

SDSA AWARDS FILM 2023

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ONE. Awards Definitions

The **SDSA Awards - Film** are annual awards presented to Set Decorators and Production Designers to honor outstanding achievement in the art of Set Decoration in Feature Films.

TWO. Awards Timeline

Dec	21, 2023	Eligible Films Announced
Dec	29, 2023	Nominations Balloting Opens
Jan	04, 2024	Nominations Balloting Closes
Jan	05, 2024	Nominations Announced
Jan	26, 2024	Final Voting Opens
Feb	02, 2024	Final Voting Closes
Feb	13, 2024	SDSA Awards Film 2023 Announced

THREE. 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 2023 SDSA Awards, a feature-length motion picture must be a minimum of 40 minutes and released through public motion picture theater exhibition, as determined by the AMPAS requirements.
- ii. Films must have a credited Set Decorator to be eligible for SDSA Awards consideration.

- iii. The qualifying films are those intended for theatrical release as recognized by AMPAS from the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
- iv. The SDSA list of eligible feature films is based on the AMPAS reminder list. The SDSA list of qualifying films will be posted on SDSAAwards.com in December 2023.
- v. Voting is open to all SDSA Membership in good standing at the following levels:
 - Set Decorator
 - Retired Set Decorators
 - Associate
 - Business Members*

All eligible voting members get one vote per person in both the preliminary and final rounds of voting. Voting will be commenced over the online voting portal with instructions sent via members' email.

*Business Members get one vote per Business

FOUR. Category Definitions

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.

In the Best Picture Category, all feature-length films on the AMPAS list will qualify -- including International, Documentary and Animated Features. Voting for Best Picture should reflect overall quality of all aspects of the film, as well as the Décor and Design of the film. The Best Picture is selected in the final round of voting.

These SDSA Awards will be awarded annually in the following categories:

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 or SCIENCE FICTION FEATURE FILM
BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DECOR/DESIGN OF A MUSICAL or COMEDY FEATURE FILM
BEST PICTURE

To assist SDSA voting members, 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 or decade. These films may have time spans that include current day, but the bulk of the story must be situated in a bygone era.

FANTASY or 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 or unknown universe. The science fiction genre will typically feature advanced, as-yet-unknown, or dramatically enhanced technologies.

MUSICAL or 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.

FIVE.

Preliminary Round Procedures

On December 22, 2023, the SDSA will post on sdsaawards.com, 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.) All films deemed eligible for SDSA Awards must have a credited Set Decorator.

Nomination voting opens on December 29, 2023 and concludes on January 4, 2024. Voting members are to nominate up to five (5) candidates in each Film category. Each Voter will be asked to rank their selections in order of preference from first to fifth. Voting will occur online via voting portal — links and instructions will be emailed to SDSA members on the morning of December 29th, 2023.

SIX.

Preliminary Round Nominations

At the conclusion of the preliminary voting period, the SDSA Awards Ballot Accreditation Panel will tabulate the votes and announce the top five (5) Nominees for each Film Décor/Design Category on January 5, 2024.

Each nominated Set Decorator will be notified and congratulated of their nomination via e-mail once the nominations have been announced.

Certificates of Recognition will be issued to each nominated Set Decorator and Production Designer*. Crew certificates may be issued for the cost of \$25.00 per certificate at the discretion of the Set Decorator of each nominated Film.

*Note if the nominated Set Decorator and Production Designer are awarded the category they are nominated in, they will receive the Award certificate, not the Nomination certificate, see Award Announcement section for details.

SEVEN. Final Round Procedures

Final Round voting opens on January 26, 2024 and concludes on February 2, 2024 for SDSA members to make their final selection in each category from the top five (5) Nominees in each Film category; and to vote for one (1) Film as their choice for BEST PICTURE of the Year.

EIGHT. Awards Announcement

At the conclusion of the Final Round voting period, the SDSA Awards Ballot Accreditation Panel will tabulate the votes and certify the Awards. The SDSA Awards for Best Achievement in each category will be announced on February 13, 2024. The awarded Set Decorator will be contacted and congratulated via e-mail after the recipients are announced. The Award recipients will be issued Certificates of Recognition, as well as up to five (5) crew members of the Set Decorator's choosing. Additional certificates may be issued for cost of \$25.00 each at the discretion of the Set Decorator of each awarded Film.

The Best Picture Certificate will be presented to the Director of the Best Picture award. The certificate will include the Set Decorators and Directors name.

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These rules and regulations are approved by the SDSA Awards Committee.