



**WIF CELEBRATED THE 2025 WOMEN ACADEMY AWARD® NOMINEES
AT THE 18TH ANNUAL WIF OSCARS® NOMINEES CELEBRATION**

**CYNTHIA ERIVO, MONICA BARBARO, CORALIE FARGEAT, DIANE WARREN AND MORE
NOMINEES IN ATTENDANCE**

**PARTIAL PROCEEDS OF THE EVENT WILL SUPPORT LOS ANGELES WILDFIRE RELIEF
VIA THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMUNITY FUND**

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Los Angeles, CA (March 1, 2025) – Last night **WIF** kicked off festivities for Oscar® weekend with the iconic WIF Oscar Nominees Celebration, honoring the women, both in front of and behind the camera, who have been nominated for an Academy Award this year. Standing apart as the only event throughout awards season that celebrates all the women nominees, the annual event has since 2007 celebrated the belief that collaboration between women and gender diverse people is the best way to ensure more films are made by and for these identities. The WIF Oscars Nominees Celebration is the culmination of the organization’s advocacy work during awards season and is made possible by Major Sponsors **ShivHans Pictures** and **Upneeq**, with additional support from **Dagne Dover**, **Peroni**, and **Wheelhouse**. The event took place at Wheelhouse in West Hollywood.

Partial proceeds from the celebration will support the Entertainment Community Fund to provide support, resources and emergency financial assistance for women (and others) in the entertainment industry who have been directly impacted by the 2025 California wildfires.

The women attendees nominated for the 2025 Academy Awards included **Cynthia Erivo** (Actress in a Leading Role, *Wicked*), **Monica Barbaro** (Actress in a Supporting Role, *A Complete Unknown*) **Aniela Sidorska** (Documentary Feature Film, *Porcelain War*), **Arianne Phillips** (Costume Design, *A Complete Unknown*), **Beatrice Brentnerová** (Production Design, *Nosferatu*), **Cindy Lee** (Live Action Short Film, *The Last Ranger*), **Coralie Fargeat** (Best Director, Best Writing - Original Screenplay, *The Substance*), **Diane Warren** (Music - Original Song, “*The Journey*” *The Six Triple Eight*), **Emma Ryan Yamazaki** (Documentary Short Film, *Instruments of a Beating Heart*), **Emily Kassie** (Documentary

Feature Film, *Sugarcane*), **Frances Hannon** (Makeup and Hairstyling, *Wicked*), **Hanna Aquilin** (Documentary Feature Film, *Black Box Diaries*), **Janique L. Robillard** (Documentary Short Film, *Death by Numbers*), **Joslyn Barnes** (Best Picture, Writing - Adapted Screenplay, *Nickel Boys*), **Juliette Howell** (Best Picture, *Conclave*), **Kim A. Snyder** (Documentary Short Film, *Death by Numbers*), **Laura Blount** (Makeup and Hairstyling, *Wicked*), **Linda Muir** (Costume Design, *Nosferatu*), **Lisa Remington** (Documentary Short Film, *The Only Girl in the Orchestra*), **Lisy Christl** (Costume Design, *Conclave*), **Marilyne Scarselli** (Makeup and Hairstyling, *The Substance*), **Maya Gnyp** (Documentary Short Film, *I Am Ready, Warden*), **Molly O'Brien** (Documentary Short Film, *The Only Girl in the Orchestra*), **Mona Fastvold** (Writing - Original Screenplay, *The Brutalist*), **Patricia Cuccia** (Production Design, *The Brutalist*), **Paula DuPre'Pesmen** (Documentary Feature Film, *Porcelain War*), **Samantha Quan** (Best Picture, *Anora*), **Sarah Nuth** (Makeup and Hairstyling, *Wicked*), **Shiori Ito** (Documentary Feature Film, *Black Box Diaries*), **Smriti Mundhra** (Documentary Short Film, *I Am Ready, Warden*), **Suchitra Mattai** (Live Action Short Film, *Anuja*), **Suzanne Stokes-Munton** (Makeup and Hairstyling, *Nosferatu*), **Suzie Davies** (Production Design, *Conclave*), **Tanya Lapointe** (Best Picture, *Dune Part Two*), **Tessa Ross** (Best Picture, *Conclave*), **Victoria Warmerdam** (Live Action Short Film, *I'm Not a Robot*).

