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Event Timeline

February 8, 2021 February 26, 2021 February 28, 2021 March 19, 2021 March 29, 2021 March 31, 2021

Nominations Balloting Opens Nominations Balloting Closes Nominations Announced Final Voting Opens Final Voting Closes SDSA Awards Announced



Eligibility Rules

The SDSA will consider the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) guidelines to determine eligibility.

- I. To be eligible for the 2020 SDSA Awards, a feature-length motion picture must be a minimum of 40 minutes and released either through public theater exhibition, commercial streaming, internet transmission, video demand or other broadcast service, as determined by the AMPAS requirements.
- 2. The qualifying films are those intended for theatrical release—Covid-precipitated streaming releases as recognized by AMPAS also qualify—from the period of January 1, 2020 Feb 28, 2021.
- 3. The SDSA list of eligible feature films is based on the AMPAS reminder list. The SDSA list of qualifying films will be sent via email to SDSA members in February 2021.
- 4. Voting is open to all SDSA Members, Associate Members and Business Members (One vote per member)

*Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the rules, dates, eligibility and voting practices noted here will apply specifically to the extended 2020 awards season.

A note on Category eligibility: In the Best Picture Category, all feature-length films on the AMPAS list will qualify -- including Foreign Language, Documentary, and Animated Features.

In the Decor/Design Categories (see below), only films that have been pre-sorted into genre categories by the committee are eligible for awards in their respective categories. The Decor/ Design Categories will exclude from consideration Documentary and Animated Features. Films must have a credited Set Decorator to be eligible for SDSA Awards consideration.



General Category Definitions

To assist SDSA voting members in casting their votes, the SDSA Awards Committee offers the following to define each category:

CONTEMPORARY - Films whose primary setting is situated in the approximate current day (or decade). These films may include brief flashes back or forward in time, but the bulk of the story must be a contemporary setting.

PERIOD - Films whose settings are primarily in historical eras that precede our current day. These films may have time spans that include current day, but the bulk of the story must be situated in a bygone era.

FANTASY/ SCIENCE FICTION - Films whose stories are situated in realms of the imagination. These stories may be extra-terrestrial, futuristic depictions of earthly civilizations, or dramatically heightened versions of a known universe. The science fiction genre will typically feature advanced, as-yet unknown, or dramatically enhanced technologies.

MUSICAL/ COMEDY - The Musical genre will include films whose stories are interspersed and advanced with production numbers which include singing and dancing. The Comedy genre consists of films whose stories are designed primarily to make an audience laugh.

The Outstanding Achievement for a Feature Film will be awarded in the following categories: BEST PICTURE

BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DECOR/DESIGN OF A CONTEMPORARY FEATURE FILM
BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DECOR/DESIGN OF A PERIOD FEATURE FILM
BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DECOR/DESIGN OF A FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION FEATURE FILM
BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DECOR/DESIGN OF A MUSICAL/COMEDY FEATURE FILM



Round One Voting Procedures

Preliminary Round Procedures:

On February 8, 2021, the SDSA will distribute via email the list of qualified films for consideration as approved by AMPAS. (This list is historically comprehensive and consists of virtually all films theatrically released during the qualifying period and in accordance with AMPAS rules and eligibility.)

Nomination voting opens on February 8, 2021 and concludes on February 26, 2021 for SDSA members to select up to 5 candidates to be nominated in each Film category. Voters will be asked to rank their selections in order of preference.

Voting will occur online via Survey Monkey — links and instructions to follow prior to Feb 8.

Nomination Announcement:

At the conclusion of the preliminary voting period, the SDSA Awards Committee will tabulate the votes and announce the top 5 Nominees for each Film Category on February 28, 2021.

The Set Decorators for each nominated film will be asked to submit a list of crew credits. The SDSA Awards Committee will have certificates of recognition (for up to 10 crew members of the Set Decorator's choosing) issued to the nominees. Additional certificates may be issued for cost at the discretion of the Set Decorator of each nominated film.



Round Two Voting Procedures

Final Voting Procedures:

Final voting opens on March 19, 2021 and concludes on March 29, 2021 for SDSA members to make their final selection in each category from the top 5 Nominees for each Film.

Awards Announcements:

At the conclusion of the final voting period, the Awards Committee will tabulate the votes and announce who will receive the SDSA Award for Best Achievement in each Category on March 31, 2021.

The award recipients of each film from the nominated categories will be issued certificates of recognition (of up to 10 crew members of the Set Decorator's choosing). Additional certificates may be issued for cost at the discretion of the Set Decorator of each awarded film.