



WIF TO PRESENT KRISTEN WIIG WITH INAUGURAL ICON AWARD AT 2025 WIF HONORS

KAREN PITTMAN, FRANCESCA AMIKER AND MANDALIT DEL BARCO JOIN AS PRESENTERS AND MODERATORS FOR THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION HONORING JAMIE LEE CURTIS, MAUDE APATOW, MARA BROCK AKIL, REGINA KING, TESSA THOMPSON AND MORE

WIF Honors will be held on November 6 at The Beverly Hilton and will be presented by Max Mara with Visionary Sponsor e.l.f. Cosmetics, and additional support from Amazon MGM Studios, Apple TV, Delta Air Lines, Disney, Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Netflix, and STARZ #TakeTheLead

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LOS ANGELES, CA – November 3, 2025 – WIF (Women In Film, Los Angeles) announced today that Kristen Wiig, star and executive producer of the Apple TV series “Palm Royale,” will be honored at the 2025 WIF Honors with its inaugural Icon Award on Thursday, November 6, at The Beverly Hilton. The Icon Award honors storytellers whose artistry and unforgettable performances have captured the zeitgeist, defining a generation and shaping the cultural landscape.

Wiig joins a visionary cohort of 2025 WIF Honorees, which includes:

- The Crystal Award for Advocacy in Film: **Tessa Thompson, Nia DaCosta** (honored in absentia), **Dede Gardner**, and **Gabrielle Nadig**
- The Crystal Award for Advocacy in TV: **Mara Brock Akil, Judy Blume** (honored in absentia) and **Regina King** *presented by Karen Pittman*
- The Jane Fonda Humanitarian Award: **Jamie Lee Curtis** *presented to her by Jane Fonda*
- WIF Max Mara Face of the Future® Award: **Maude Apatow**

“Kristen Wiig is the perfect embodiment of our inaugural Icon Award,” said **Kirsten Schaffer, CEO, WIF**. “Her singular voice and unforgettable performances have brought endless laughter and raw honesty to audiences everywhere. Whether she is playing Gilly on *SNL*, or Annie in *Bridesmaids* or Maxine in *Palm Royale*, her work has left an indelible mark on American culture.”

Additionally, **Karen Pittman** will join the program and present her fellow *Forever* colleagues, **Mara Brock Akil** and **Regina King**, with The Crystal Award for Advocacy in TV for their collaboration on the hit Netflix series.

E! News correspondent **Francesca Amiker** and *NPR News* Culture Desk correspondent **Mandalit del Barco** will also join the program as moderators for short conversations with the *Hedda* and *Forever* honorees. Amiker will moderate a discussion with **Tessa Thompson, Dede Gardner, and Gabrielle Nadig** on their work on *Hedda*. Del Barco will moderate a discussion with Akil and King on their work together on *Forever*.

This year's WIF Honors, themed *Unity*, underscores that our shared commitment to equity, sustainability, and stories that represent the breadth of the human experience can transform culture. The evening will also feature a special appearance by comedian **Atsuko Okatsuka**.

The 2025 WIF Honors are co-chaired by **Victoria Alonso** and **Tracy McKnight**. Alongside Alonso and McKnight, the WIF Honors Committee is comprised of WIF Board of Directors Tara Duncan, Monica Levinson, Andrea Nelson Meigs, Rachel Rusch, and Talitha Watkins. WIF Honors is presented by Max Mara with visionary sponsor e.l.f. Cosmetics. The event is designed and produced by Anchor Street Collective.

WIF Honors is an annual gala that raises vital funds for Women In Film's education, career, and advocacy programs. Tickets are on sale today at [WIF.org/Honors](https://wif.org/honors).

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(Includes headshots and bios of honorees and presenters)

About WIF and the Awards

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](https://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](#), and [YouTube](#).

Since 1977, WIF has annually honored outstanding women in the entertainment industry who have broken ground and excelled in their chosen fields. Outstanding individuals who have been honored in past WIF awards programs include Lucille Ball, Halle Berry, Cate Blanchett, Glenn Close, Viola Davis, Ava DuVernay, Nora Ephron, Jane Fonda, Audrey Hepburn, Nicole Kidman, Donna Langley, Jennifer Lopez, Marlee Matlin, Mira Nair, Shonda Rhimes, Meryl Streep, Zendaya, and many more iconic women. View the WIF Awards Retrospective [here](#).

The WIF Icon Award honors a storyteller whose artistry has captured the zeitgeist and defined a generation. Through unforgettable performances and enduring influence, she has created cinematic magic that transcends time, shaping the cultural landscape and inspiring audiences around the world. Beloved by many, she has forever changed the face of film and television.

The Crystal Award for Advocacy honors outstanding individuals and groups of women who are creating increased opportunities for the advancement of women working throughout the screen

industries. Established in 1977 to honor outstanding individuals who, through their endurance and the excellence of their work, have helped to expand the role of women within the entertainment industry.

The Jane Fonda Humanitarian Award honors women who have used their prominent entertainment industry profiles to effect radical change and shed light on issues using their powerful voices. Previously named the Norma Zarky Humanitarian Award, it was renamed for honoree Jane Fonda in 2021, in recognition of her fearlessness in speaking out and inspiring generations of activists. Jane Fonda presents this award each year at WIF Honors.

The WIF Max Mara Face of the Future Award[®] is presented to an actress who is experiencing a turning point in her career through her work in the film and television industries, through her contributions to the community at large, in recognition of her outstanding achievements, and her embodiment of style and grace. Past recipients include Joey King, Yara Shahidi, Lili Reinhart, Zazie Beetz, Gemma Chan, Elizabeth Debicki, Alexandra Shipp, Zoey Deutch, Natalie Dormer, Kate Mara, Rose Byrne, Hailee Steinfeld, Chloë Grace Moretz, Katie Holmes, Zoë Saldana, Elizabeth Banks, Ginnifer Goodwin, Emily Blunt, and Maria Bello.

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