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# Michael Douglas to Receive AARP Movies for Grownups Career Achievement Award

15th Annual Movies For Grownups Gala To Celebrate Douglas and 16 More Award Winners February 8, 2016 in Los Angeles

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—AARP announced today that actor, producer and Academy Award winner **Michael Douglas** will receive the 2015 **Movies For Grownups® Career Achievement Award**. The **Movies For Grownups®** multimedia franchise honors standout filmmakers, actors, actresses and movies that resonate with the 50-plus audience.

Douglas will receive Movies for Grownups' highest honor on Monday, February 8, 2016, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Los Angeles. AARP The Magazine will host the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Movies for Grownups Gala awards program, where 16 other awards, including best actor, best actress and best director will also be presented. Chase Card Services will be the Premier sponsor of the event.

"With a career spanning more than 50 years, Michael Douglas is one of the most talented and respected actors and producers of our time," said Robert Love, Editor In Chief of AARP The Magazine. "From his producing roles on *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and *China Syndrome*, to starring acting roles in *Romancing The Stone, Fatal Attraction, Wall Street, The American President, Basic Instinct, Traffic, Behind the Candelabra* and most recently Marvel's *Ant Man*, Douglas has entertained and endeared himself to generations of moviegoers, which is a remarkable testament to his incredible versatility and staying power in Hollywood."

In 2016 audiences can look forward to seeing Douglas in the upcoming CIA spy thriller "Unlocked".

Born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, the eldest of four children of actor Kirk Douglas, Michael Douglas launched his film career 50 years ago with *Cast a Giant Shadow*. His breakout role came on television in the 1970s hit series *The Streets of San Francisco*. He returned to film as both an actor in such iconic features as *The China Syndrome* and *Wall Street* and producer of works such as *Romancing the Stone* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, for which he won an Oscar. As an actor, Douglas' work across an array of genres has garnered many awards including an Oscar, 3 Golden Globes, an Emmy and 2 SAG Awards. Off-screen, Michael Douglas has also been a United Nations Messenger of Peace since 1998.

Douglas joins a prestigious list of previous AARP Movies for Grownups Career Achievement honorees, including Kevin Costner, Susan Sarandon, Sharon Stone, Robert Redford, and Robert DeNiro.

http://www.aarp.org/entertainment/movies-for-grownups/annual-film-awards/

## About AARP The Magazine's Movies For Grownups® Gala

The annual Movies For Grownups Gala raises funds for AARP Foundation, AARP's affiliated charity, which works in communities nationwide to address the needs of older Americans by investing in innovative solutions that tackle the causes of the challenges they face: the need for functional and affordable housing, adequate and nutritious food, steady income, and strong and sustaining social bonds. With support from Chase Card Services, this year's Gala will support the Foundation's work to end older adult hunger.

The Movies for Grownups editorial franchise which includes talent interviews, weekly online reviews and previews, film festivals, free movie screenings and year-round coverage in print and online, was created in 2002 by the editors of AARP The Magazine. The February/March issue of AARP The Magazine, available February 1, will feature the best of 2015 movies and awards. For more information about Movies for Grownups, visit www. aarp.org/movies.

## **About AARP The Magazine**

With more than 35.2 million readers, AARP The Magazine is the world's largest circulation magazine and the definitive lifestyle publication for Americans 50+. AARP The Magazine delivers comprehensive content through health and fitness features, financial guidance, consumer interest information and tips, celebrity interviews, and book and movie reviews. AARP The Magazine was founded in 1958 and is published bimonthly in print and

continually online. Learn more at <a href="mailto:aarp.org/magazine">aarp.org/magazine</a>.

## **About AARP**

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of nearly 38 million, that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities and protection from financial abuse. We advocate for individuals in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name as well as help our members obtain discounts on a wide range of products, travel, and services. A trusted source for lifestyle tips, news and educational information, AARP produces AARP The Magazine, the world's largest circulation magazine; AARP Bulletin; www.aarp.org; AARP TV & Radio; AARP Books; and AARP en Español, a Spanish-language website addressing the interests and needs of Hispanics. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates. The AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. AARP has staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Learn more at www.aarp.org.

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