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AN EBB IN THE PANDEMIC BRINGS OUT THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST FOR THE PGA'S ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

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After two years of remote celebrations due to Covid restrictions, the stars aligned for the 33rd Producers Guild of America Awards, both in terms of the honorees and those who introduced them. Among them: Steven Spielberg, Meryl Streep, and Oscar nominees Andrew Garfield, Kristen Stewart, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jessica Chastain. Even the venue itself, the Fairmont Century Plaza—the crown jewel of LA's Avenue of the Stars, fresh off of a $2.5 billion-dollar facelift—lived up to its billing, providing an elegant backdrop for a well-heeled gathering in the mood to toast each other's accomplishments.

The diversity of the crowd reflected a business of evolving demographics and changing paradigms, with the role of the producer, as always, open to interpretation. Chris Thomes called it "the critical art of getting things done." Spielberg, who presented the Milestone Award to Kathleen Kennedy and George Lucas, said "producers do whatever the hell it takes, and they do whatever the hell it takes with courage and imagination and an utter lack of intimidation because producers need to know everybody's jobs—not *how* to do them, but how they are done *well*."

Lucas himself opined that the first and foremost job of the producer is "to do the impossible, and you do it every single day." And Issa Rae, accepting the PGA's Visionary Award, half-jokingly lamented that after five seasons of *Insecure*, "Why doesn't it get any easier? Y'all need an answer from me for *everything?*"

The profession's against-all-odds, can-do spirit—as well as Hollywood's growing emphasis on underrepresented voices—was placed in historic context by Greg Berlanti while accepting the Norman Lear Achievement Award. "I could draw a line between the shows that Norman made and all the shows that came after that dared to present America as it really was," said Berlanti, "and by doing so, it helped all of us for the better."

If there's such a thing as momentum, *CODA*'s win for the Darryl F. Zanuck Award for Outstanding Theatrical Motion Picture might have sealed the film's fate a week hence at the Oscars, where the film triumphed in the Best Picture category, and its writer-director Sian Heder and actor Troy Kotsur—both on stage for the PGA grand finale—also walked home with Oscars.

"I think we will all agree that a good movie always starts with a good story," said Philippe Rousselet, who shared the producer's mark on *CODA* with Fabrice Gianfermi and Patrick Wachsberger, "and us producers have always been drawn to stories that are filled with humanity."

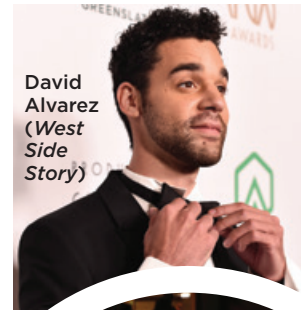The *Ted Lasso* team accepting their award

HoYeon Jung & Alana Haim

Issa Rae

CODA win

Mary Parent, Denis Villeneuve & Josh Brolin

Rita Moreno & Jessica Chastain

Chris Pine with *CODA* cast

David Alvarez (*West Side Story*)

Presidents Gail Berman & Lucy Fisher

Steven Spielberg & George Lucas having a laugh

Greg Berlanti

Lin-Manuel Miranda & Andrew Garfield

Meryl Streep

Michelle Yeoh & Gail Berman

Hayden Schlossberg, Jon Hurwitz & Josh Heald

NOMINEES AND WINNERS

Darryl F. Zanuck Award for Outstanding Producer of Theatrical Motion Pictures
CODA
Being the Ricardos
Belfast
Don't Look Up
Dune
King Richard
Licorice Pizza
The Power of the Dog
tick, tick...BOOM!
West Side Story

Award for Outstanding Producer of Animated Theatrical Motion Pictures
Encanto
Luca
The Mitchells vs. The Machines
Raya and the Last Dragon
Sing 2

Norman Felton Award for Outstanding Producer of Episodic Television – Drama
Succession (Season 3)
The Handmaid's Tale (Season 4)
The Morning Show (Season 2)
Squid Game (Season 1)
Yellowstone (Season 4)

Danny Thomas Award for Outstanding Producer of Episodic Television – Comedy
Ted Lasso (Season 2)
Cobra Kai (Seasons 3 & 4)
Curb Your Enthusiasm (Season 11)
Hacks (Season 1)
Only Murders in the Building (Season 1)

David L. Wolper Award for Outstanding Producer of Limited or Anthology Series Television
Mare of Easttown
Dopesick
The Underground Railroad
WandaVision
The White Lotus

NOMINEES AND WINNERS
CONTINUED

Award for Outstanding Producer of Televised or Streamed Motion Pictures

Tom Petty, Somewhere You Feel Free: The Making of Wildflowers
8-Bit Christmas
Come From Away
Oslo
Robin Roberts Presents: Mahalia
Single All the Way

Award for Outstanding Producer of Nonfiction Television

The Beatles: Get Back
60 Minutes (Season 54)
Allen v. Farrow (Season 1)
Queer Eye (Season 6)
Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy (Season 1)

Award for Outstanding Producer of Live Entertainment, Variety, Sketch, Standup & Talk Television

Last Week Tonight With John Oliver (Season 8)
The Daily Show With Trevor Noah (Season 27)
Dave Chappelle: The Closer
The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (Season 7)
Saturday Night Live (Season 47)

Award for Outstanding Producer of Game & Competition Television

RuPaul's Drag Race (Season 13)
America's Got Talent (Season 16)
Nailed It! (Seasons 5 & 6)
Top Chef (Season 18)
The Voice (Season 20)

Rachel Brosnahan

Venus Williams & Serena Williams

Demi Singleton & Saniyya Sidney

Susan Sprung, Gail Berman & Kathleen Kennedy

Co-chairs Melvin Mar & Chris Thomes

Simon Rex

Kathleen Kennedy & George Lucas

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Ru Paul's Drag Race team's Game & Competition TV win

Kristen Stewart

Kerry Washington

Ewan McGregor & Mary Elizabeth Winstead

Summer of Soul win

Francis Ford Coppola

Donna Langley & Lin-Manuel Miranda

Award for Outstanding Producer of Documentary Motion Pictures

Summer of Soul (Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised)
Ascension
The First Wave
Flee
In the Same Breath
The Rescue
Simple as Water
Writing With Fire

HONORARY AWARDS

Kathleen Kennedy and George Lucas: Milestone Award, the Guild's highest honor, awarded to an individual or team for their contributions to the entertainment industry.

Greg Berlanti: Norman Lear Achievement Award, recognizing a producer or producing team for an extraordinary body of work in television.

Mary Parent: David O. Selznick Achievement Award in Theatrical Motion Pictures, which honors a producer or producing team for an extraordinary body of work in narrative features.

Issa Rae: Visionary Award, which recognizes a television, film or new media producer for unique or uplifting contributions to culture through inspiring storytelling or performance.

Rita Moreno: Stanley Kramer Award, intended to honor productions, producers or others for their achievements in raising public awareness of social issues.

For a complete list of producers associated with the nominated productions, visit producersguild. org/2022-pgaaward-winners