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## Writers Guild Celebrates 77th Annual Awards Ceremony

### Description

The 77th annual Writers Guild Awards are being presented this evening through simultaneous ceremonies held in Los Angeles and New York City, with Deadline providing live updates as the winners are announced. A comprehensive winners list can be found below.

The nominations, which recognize the finest achievements in film, television, new media, news, radio, and promotional writing, were disclosed on January 15, following two postponements attributed to the wildfires in Los Angeles.

Last year's strike-affected WGA Awards saw top honors in filmmaking awarded to *The Holdovers* and *American Fiction* for Original and Adapted Screenplay, respectively. While *American Fiction* had previously claimed the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay, Justine Triet and Arthur Harari's *Anatomy of a Fall* triumphed over Alexander Payne's *Holdovers* for the Original Screenplay Oscar. The leading winners in the television categories for 2024 included *Succession*, *The Bear*, and *The Last of Us*.

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The WGA West and East Chapters are also presenting special accolades this evening. The late David Lynch has been honored posthumously with the WGA West's 2025 Laurel Award for Screenwriting Achievement. Vince Gilligan, creator of *Breaking Bad* and *Better Call Saul*, has been awarded the WGAW's Paddy Chayefsky Laurel Award for Television Writing Excellence, while raMell Ross and Joslyn Barnes, screenwriters of *Nickel Boys*, will receive the 2025 Paul Selvin Award.

The WGA East will celebrate Scott Frank with the Ian McLellan Hunter Award for Career Achievement, Bill Lawrence with the Herb Sargent Award for Comedy Excellence, and Kathy McGee with the Richard B. Jablow Award.

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The Writers Guild Awards frequently exclude notable films due to specific eligibility criteria; productions not adhering to the WGA collective bargaining agreement or works crafted by non-union members are ineligible for these esteemed awards.

Consequently, prestigious awards-season contenders including the Golden Globe-winning *Conclave*, *Emilia Pérez*, *I'm Still Here*, *Inside Out 2*, *The Room Next Door*, *Sing Sing*, and *The Wild Robot* are disqualified from the Adapted category. In the Original Screenplay realm, *All We Imagine as Light*, *The Brutalist*, *Hard Truths*, the Gotham Awards winner *His Three Daughters*, *I Saw the TV Glow*, *The Seed of the Sacred Fig*, *September 5*, and *The Substance* are also ineligible.

Joel Kim Booster is hosting the Los Angeles ceremony at the Beverly Hilton, while Roy Wood Jr. is emceeding the New York event at the Edison Ballroom in Manhattan.



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Here are the winners announced thus far at the 2025 Writers Guild Awards:

**ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY**

Anora, Written by Sean Baker; Neon

**ADAPTED SCREENPLAY**

Nickel Boys, Screenplay by raMell Ross & Joslyn Barnes, Based on the Book The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead; Orion Pictures/Amazon MGM Studios

**DOCUMENTARY SCREENPLAY**

Jim Henson: Idea Man, Written by Mark Monroe; Imagine Documentaries

**DOCUMENTARY SCRIPT**

“Part One: Inferno to Paradise” (Dante), Written by Ric Burns and Riccardo Bruscatelli; PBS

**LIMITED SERIES**

The Penguin, Written by Vladimir Cvetko, Breannah Gibson, Erika L. Johnson, Lauren LeFranc, Corina Maritescu, Megan Martin, John McCutcheon, Shaye Ogbonna, Nick Towne, Noelle Valdivia, Kira Snyder; HBO | Max

**NEW SERIES**

Sh?gun, Written by Shannon Goss, Maegan Houang, Rachel Kondo, Matt Lambert, Justin Marks, Caillin Puente, Nigel Williams, Emily Yoshida; FX/Hulu

**COMEDY/VARIETY SPECIALS**

Nikki Glaser: Someday You’ll Die, Written by Nikki Glaser; HBO | Max

**DAYTIME DRAMA**

The Young and the Restless, Head Writer Amanda L. Beall; Writers Susan Banks, Jeff Beldner, Marin Gazzaniga, Lindsay Harrison, Marla Kanelos, Rebecca McCarty, Madeleine Phillips, Dave Ryan; CBS/Paramount+

