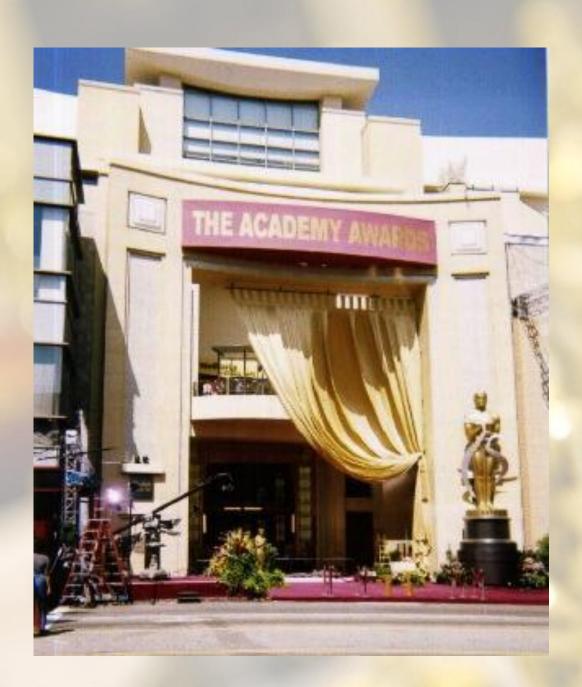


THE BIGGEST MOVIE EVENT OF THE YEAR

SOARS



The Academy Awards, casually called the Oscars, is a formal awards ceremony to honor the best achievements in filmmaking from the previous year. The Academy Awards, from the nomination and voting processes to the ceremony itself, are overseen by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The Academy has about 6,000 members and is a professional honorary society of people involved in all aspects of making movies.



The first Academy Awards were distributed in 1929 at the Hotel Roosevelt in Hollywood. In that year, the first Academy Awards were presented at a banquet dinner at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. In 2002, the Dolby Theatre (formerly known as the Kodak Theatre) became the current venue of the presentation. Cinema has changed since then, and so have the categories for awards. Currently there are 24 awards categories presented at the ceremony, with more Oscars handed out for other lesser achievements before the formal ceremony.

Some top categories of Academy Awards are Best Actor/Actress in a Leading Role, Best Actor/Actress in a Supporting Role, Best Picture, Best Director, Best Costume Design, Best Music, Best Visual Effects, and Best Animated Feature Film. One of the more prestigious award ceremonies in the world, The Academy Awards ceremony is televised in over 100 countries.





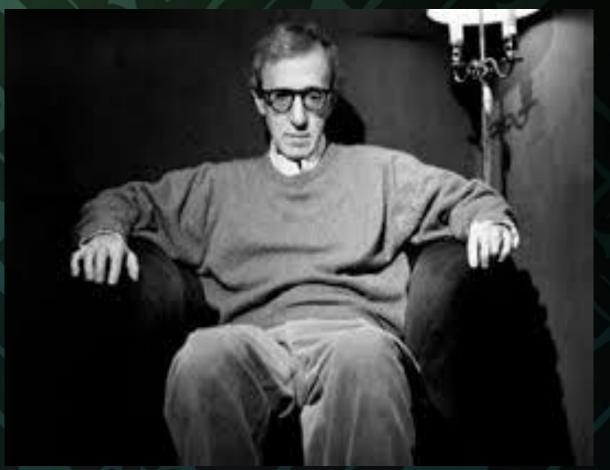
Here is some fun Oscar trivia:

- Walt Disney won more Academy Awards than any other person, with 26 Oscars (22 for his films and 4 honorary awards).
- Edith Head won more Academy Awards than any other woman, with 8 Oscars (all for Costume Design).
- Katharine Hepburn won more Academy Awards than any other actor/actress, with 4 Oscars.
- Meryl Streep has been nominated for more Academy Awards than any other actor/actress, with 17 nominations (she's won 3 times).

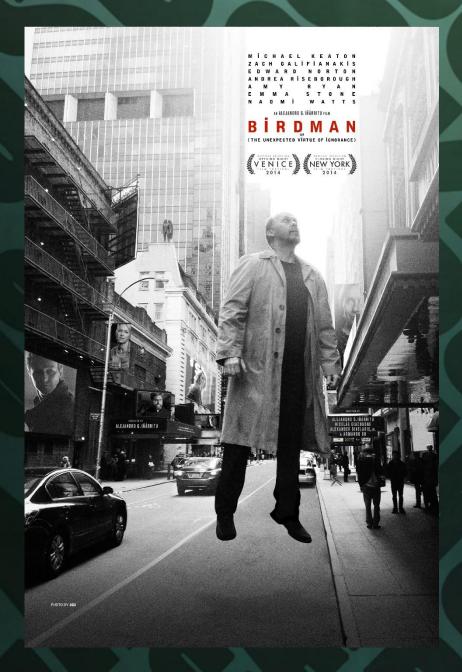


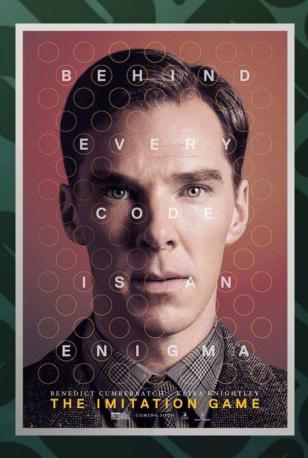
- Tatum O'Neal is the youngest person to win an Oscar she was 10 when she won for Paper Moon (1973).
- Christopher Plummer is the oldest person to win an acting award he was 82 when he won for Beginners (2010).
- Beatrice Straight holds the record for winning an acting award for the shortest role in 1975's Network, she was on screen for 5:40 minutes.
- Woody Allen has been nominated for 21 Academy Awards, but he's only attended the ceremony once (in a year he wasn't nominated).
- No one really knows how The Oscars got its name. One story is that an Academy librarian saw one of the first statuettes and exclaimed "it looks just like my Uncle Oscar!" Another story is that Bette Davis named it after her ex-husband, Harmon Oscar Nelson, Jr.











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