

PEOPLE Celebrates 23 Years Hosting the SAG Awards® Post- Awards Gala to Honor Actors' Charitable Endeavors



LOS ANGELES (Dec. 10, 2018) –Meredith Corporation’s PEOPLE will once again host the official SAG Awards® Post-Awards Gala, to be held immediately following the 25th Annual Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Awards on Sunday, January 27, 2019, in Los Angeles on a transformed Shrine Auditorium stage. This is the 23rd year that PEOPLE has hosted the Gala, which honors the charitable efforts of actors in their communities.

The 25th Annual SAG Awards will be simulcast **live on TNT and TBS on Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT**. Tony Schubert of Event Eleven, a world-class, end-to-end production company, will design and produce the Gala for the 11th consecutive year. The theme for the Gala is *Havana Plaza*, which features original artwork by Cuban based artist, Kadir Lopez, including a mural and other art that will populate areas within the event, such as 1920s-style arches, beautiful Oxblood banquettes, sisal carpeting, and dark wood tables. Dim amber lighting, candles and lanterns, along with 20-foot-tall palm trees, add to the ambience for this year’s design.

Awkwafina and **Laverne Cox**, introduced by SAG-AFTRA President **Gabrielle Carteris**, will announce the nominees for the 25th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards® on Wednesday, Dec. 12. The announcement will be carried live on TNT, TBS, truTV, tntdrama.com/sag-awards, truTV.com, sagawards.org and social media platforms at 10 a.m. (ET) / 7 a.m. (PT).

In gratitude for the countless hours that actors and the entertainment community have volunteered to help with its work, Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C), a division of the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF), will make a \$125,000 grant to the SAG-AFTRA Foundation’s Catastrophic Health Fund, which provides financial grants to eligible SAG-AFTRA members who suffer from catastrophic illness or injury, including cancer. PEOPLE and EIF partnered with the SAG-AFTRA Foundation for more than two decades, and in honor of SU2C’s 10 years of impact, EIF’s Stand Up To Cancer division is pleased to support the SAG-AFTRA Foundation and its Catastrophic Health Fund in this way.

“We are honored to once again support the SAG-AFTRA Foundation and Stand Up To Cancer’s important initiatives in the entertainment community,” said Bruce Gersh, EVP/President of PEOPLE, Entertainment Weekly and PEOPLE en Español and Head of Four M Studios. “PEOPLE has a long history of celebrating the philanthropic efforts of Hollywood and supporting those charitable initiatives on all our platforms.”

“From the very start 10 years ago, actors’ participation has been a linchpin in Stand Up To Cancer’s successful efforts to generate awareness about progress in the fight against cancer and raise funds for our distinctive, effective model of research. Our celebrity ambassadors’ involvement has literally helped save lives. Our team can think of no better way to thank the 800+ actors who have dedicated time to Stand Up To Cancer than by providing support to SAG-AFTRA members who may face cancer diagnoses or other catastrophic illnesses,” said Sherry Lansing, a co-founder and member of the Council of Founders and Advisors of Stand Up To Cancer and a member and former chair of the Entertainment Industry Foundation’s Board of Directors.

“PEOPLE and EIF have been such incredible supporters of the SAG-AFTRA Foundation programming for performing artists. Their support has aided our catastrophic health fund for artists, as well as our scholarship program, which are two significant assistance programs of the Foundation that have helped so many families in need,” said Cyd Wilson, SAG-AFTRA Foundation Executive

Director. “We are so grateful for EIF’S Stand Up To Cancer division’s support of our catastrophic health fund this year. And our children’s literacy program, Storyline Online, reaches millions of children every month due in great part to the support we have received from People and EIF over the years. Storyline Online impacts children all over the world, and we couldn’t have built this incredible, free resource without the support of EIF and People.”

For more than 32 years, the non-profit SAG-AFTRA Foundation has granted more than \$19 million in financial and medical assistance to SAG-AFTRA members and families. Additionally, the nonprofit has offered over 7,600 free educational workshops, panels and classes to SAG-AFTRA artists nationwide.

- **Storyline Online** is an award-winning children’s literacy resource featuring beloved actors reading children’s literature alongside creatively produced and enhanced original illustrations. Storyline Online currently receives nearly 6 million views a month in 228 countries and territories, having read to more than 200 million children worldwide.
- The **Catastrophic Health Fund** provides financial grants to eligible SAG-AFTRA members who suffer from catastrophic illness or injury and, no longer able to work, need assistance with insurance premiums and/or significant medical costs.
- The Foundation’s **Scholarship Program** awards \$400,000 in scholarships annually to eligible SAG-AFTRA members and their dependents to pursue higher education. In addition, PEOPLE and EIF are donors to the SAG-AFTRA Foundation’s state-of-the-art voiceover lab in New York, named the EIF Voiceover Lab, which provides free voiceover workshops and recording time in professionally equipped sound booths to thousands of union voice actors.

