

81ST ACADEMY AWARDS® FACT SHEET

81st Academy Awards Information

as of January 5, 2009

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| Number of eligible pictures for this year | 281 |
| Number of countries submitting foreign language films | 67 |
| Number of voting members | 5810 |
| Number of times Hugh Jackman has hosted the Academy Awards show | This will be his first time |
| Number of ushers / ticket takers inside the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center® | 40 |
| Number of bleacher seats | 612 |
| Number of people who work in the production office | Approx. 300 |
| Number of production vehicles / trailers (including press and catering) | Approx. 100 |
| Number of crew members working during the red carpet arrivals segment | Approx. 130 |
| Number of crew members working during the telecast | Approx. 350 |
| Number of 2007 features eligible for Best Picture award (80th Academy Awards) | 306 |
| Telecast rating and share for 80th Academy Awards show | Rating: 18.7 Share: 29 |
| How many Americans watched the 80th Academy Awards show? (<i>estimate</i>) | Average U.S. audience: 32 million |
| Number of countries in which the 81st Oscar® telecast will be seen | More than 200 |
| Estimated global viewership of 80th Academy Awards show | Several hundred million |
| Number of Oscar statuettes created for 80th Academy Awards | 50 |
| Number of Oscar statuettes given out at the 80th Academy Awards (including statuettes given out at the Scientific and Technical Awards) | 43 (including the Sawyer Award to David Garfton, presented at the Scientific and Technical Awards ceremony) |
| Number of award categories for the 81st Academy Awards | 24 (not including Hersholt Award or Sci/Tech Awards) |

Academy Awards Press

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| Number of press organizations requesting credentials | 516 |
| Total number of press credentials requested | About 3,000 |
| Number of outlets receiving credentials for the 80th Academy Awards | 261 |
| Total number press credentials issued for the 80th Academy Awards (including technical personnel) | 1,974 |
| Number of photographers on the red carpet for the 80th Academy Awards | 95 |
| Number of TV press on the red carpet, including camera operators, audio technicians and other crew for the 80th Academy Awards | 276 |
| Number of print reporters on the red carpet for the 80th Academy Awards | 119 |

The Oscar Statuette

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| Total number of Oscar statuettes presented since the first Academy Awards | 2701 (not including 81st Awards) |
| Number of Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Awards presented since the first Academy Awards [as an Oscar statuette] | 33 (includes the award which will be presented to Jerry Lewis at the 81st Academy Awards) |
| Number of Honorary/Special Awards presented since the first Academy Awards [as an Oscar statuette] | 115 |
| Height of Oscar statuette | 13½ inches |
| Diameter of Oscar statuette base | 5¼ inches |
| Weight of Oscar statuette | 8½ pounds |

Oscar Telecast

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| Best rating and share in the past 30 years | Best rating: 38.0 in 1983 (share: 59) |
| | Best share: 68 in 1978 (rating: 36.3) |
| Latest telecast date in the past 20 years | April 11, 1988 (60th Academy Awards) |

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| Earliest telecast date in the past 20 years | February 22, 2009 (81st Academy Awards) |
| Longest televised show | 74th Academy Awards show, in 2002, with a running time of 4 hours, 23 minutes |
| Shortest televised show | 31st Academy Awards show, in 1959, with a running time of 1 hour, 40 minutes |
| Date of first televised show | March 19, 1953 (25th Academy Awards) |
| Date since which ABC has been the broadcaster of the Academy Awards (uninterrupted) | March 29, 1976 (48th Academy Awards) |
| Total number of years that ABC has broadcast the Academy Awards (including this year) | 44 (ABC was the broadcaster for a 10-year stint from the 33rd to 42nd Academy Awards, in addition to its current run) |

Oscar Venues

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| Venue that has hosted the most Academy Awards presentations | Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, with 25 Oscar shows |
| Number of Oscar shows hosted at the Kodak Theatre, including the 81st Academy Awards | 8 |
| Seating capacity of the Kodak Theatre on Oscar night | 3,300 |
| Length of the red carpet at the Kodak Theatre | Approx. 500 feet |
| Width of the red carpet at the Kodak Theatre | Approx. 33 feet |

Miscellaneous Oscar Trivia

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| Person who has hosted the most Academy Awards shows | Bob Hope, with 19 host appearances |
| Oldest Academy Awards show poster in the collection of the Margaret Herrick Library | 32nd Academy Awards show poster (show on April 4, 1960 honoring films of 1959) |
| Size of most common set-dressing Oscar | 34 in. diameter (base) 7½ feet tall 65 pounds |

Governors Ball

Date of the first Governors Ball

March 26, 1958,
following the 30th
Academy Awards
presentation. Held at the
Beverly Hilton Hotel in
the Grand Ballroom

Number of Governors Balls, including the 81st
Academy Awards

51

Since the first Governors Ball, following the 30th
Academy Awards, number of times there has not
been a Governors Ball

1 (40th Academy
Awards)

Size of the Grand Ballroom at Hollywood & Highland
Center

25,090 square feet

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