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***AARP The Magazine* Brings Top Hollywood Talent Together to
Celebrate Annual Movies for Grownups® Awards**

Hosted by Alan Cumming and featuring appearances by:

Jacques Audiard, Ian Bonhôte, Adrien Brody, Joan Chen, Colman Domingo, Harrison Ford, Robert Ford, Jodie Foster, Dana Fox, Lizzie Gillett, Jeff Goldblum, Fred Hechinger, Boyd Holbrook, Winnie Holzman, Jason Isaacs, Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, Clarence Maclin, James Mangold, Demi Moore, Sean Penn, Lou Diamond Phillips, Chief Royal Ramey, Kali Reis, Zoe Saldaña, Hiroyuki Sanada, Peter Sarsgaard, Liev Schreiber, Jane Seymour, June Squibb, John Stamos, Danny Trejo, and more.

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LOS ANGELES—AARP *The Magazine* today recognized the winners of the annual [Movies for Grownups® Awards](#), celebrating 2024’s standout films and TV shows that speak directly to a powerful 50-plus audience. Honorees from *The Brutalist*, *Emilia Pérez*, *Wicked*, *The Substance*, *Shōgun*, *Sing Sing*, *True Detective: Night Country*, and more were in attendance, with *A Complete Unknown* awarded Best Picture/Best Movie for Grownups.

For more than two decades, AARP’s Movies for Grownups has recognized the talent and experience of older actors and filmmakers. AARP continues to champion movies for grownups, by grownups, by advocating for the 50-plus audience, and encouraging films and TV shows that resonate with older viewers.

“People are living longer, healthier and more vibrant lives than ever before, and AARP created Movies for Grownups to celebrate entertainment that better reflects this reality,” said AARP CEO Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan. “These movies and TV shows reflect and connect with older adults, and help audiences of all ages have a better appreciation of living throughout all their years.”

Today’s event, which was hosted by Alan Cumming, the Tony and Emmy Award-winning host of the widely lauded competition show *The Traitors*, will be broadcast nationwide by **Great**

Performances on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 7/6c on PBS (check local listings). Critically acclaimed stage and screen actress Glenn Close received the Career Achievement Award, the event's top honor.

The event's highlights included Demi Moore, awarded Best Actress for her role in *The Substance*, who remarked on the surprising joy she feels about getting older, saying, "I hope that this film and this moment serves as a reminder that we don't fade. We evolve, and there is no expiration date for talent, passion, curiosity, and purpose." Another memorable moment from the evening was when Chief Royal Ramey, a former inmate-turned-CEO of the Forestry and Fire Recruitment Program, presented the award for Best Ensemble to *Sing Sing*, which was accepted by Colman Domingo and former inmate, Clarence Maclin, who thanked AARP for the honor.

Best Actor honoree Adrien Brody provided an emotional speech about his upbringing, saying, "When I was a boy, an only child in Queens – surrounded by a lot of harshness and things I couldn't understand, or defend myself or others in this world against – I prayed to God to be a grownup, so I would somehow be empowered to have a voice. I realize that prayer has been answered through my work."

Movies for Grownups Awards with *AARP The Magazine* will be broadcast nationwide by **Great Performances** on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 7/6c on PBS ([check local listings](#)), pbs.org/moviesforgrownups and the [PBS app](#).

To learn more about *AARP The Magazine's* Movies for Grownups, visit <http://www.aarp.org/moviesforgrownups>.

