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SUBMISSIONS FOR THE ART DIRECTORS GUILD'S 20th ANNUAL *EXCELLENCE IN PRODUCTION DESIGN* AWARDS OPENS OCTOBER 6

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1, 2015— Television and feature film submissions for the Art Directors Guild (ADG) 20th Annual Excellence in Production Design Awards are set to open on October 6, 2015. This year's awards will take place on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The official announcement came from Marcia Hinds, ADG Council Chair, and James Pearse Connelly, ADG Award's Executive Producer.

Submission deadline is Thursday, November 5, 2015. The Art Directors' branch first votes to determine the nominations. The second round of voting to determine the winners in all categories will be open to voting by the entire "active" ADG membership. Further inquiries regarding the ADG Award Rules may be directed to Debbie Patton in the ADG Awards Office at (818) 762-9995, email: Debbie@artdirectors.org. For a complete list of the ADG Award Rules visit www.adg.org

Nominations for ADG's Excellence in Production Design Awards will be announced **Tuesday**, **January 5**, **2016**. The ADG will present winners in 11 competitive categories representing theatrical films, television productions, commercials and music videos.

As previously announced, Turner Classic Movies host <u>Robert Osborne</u> will be the first to receive ADG's newly created William Cameron Menzies Award. The Lifetime Achievement Awards honorees from each of the four ADG crafts – Production Designers, Art Directors, Assistant Art Directors; Scenic, Title and Graphic Artists; Illustrators and Matte Artists; Set Designers and Model Makers - will be announced in the near future.

The **ADG Excellence in Production Design Awards** are open only to productions made within the U.S. by producers' signatory to the IATSE agreement. Foreign entries are acceptable without restrictions. Further inquiries regarding the ADG Awards may be directed to Debbie Patton in the ADG Awards Office at 818.762.9995, Email: Debbie@artdirectors.org

The complete entry and online voting timeline for the ADG Awards is:

- Tuesday, October 6, 2015 Submissions BEGINS at www.adg.org/
- Thursday, November 5, 2015 5 PM (PST) Submissions ENDS
- Monday, December 14, 2015 Online Voting for Nominations BEGINS
- Monday, January 4, 2016, 5 PM (PST) Online Voting for Nominations ENDS
- Tuesday, January 5, 2016 Nominations ANNOUNCED
- Thursday, January 7, 2016 Final Online Voting BEGINS
- Thursday, January 28, 2016, 5 PM (PST) Final Online Voting ENDS
- Sunday, January 31, 2016 WINNERS ANNOUNCED at 20th Annual ADG Awards Banquet at the Beverly Hilton Hotel
 - * All dates subject to change

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ABOUT THE ART DIRECTORS GUILD:

The Art Directors Guild (IATSE Local 800) represents nearly 2,300 members who work throughout the United States, Canada and the rest of the world in film, television and theater as Production Designers, Art Directors, Assistant Art Directors; Scenic, Title and Graphic Artists; Illustrators and Matte Artists; Set Designers and Model Makers; and Previs Artists. Established in 1937, ADG's ongoing activities include a Film Society; an annual Awards Banquet, (#ADGAwards) a creative/technology community (5D: The Future of Immersive Design) and Membership Directory; a bimonthly craft magazine (*Perspective*); and extensive technology-training programs, creative workshops and craft and art exhibitions (ADG Gallery 800). The Guild's Online Directory/Website Resource is at www.adg.org.

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