues are posted along the red carpet and onstage.
- 86 rectangular dinner tables at the SAG Awards are set with 3,600 champagne, wine and water glasses; 2,400 pieces of silver flatware; and 1,200 white china dinner plates.
- More than 1,200 Silver "Fanfare" Chameleon Chairs will be softened with more than 1,200 silver seat cushions.

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

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards presented by SAG-AFTRA, will be produced by Jeff Margolis Productions in association with Screen Actors Guild Awards, LLC. Executive producers are Jeff Margolis and Kathy Connell. Margolis also serves as director. Producing for SAG-AFTRA are JoBeth Williams, Daryl Anderson, Scott Bakula, Shelley Fabares, and Woody Schultz. The production team also includes Gloria Fujita O'Brien and Benn Fleishman supervising producers; Mick McCullough, consulting producer; Rosalind Jarrett Sepulveda, executive in charge of publicity; Jon Brockett, awards coordinating producer; and Maggie Barrett Caulfield, talent producer.

### **Connect with the SAG Awards**

Information: <http://sagawards.org/about/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/sagawardsofficialpage/>

Twitter: @sagawards or <http://twitter.com/sagawards>

Google +: <http://google.com/+SAGawards>

Instagram: @sagawards

Tumblr: <http://sagawards.tumblr.com>

Blog: <http://blog.sagawards.org>

SAG Awards' official hashtag: **#sagawards**

SAG Awards Nominations' official hashtag: **#sagawardsnoms**

**Sasha Alexander** ("Rizzoli & Isles") is this year's **SAG Awards Social Media Ambassador**. Through posts on Twitter and Facebook, during the five weeks leading up to the live Jan. 18 simulcast, Sasha will offer insider access to behind-the-scenes moments, including updates on the production, presenters, fashion and the red carpet.

### **Connect with Sasha Alexander:**

Twitter: [@sashaalexander1](https://twitter.com/sashaalexander1)

### **Press Materials**

Photos and graphics: <http://sagawards.org/media-pr/photos-and-artwork/>

Press Kit: <http://www.sagawards.org/media-pr/press-kit/>

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