Additional attendees included **Ariana Madix** (Host + Actress), **Dove Cameron** (Actress + Singer), **Jane Seymour** (Actress), **Jay Shetty** (Podcaster), **Jurnee Smollet** (WIF Board Member, Actress, Producer), **Karen Pittman** (Actress), **Lauren Garroni** (Director & Writer, *Sugar Baby*), **Lilly Singh** (Comedian + Producer), **Sharon Lawrence** (Actress), **Stephanie Hsu** (Actress), **Storm Reid** (Actress, *Euphoria*), **Victoria Justice** (Actress, *Suits LA*) and more.

Event Highlights:

- 50+ Oscar nominees were in attendance and all were honored on-stage and invited to say a few words and take part in WIF's traditional Nominee class photo.
- Onstage, **WIF CEO Kirsten Schaffer** shared,
 - "For more than 50 years, WIF has been working to advance gender equity in the entertainment industry. Tonight, we gather to applaud the trailblazers, the visionaries, and the incredible artists that have graced the silver screen. And to commend the remarkable achievements of the 65 women nominated for the 97th Academy Awards"
 - "Our industry has taken a beating in the past 4 years, and that combined with what is happening to women, transgender people, immigrants, queer people, and people of color across the country, it means we need to double down on efforts for inclusion – as a community – and NOT let up."
 - "At WIF, we understand what women are capable of when given the opportunities and tools to harness their power. What's more - we embrace the power of *creating our own opportunities* and bringing others with us. Tonight, we honor not only the nominees but also the countless storytellers who have paved the way for this extraordinary moment. Cheers to the 65 incredible women who have illuminated our screens, captured our hearts, and forever altered the landscape of cinema. May their brilliance inspire generations to come!"

- The women Academy Award nominees each had a moment to introduce themselves to the crowd including **Monica Barbaro, Diane Warren, Emily Cassie, Samantha Quan and Cynthia Erivo** who said “My name is Cynthia Erivo and I happen to star in a small teeny weenie small film called *Wicked*, I have the honor of introducing my nominated make-up artist who found my green and made me glow.”

About WIF

Founded in 1973 as Women In Film, Los Angeles, WIF has been fighting for gender equity for more than 50 years. Its advocacy, career programs, and research efforts are a driving force for increasing gender representation in Hollywood. WIF works to dismantle gender bias in the screen industries by building the pipeline, sustaining careers, and advocating for change. Membership is open to all screen industry professionals and more information can be found on our website: WIF.org. WIF is led by Chief Executive Officer Kirsten Schaffer and Chair of the Board of Directors Syrinthia Studer. Follow WIF on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [TikTok](#), [X](#), and [YouTube](#).

About the Entertainment Community Fund

The Entertainment Community Fund, formerly The Actors Fund, is a national human services organization that addresses the unique needs of people who work in performing arts and entertainment with services focused on health and wellness, career and life, and housing. Since 1882, the Fund has sought to ensure stability, encourage resiliency and be a safety net for those who shape our country’s cultural vibrancy. Learn more at entertainmentcommunity.org.

About ShivHans Pictures, Major Sponsor

ShivHans Pictures, founded by producer Shivani Rawat, is a production and finance company creating unique and compelling feature films, television, and theater. Across their projects, ShivHans Pictures champions inclusive and engaging storytelling through collaborations with top-tier talent both on screen and behind the camera. Upcoming films include *The Wedding Banquet*, directed by Andrew Ahn, starring Lily Gladstone and Bowen Yang; *The Assessment*, directed by Fleur Fortuné, starring Elizabeth Olsen, Alicia Vikander and Himesh Patel; and *The Ice Road 2: Road to the Sky*, directed by Jonathan Hensleigh, starring Liam Neeson. Additional films include the recently released *Love Me*, directed by Sam & Andy Zuchero, starring Kristen Stewart and Steven Yeun, the critically acclaimed *Hit Man*, *Winner*, Oscar-nominated documentary *To Kill A Tiger*, *The Ice Road*, *Wander Darkly*, Oscar-nominated *The Trial of the Chicago 7*, Oscar-nominated *Trumbo*, and Oscar-nominated *Captain Fantastic*, among others. ShivHans Pictures expanded into distribution with Bleecker Street on select projects, co-releasing films including *Golda*, *Hotel Mumbai*, and *Brian Banks*, *Love Me* and *The Wedding Banquet*. ShivHans also has a first-look film deal with Academy Award-nominated and BAFTA Award-winning actor Dev Patel and his company Minor Realm. In 2022, ShivHans Pictures began producing live theater with the hit Broadway musical *& Juliet* and *New York, New York*. Both productions received nine Tony nominations.

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