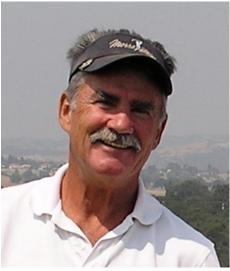


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ILLUSTRATOR AND ART DIRECTOR JACK JOHNSON TO RECEIVE A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT THE 2020 ART DIRECTORS GUILD AWARDS



Jack Johnson, ADG

24th Annual Awards to be Held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown

Los Angeles - November 7, 2019 - The Art Directors Guild (ADG, IATSE Local 800) announces that Jack Johnson, best known for his work on films such as *Edward Scissorhands, Toys* and *Jurassic Park III*, will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illustrators and Matte Artists (IMG) Council at the 24th <u>Annual "Excellence in Production Design" Awards</u>. The 2020 ADG Awards will be held at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown in the Wilshire Grand Ballroom on Saturday, February 1, 2020. This is the final of four Lifetime Achievement Awards to be announced by Art Directors Guild.

"Jack's cinematic eye, combined with his amazing artistic talent, has been an integral part of over 60 critically acclaimed films in his over four decade career. We are thrilled to honor that legacy and his contributions to the Craft as this year's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient," said Tim Wilcox, ADG Illustrators & Matte Artists Council Chair.

Johnson has worked in the motion picture industry as a Production Illustrator, Conceptual Artist or Art Director on more than 60 features including such hit films as *Goonies, Edward Scissorhands, Toys, Jurassic Park III, Pleasantville, Big Fish, The Perfect Storm, Jerry Maguire, Independence Day, Beetlejuice, The Color Purple, and Star Trek-The Movie,* among others. He started his career as an advertising Art Director at Foote, Cone and Belding and J. Walter Thompson.

Jack has also won national acclaim for his personal work and his paintings have been featured in traveling exhibitions throughout the United States. His artwork has won numerous awards in major exhibitions including the National Watercolor Society, American Watercolor Society, California Art Club, among others.

The ADG Lifetime Achievement Awards are presented to outstanding individuals in each of the guild's four crafts. As previously announced, **Joe Alves** will receive the ADG Lifetime Achievement Award from the Art Directors Council (AD), **Denis Olsen** from the Scenic, Title and Graphic Artists Council (STG) and **Stephen Myles Berger** from the Set Designers and Model Makers (SDMM) Council. Previous ADG Lifetime Achievement honorees include *AD:* Jeannine Oppewall (2019), Norm Newberry (2018), René Lagler (2017); *STG:* Jim Fiorito (2019) John Moffitt (2018), Albert Obregon (2017), Bill Anderson (2016); *SDMM:* William F. Matthews (2019), James J. Murakami (2018), Cate Bangs (2017); and *IMA:* Ed Verreaux (2019), Marty Kline (2018), Joe Musso (2017). A complete list can be found on <u>ADG's website</u>.

The producer of this year's ADG Awards (#ADGawards) is Production Designer Scott Moses, ADG. Online nomination voting will be held November 18 – December 6, 2019. Nominations will be announced December 9, 2019. Online balloting will be held December 18, 2019 – January 30, 2020 and winners will be announced at the dinner ceremony on Saturday, February 1, 2020. 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.

Additional honorees for Cinematic Imagery and new inductees into the Guild's Hall of Fame will be announced at a later date. Inquiries regarding the ADG Awards may be directed to Debbie Patton, ADG Awards & Events Director, at 818.762.9995, Email: <u>Debbie@adg.org.</u> Media sponsors are *The Hollywood Reporter, Variety* and *SHOOT Magazine / SHOOTonline*

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ABOUT THE ART DIRECTORS GUILD:

Established in 1937, the Art Directors Guild (IATSE Local 800) represents 2,700 members who work throughout the world in film, television and theater as Production Designers and Art Directors; Scenic, Title and Graphic Artists; Set Designers and Model Makers; and Illustrators and Matte Artists. The ADG's ongoing activities include a Film Society screening series, annual "Excellence in Production Design Awards" gala, bimonthly craft magazine (<u>PERSPECTIVE</u>), figure drawing and other creative workshops, extensive technology and craft training programs and year-round Gallery 800 art exhibitions. For the Guild's online directory and website resources, go to <u>www.adg.org</u>. Connect with the Art Directors Guild on <u>Facebook, Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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