

## 82nd ACADEMY AWARDS® FACT SHEET

### **82nd Academy Awards Information**

Number of features eligible for Best Picture this year (82nd Academy Awards, 2009)	274
Number of features eligible for Best Picture last year (81st Academy Awards, 2008)	280
Number of countries submitting foreign language films	65
Number of voting members	5,777
Number of times Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin have hosted the Academy Awards show	This will be Martin's third time; Baldwin's first
Number of ushers / ticket takers inside the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center®	40
Number of Red Carpet fan bleacher seats	700
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
Telecast rating and share for 81st Academy Awards	Rating: 20.6 Share: 31
How many Americans watched the 81st Academy Awards show? ( <i>estimate</i> )	Average U.S. audience: 36.3 million
Number of countries in which the 82nd Oscar® telecast will be seen	More than 200
Estimated global viewership of 82nd Academy Awards show	Several hundred million
Number of Oscar statuettes created for 82nd Academy Awards	50
Number of Oscar statuettes given out at the 81st Academy Awards (including statuettes given out at the Scientific and Technical Awards)	34 (including the Sawyer Award to Ed Catmull, presented at the Scientific and Technical Awards ceremony)
Number of competitive award categories for the 82nd Academy Awards	24 (not including Sci/Tech Awards)
Honorary Awards were presented at the Governors Awards on November 14, 2009	Oscar statuettes to: Lauren Bacall, Roger Corman, Gordon Willis; John Calley received the Irving G. Thalberg Award

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### Academy Awards Press

Number of press organizations requesting credentials for 82nd Academy Awards	649
Total number of press credentials requested for the 82nd Academy Awards	4,895
Number of outlets receiving credentials for the 81st Academy Awards	255
Total number press credentials issued for the 81st Academy Awards (including technical personnel)	1,948
Number of photographers on the red carpet for the 81st Academy Awards	89
Number of TV press on the red carpet for the 81st Academy Awards, including camera operators, audio technicians and other crew	289
Number of print reporters on the red carpet for the 81st Academy Awards	117

### The Oscar Statuette

Total number of Oscar statuettes presented since the first Academy Awards	2,738 (including Honorary Awards – presented at the Governors Awards event on November 14, 2009 – to Lauren Bacall, Roger Corman, Gordon Willis; not including 82nd Awards)
Height of Oscar statuette	13½ inches
Diameter of Oscar statuette base	5¼ inches
Weight of Oscar statuette	8½ pounds

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### Oscar Telecast

Best rating and share in the past 30 years	Best rating: 38.0 in 1983 (share: 59)
Latest telecast date in the past 20 years	March 30, 1992 (64th Academy Awards)
Earliest telecast date in the past 20 years	February 22, 2009 (81st Academy Awards)
Longest Oscar telecast	74th Academy Awards show, in 2002, with a running time of 4 hours, 23 minutes
Shortest Oscar telecast	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)	45 (ABC was the broadcaster for a 10- year stint from the 33rd to 42nd Academy Awards, in addition to its current run)

### Oscar Venues

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 82nd Academy Awards	9
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

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### **Miscellaneous Oscar Trivia**

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 82nd Academy Awards	52
Since the first Governors Ball following the 30th Academy Awards, number of times there has not been a Governors Ball	1 (40th Academy Awards) – cancelled due to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Size of the Grand Ballroom at Hollywood & Highland Center	25,090 square feet

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