**ANIMATION**

“Saving Favorite Drive-In” (Bob’s Burgers), Written by Katie Crown; Fox

**CHILDREN’S EPISODIC, LONG FORM AND SPECIALS**

“Welcome to Spiderwick” (The Spiderwick Chronicles), Written by Aron Eli Coleite; Roku Channel

**NEWS SCRIPT - REGULARLY SCHEDULED, BULLETIN, OR BREAKING REPORT**

“Willie Mays Tribute” (CBS Newspath), Written by Gerald Mazza; CBS News



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## NEWS SCRIPT - ANALYSIS, FEATURE, OR COMMENTARY

"The Resistance" (60 Minutes), Written by Scott Pelley, Nicole Young, and Kristin Steve; CBS News

## QUIZ AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Pop Culture Jeopardy!, Writers Marcus Brown, Buzzy Cohen, Michael Davies, Chip Dornell, John Duarte, Mark Gaberman, Debbie Griffin, Michele Loud, Traci Mack, Amy Ozols, Louis Virtel, Billy Wisse; Amazon Prime

## DIGITAL NEWS

"What Is Hamas Thinking Now?", Written by Akbar Shahid Ahmed; HuffPost

## SHORT FORM STREAMING

Die Hart 3: Hart to Kill, Written by Tripper Clancy; Roku Channel

## RADIO/AUDIO DOCUMENTARY

"Art on Trial" (One Year: 1990), Written by Evan Chung; Slate

## RADIO/AUDIO NEWS SCRIPT - SCRIPT - REGULARLY SCHEDULED, BULLETIN, OR BREAKING REPORT

"Passages: Three Women Who Made A Difference", Written by Gail Lee; CBS News Radio

## RADIO/AUDIO NEWS SCRIPT - ANALYSIS, FEATURE, OR COMMENTARY

"Charles Osgood Remembered", Written by Gail Lee; CBS News Radio

*Erik Pedersen contributed to this report.*

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Accolades** /'æk.ə.leɪdʒ/ (noun): Awards or privileges granted as a special honor.
2. **Contenders** /kən'tendərz/ (noun): Individuals or groups who compete for something especially in a competition.
3. **Posthumously** /'pɒs.tʃə.məs.li/ (adverb): Occurring or continuing after one's death.
4. **Eligibility** /,ɛlɪdʒə'bɪlɪti/ (noun): The state of having the right to participate or be selected.
5. **Tribute** /'trɪb.ju:t/ (noun): An act statement or gift that is intended to show gratitude respect or admiration.
6. **Crafted** /krɑ:ftɪd/ (verb): Made or produced with skill and careful attention to detail.

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. Who won the 2025 Original Screenplay award at the Writers Guild Awards?  
Option: Sean Baker  
Option: Vladimir Cvetko  
Option: Shannon Goss  
Option: Nikki Glaser
  
2. Which program won the 2025 Animation award at the Writers Guild Awards?  
Option: Anora  
Option: Jim Henson: Idea Man  
Option: Saving Favorite Drive-In  
Option: Welcome to Spiderwick
  
3. Who received the 2025 Paul Selvin Award at the Writers Guild Awards?  
Option: Sean Baker  
Option: Justine Triet  
Option: Mark Monroe  
Option: Joslyn Barnes
  
4. Which production won the 2025 Limited Series award at the Writers Guild Awards?  
Option: The Penguin  
Option: Sh?gun  
Option: Nikki Glaser: Someday You'll Die  
Option: Pop Culture Jeopardy!
  
5. Who was the recipient of the 2025 Ian McLellan Hunter Award at the Writers Guild Awards?  
Option: Scott Frank  
Option: Bill Lawrence  
Option: Kathy McGee  
Option: Vince Gilligan
  
6. Which program won the 2025 Short Form Streaming award at the Writers Guild Awards?  
Option: Anora  
Option: Jim Henson: Idea Man  
Option: Die Hart 3: Hart to Kill  
Option: Welcome to Spiderwick



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**True-False**

7. Vince Gilligan received the Paddy Chayefsky Laurel Award for Television Writing Excellence.
8. The Golden Globe-winning production "Emilia Pérez" was disqualified from the Adapted category at the Writers Guild Awards.
9. There were no postponements in the distribution of nominations for the Writers Guild Awards.
10. The Writers Guild Awards honor achievements in film, television, new media, news, radio, and promotional writing.
11. The Late David Lynch posthumously received the 2025 Laurel Award for Screenwriting Achievement.
12. Joel Kim Booster hosted the New York event at the Edison Ballroom for the 2025 Writers Guild Awards.

