

Hollywood: Her Story July 2023 ENewsletter Honorary Oscars for 2024

Honorary Oscars are customarily given during the fall before the Academy Awards ceremony. The awardees for 2024 have been announced. They are actress Angela Bassett, editor Carol Littleton, and director Mel Brooks. Michelle Satter will receive the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award. Let's learn about the three women who will be getting these prestigious honors.



One of only four Black actresses to have received more than one Oscar nomination for acting, **Angela Bassett** was nominated for a 2023 Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her work in *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever.* This also marked the first time that a woman, a person of color, and a Marvel Studios actor had been nominated for a performance in a comic book adaptation. Bassett had previously received a nomination for the 1994 Best Actress Oscar for her portrayal of Tina Turner in the movie *What's Love Got to Do with It*, which is considered her breakout role. After graduating with bachelor's and master's degrees from Yale University, Bassett pursued an acting career, appearing on the stage, on television, and in movies. She has received seven Emmy nominations for her television work and was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by *Time* magazine in 2023. In announcing her Honorary Oscar award, the

Academy said, "Across her decades-long career, Angela Bassett has continued to deliver transcendent performances that set new standards in acting."



Carol Littleton has worked in film editing for almost five decades. She was nominated for the Best Film Editing Oscar in 1983 for her work on *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*. That movie earned eight additional Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director, and won in four categories. She worked on many other major movies: *Body Heat, The Big Chill,* which was nominated for three Oscars including Best Director; *Places in the Heart,* which won two Oscars and was nominated in five additional categories; and the 2004 version of *The Manchurian Candidate*. Littleton won a Primetime Emmy for *Tuesdays with Morrie*. She is also very active in organizations related to film editing. In announcing her Honorary Oscar award, the Academy said that "Carol Littleton's career in film editing serves as a model for those who come after her."



Michelle Satter is the founding director of the Sundance Institute's Feature Film Program which was the inaugural program of the Institute. Over her more than forty years in this position, she has fostered the careers of many aspiring filmmakers from all over the world. She has led international initiatives in Latin America, Japan, the Middle East, Europe, and India, many aimed at enhancing opportunities for underrepresented communities. Satter has received many awards in recognition of her work. In announcing her selection for the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, the Academy said that as "A pillar of the

independent film community, Michelle Satter has played a vital role in the careers of countless filmmakers around the world."

Women in front of and behind the camera make the movies that we all welcome into our hearts and homes. Women across all the areas of moviemaking from actress to animator, editor to stuntwoman, costume designer to screenwriter, producer to director have contributed to the success of the movie industry since its founding in the 1890s. Help us celebrate these women who are written into movie

history in Hollywood: Her Story.

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