About PEOPLE

PEOPLE revolutionized personality journalism when it launched as a weekly in 1974 with a mission to celebrate extraordinary people doing ordinary things and ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Ubiquitous and still at the center of pop culture more than 40 years later, the PEOPLE brand is accessible across all media and platforms (print, digital, video, OTT, mobile, social), bringing millions of consumers a unique mix of breaking entertainment news, exclusive photos, video, unparalleled access to the red carpet, celebrities, and in-depth reporting on the most compelling newsmakers of our time. An essential component of PEOPLE’s editorial vision remains human interest stories, which touch and often mirror the lives of our passionate audience. ComScore ranks the PEOPLE/*Entertainment Weekly* Digital Network No. 1 in the entertainment news category. And now, the PEOPLE TV app offers a free, advertiser-supported, OTT, streaming video service. PEOPLE is an award-winning, 24/7 news organization headquartered in NYC with reporters worldwide. For more information visit, PEOPLE and Timeinc.com. Follow @people on Twitter and Instagram, @peplemag on Facebook, and the PEOPLE channel on YouTube and on Snapchat’s Discover.

About the SAG-AFTRA Foundation

In 2017, the SAG-AFTRA Foundation celebrated 32 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.

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About the 25th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®

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. and **nationally simulcast live on TNT and TBS on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019 at 8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT). Nominations** will be announced on **Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.**

One of the awards season's premier events, the SAG Awards annually celebrates the outstanding motion picture and television performances from the previous calendar year. Of the top industry honors presented to actors, only the SAG Awards are selected entirely by performers' peers in SAG-AFTRA. The SAG Awards was the first televised awards show to acknowledge the work of union members and the first to present awards to motion picture casts and television ensembles. For more information about the SAG Awards, SAG-AFTRA, TNT and TBS, visit sagawards.org/about.

Thumbnails of the photos and graphics available for the 25th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards are at sagawards.org/media/newsinfo/photos-and-artwork.

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About TNT

TNT is basic cable's #1 network in primetime with young adults and is home to one of cable's most popular slates of original series, including ***The Alienist***, ***Animal Kingdom***, ***Claws***, the upcoming ***I Am the Night***, ***Snowpiercer***, ***Tell Me Your Secrets*** and ***The Angel of Darkness***. TNT also presents popular shows such as ***Arrow***, ***Supernatural***, ***Bones*** and ***Castle***; primetime specials such as the **Screen Actors Guild Awards®** and the **AFI Life Achievement Award**, and championship sports coverage, including the NBA and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

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TBS, a division of **Turner**, is one of basic cable's top entertainment networks with young adults, and home to the most popular and critically acclaimed comedies on cable — ***Angie Tribeca***, ***CONAN***, ***The Detour***, ***Full Frontal with Samantha Bee***, ***The Guest Book***, ***The Last O.G.***, ***Search Party***, and ***Wrecked*** — as well as animated series ***American Dad!***, ***Final Space*** and ***Tarantula***. TBS' slate of unscripted series includes competition show ***Drop the Mic*** and ***Snoop Dogg Presents The Joker's Wild***. Upcoming comedies include ***Miracle Workers*** and ***Close Enough***. In addition, the TBS lineup includes popular comedy hits like ***Brooklyn Nine-Nine***, ***Family Guy***, ***Bob's Burgers***, ***The Big Bang Theory***, ***New Girl*** and ***2 Broke Girls***, blockbuster movies; and live coverage of Major League

Baseball's regular and post-season play, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship and ELEAGUE, Turner's eSports gaming competition.

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About The Entertainment Industry Foundation

Founded in 1942, the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF) is a multifaceted organization that occupies a unique place in the world of philanthropy. By mobilizing and leveraging the powerful voice and creative talents of the entertainment industry, as well as cultivating the support of organizations (public and private) and philanthropists committed to social responsibility, EIF builds awareness and raises funds, developing and enhancing programs on the local, national and global level that facilitate positive social change. Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C), a division of EIF and its largest program, raises funds to accelerate the pace of research to get new therapies to patients quickly and save lives now. For more information, visit www.eifoundation.org.

About Stand Up To Cancer

STAND UP TO CANCER® (SU2C), a division of the Entertainment Industry Foundation, raises funds to accelerate the pace of research to get new therapies to patients quickly and save lives now. SU2C was established in 2008 by media and entertainment leaders who utilize these communities' resources to engage the public in supporting a new, collaborative model of cancer research, to increase awareness about cancer prevention, and to highlight progress being made in the fight against the disease. As of October 2018, more than 1,500 scientists representing more than 180 institutions are involved in SU2C-funded research projects. For more information, visit www.StandUpToCancer.org.

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