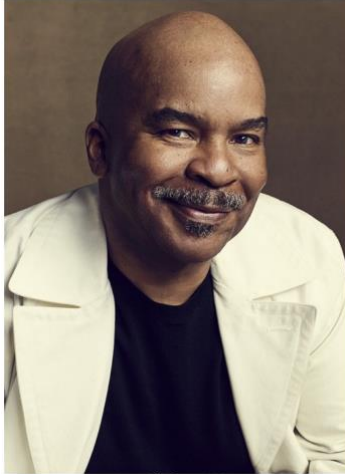


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ACTOR/COMEDIAN DAVID ALAN GRIER SET TO HOST ART DIRECTORS GUILD AWARDS



David Alan Grier

ADG Awards Celebrate “Landscape of the Imagination” Feb. 2 at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18, 2019 – Actor and comedian **David Alan Grier** will host the 23rd Annual [Art Directors Guild Excellence in Production Design Awards](http://www.adg.org) (ADG, IATSE Local 800) on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019, at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown. The announcement was made today by ADG Awards Producer Scott Moses, ADG.

David Alan Grier, a three-time Tony® and GRAMMY® nominee, has received many accolades throughout his career, including his inclusion on Comedy Central’s list of the *100 Greatest Stand-ups of All Time*.

Though his acting career started in theatre, Grier is best known for his iconic roles on television and in movies. He currently stars in the new Fox comedy series *The Cool Kids*. Additional TV credits include *The Carmichael Show* and the Emmy® winning *In Living Color*. He starred in *DAG* and *Life with Bonnie*, which earned him Image Award and Golden Satellite Award nominations. In 2015, Grier combined live theatre and television when he played the Cowardly Lion in Broadway’s award-winning musical *The Wiz Live!* on NBC.

On the big screen, Grier will next be seen in the indie drama *Sprinter*, produced by Will Smith. He has starred in Tyler Perry’s *Peeples*, Wayans Brothers’ *Dance Flick*, Robert Altman’s *Streamers*, *Jumanji*, and *A Soldier’s Story*, among many others.

He was trained in Shakespeare at Yale and started his career on Broadway as Jackie Robinson in *The First*, for which he earned a Tony Award nomination. He also joined the cast of *Dreamgirls* and *A Soldier’s Play*, and received Tony nominations for his performances in *Race*, and *The Gershwins’ Porgy and Bess*, which received a GRAMMY nomination.

As previously announced, **Rob Marshall** (*Mary Poppins Returns*), Oscar®-nominated and Emmy®-winning filmmaker, producer, theater director and choreographer, will receive the prestigious ADG Cinematic Imagery Award. British Production Designer and Set Decorator **Anthony Masters**, nominated for an Academy Award® for the film "2001: A Space Odyssey," and **Benjamin Carré**, best known for his work on *The Phantom of the Opera* and *The Wizard of Oz*, will be inducted into the ADG Hall of Fame. Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to Oscar-nominated Production Designer **Jeannine Oppewall**, Senior Illustrator and Production Designer **Ed Verreaux**, Scenic Artist **Jim Fiorito** and Set Designer and Art Director **William F. Matthews**. **Marjo Bernay**, a veteran entertainment IATSE activist for over four decades, will be honored with a special Service Award.

Producer of this year's ADG Awards (#ADGawards) is Production Designer **Scott Moses** ADG. Final online balloting ends January 31, 2019 and winners are announced at the dinner ceremony on Saturday, February 2. ADG Awards are open only to productions when made within the U.S. by producer's signatory to the IATSE agreement. Foreign entries are acceptable without restrictions.

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