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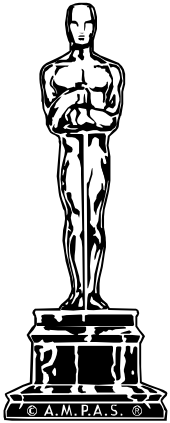
## ROGER GOODMAN NAMED DIRECTOR FOR 81ST ACADEMY AWARDS®

BEVERLY HILLS, CA — Roger Goodman has been named director of the 81st Academy Awards® telecast, producer Laurence Mark and executive producer Bill Condon announced today. This will be Goodman's first time calling the camera shots for the Oscar® show.

"Roger has an impressive list of credentials, particularly as relates to live television," said Mark and Condon in a joint statement. "We're thrilled that he'll be bringing his keen eye and dynamic approach to the Oscar show."

Goodman's work as a live events producer-director has spanned news, sports and entertainment. Prior to the Oscar telecast, Goodman will direct ABC News' coverage of the upcoming presidential inauguration. His credits also include the Academy Awards Countdown Show, the Daytime Emmy® Awards, Summer and Winter Olympic Games, Super Bowl halftime shows, the Indianapolis 500 and the Kentucky Derby, as well as "20/20," "Primetime," "Nightline" and "Good Morning America."

In addition, Goodman directed and co-executive produced ABC News' 24-hour global news and entertainment coverage of the turning of the millennium, which involved more than 200 cameras, 32 satellites, four control rooms and staff of more than 1,000 technicians. He currently holds the title of vice president, special projects, for the ABC Television Network.



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Goodman has earned dozens of news and sports Emmy nominations and has won 25 Emmy Awards. Other honors include three Christopher Awards, three Peabody Awards and two Edward R. Murrow Awards.

Academy Awards for outstanding film achievements of 2008 will be presented on Sunday, February 22, 2009, at the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center<sup>®</sup>, and televised live by the ABC Television Network. The Oscar presentation also will be televised live in more than 200 countries worldwide.

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