The complete list of the annual Movies for Grownups Awards Nominees and Winners:

- **Best Picture/Best Movie for Grownups:** *A Complete Unknown*, *Conclave*, *Emilia Pérez*, *Gladiator II* and *September 5*.
Winner: *A Complete Unknown*
- **Best Actress:** Pamela Anderson (*The Last Showgirl*), Marianne Jean-Baptiste (*Hard Truths*), Nicole Kidman (*Babygirl*), Demi Moore (*The Substance*) and June Squibb (*Thelma*).
Winner: Demi Moore (*The Substance*)
- **Best Actor:** Adrien Brody (*The Brutalist*), Daniel Craig (*Queer*), Colman Domingo (*Sing Sing*), Ralph Fiennes (*Conclave*) and Jude Law (*The Order*).
Winner: Adrien Brody (*The Brutalist*)
- **Best Supporting Actress:** Joan Chen (*Didi*), Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor (*Nickel Boys*), Lesley Manville (*Queer*), Connie Nielsen (*Gladiator II*) and Isabella Rossellini (*Conclave*).
Winner: Joan Chen (*Didi*)

- **Best Supporting Actor:** Clarence Maclin (*Sing Sing*), Guy Pearce (*The Brutalist*), Peter Sarsgaard (*September 5*), Stanley Tucci (*Conclave*) and Denzel Washington (*Gladiator II*).
Winner: Peter Sarsgaard (*September 5*)
- **Best Director:** Pedro Almodóvar (*The Room Next Door*), Jacques Audiard (*Emilia Pérez*), Edward Berger (*Conclave*), James Mangold (*A Complete Unknown*) and Ridley Scott (*Gladiator II*).
Winner: Jacques Audiard (*Emilia Pérez*)
- **Best Screenwriter:** Jacques Audiard (*Emilia Pérez*), Jay Cocks and James Mangold (*A Complete Unknown*), Winnie Holzman and Dana Fox (*Wicked*), Peter Straughan (*Conclave*), and Denis Villeneuve and Jon Spaihts (*Dune: Part Two*).
Winner: Winnie Holzman and Dana Fox (*Wicked*)
- **Best Ensemble:** *Beetlejuice*, *Beetlejuice*, *A Complete Unknown*, *His Three Daughters*, *September 5* and *Sing Sing*.
Winner: *Sing Sing*
- **Best Actress (TV):** Jennifer Aniston (*The Morning Show*), Jodie Foster (*True Detective: Night Country*), Jean Smart (*Hacks*), Meryl Streep (*Only Murders in the Building*) and Sofia Vergara (*Griselda*).
Winner: Jodie Foster (*True Detective: Night Country*)
- **Best Actor (TV):** Billy Crudup (*The Morning Show*), Idris Elba (*Hijack*), Jon Hamm (*Fargo*), Gary Oldman (*Slow Horses*) and Hiroyuki Sanada (*Shōgun*).
Winner: Jon Hamm (*Fargo*)
- **Best TV Series or Limited Series:** *The Crown*, *Hacks*, *Palm Royale*, *Shōgun*, and *Slow Horses*.
Winner: *Shōgun*
- **Best Intergenerational Film:** *Didi*, *Here*, *His Three Daughters*, *The Piano Lesson* and *Thelma*.
Winner: *Thelma*
- **Best Time Capsule:** *The Brutalist*, *A Complete Unknown*, *Here*, *Maria* and *September 5*.
Winner: *A Complete Unknown*
- **Best Documentary:** *I Am: Celine Dion*, *Luther: Never Too Much*, *Piece by Piece*, *Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story*, and *Will & Harper*.
Winner: *Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story*

AARP Foundation, a charitable affiliate of AARP, will donate proceeds raised from the **Movies for Grownups Awards** to local organizations to aid with Los Angeles' wildfire recovery efforts

for affected families and communities. AARP Foundation works for and with vulnerable older adults to end senior poverty and reduce financial hardship by building economic opportunity.

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About AARP The Magazine's Movies for Grownups Awards' Philanthropic Goals

The annual Movies for Grownups Awards raises funds for AARP Foundation, AARP's affiliated charity, which works for and with vulnerable older adults around the country to transform lives and build a future without senior poverty. Through vigorous legal advocacy and evidence-based solutions, and by strengthening supportive community connections, AARP Foundation fosters resilience, advances equity and restores hope.

About AARP

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation's largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and the AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit aarp.org and aarp.org/espanol, or follow @AARP, @AARPenEspañol and @AARPadvocates, @AliadosAdelante on social media.

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