**Gap-Fill**

14. The screenplay for the film "Nickel Boys" was based on the book "The Nickel Boys" by Colson Whitehead and written by raMell Ross & \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The Writers Guild Award for the Documentary Script category was given for "Part One: Inferno to Paradise" from the show \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The Writers Guild Award for Comedy/Variety Specials was presented to the production titled \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The Writers Guild Award for Children's Episodic, Long Form and Specials category was awarded to the episode "Welcome to Spiderwick" from the show \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The Writers Guild Award for Digital News was given for the piece titled "What Is Hamas Thinking Now?" from the source \_\_\_\_\_.



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## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Sean Baker 2. Saving Favorite Drive-In 3. Joslyn Barnes 4. The Penguin 5. Scott Frank 6. Die Hart 3: Hart to Kill

**True-False:** 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 14. Joslyn Barnes 15. Dante 16. Nikki Glaser: Someday You'll Die 17. The Spiderwick Chronicles 18. HuffPost

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is the process of breathing new life into something called?  
Option: Revitalizing  
Option: Established  
Option: Emphasize  
Option: Tribute
2. What are assertions made without proof called?  
Option: Empowered  
Option: Lamenting  
Option: Allegations  
Option: Posthumously
3. What is another word for skillfully made or constructed?  
Option: Crafted  
Option: Contenders  
Option: Cerebral  
Option: Antagonists
4. What type of film presents facts and information about a subject?  
Option: Struggles  
Option: Documentary  
Option: Intervene  
Option: Deterioration
5. What is the act of giving special importance or attention to something?  
Option: Revitalizing  
Option: Tribute  
Option: Emphasize



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Option: Turmoil

6. What is an award given to someone after their death called?

- Option: Empowered
- Option: Accolades
- Option: Posthumously
- Option: Eligibility

7. What is a warning or indication of a future event called?

- Option: Empowered
- Option: Foreshadow
- Option: Artistry
- Option: Sabotage

8. What describes things that are connected or related to each other?

- Option: Reflecting
- Option: Interconnected
- Option: Antagonists
- Option: Incarcerated

9. What is expressing sorrow or grief about something called?

- Option: Empowered
- Option: Lamenting
- Option: Allegations
- Option: Contenders

10. What is the act of deliberately destroying or damaging something?

- Option: Tribute
- Option: Crafted
- Option: Cerebral
- Option: Sabotage

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The company was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1995 and quickly became a market leader.

12. During difficult times individuals use different strategies for \_\_\_\_\_.

13. Understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of historical events helps in analyzing their impact.

14. Her new role \_\_\_\_\_ her to make important decisions on behalf of the team.



15. The concert was a fitting \_\_\_\_\_ to the legendary musician.
16. His actions were a way of \_\_\_\_\_ his innermost thoughts and feelings.
17. The lack of maintenance led to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the old building.
18. In the upcoming tournament there are several strong \_\_\_\_\_ for the championship title.
19. To participate in the competition athletes must meet the \_\_\_\_\_ criteria.
20. The novel's plot revolves around the conflict between the protagonist and the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. A leader who held the position before the current one.
22. To confirm or give support to a statement or finding.
23. A state of great disturbance confusion or uncertainty.
24. To give someone the authority or power to do something.
25. Expressions of praise or admiration.
26. Occurring awarded or appearing after the death of the person concerned.
27. Carefully created or constructed.
28. Involving intelligence rather than emotions or instinct.
29. To be confined in prison; imprisoned.
30. To be a warning or indication of a future event.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Revitalizing 2. Allegations 3. Crafted 4. Documentary 5. Emphasize 6. Posthumously 7. Foreshadow 8. Interconnected 9. Lamenting 10. Sabotage

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Established 12. Coping 13. Significance 14. Empowered 15. Tribute 16. Reflecting 17. Deterioration





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18. Contenders 19. Eligibility 20. Antagonists

**Matching sentence:** 1. Predecessor 2. Corroborate 3. Turmoil 4. Empowered 5. Accolades 6. Posthumously  
7. Crafted 8. Cerebral 9. Incarcerated 10. Foreshadow

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