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Screen Legend Shirley MacLaine to Receive Career Achievement Honor at AARP The Magazine's 18th Annual Movies for Grownups® Awards

MFG Awards will be broadcast on Great Performances, premiering on PBS in February

LOS ANGELES—Shirley MacLaine will receive *AARP The Magazine's* **2018 Movies for Grownups Career Achievement Award**, the publication announced today. MacLaine will be honored at the 18th annual Movies for Grownups® Awards ceremony on Feb. 4, 2019 in Beverly Hills, California.

The AARP Movies for Grownups multimedia franchise was established in 2002 to celebrate and encourage filmmaking with unique appeal to movie lovers with a grownup state of mind — and recognize the inspiring artists who make them.

MacLaine's remarkable career comprises more than 50 feature films highlighted by an Academy Award® win and six nominations, seven Golden Globe® Awards — including the Cecil B. DeMille Award for Lifetime Achievement — and six Emmy® Award nominations. She is also an international bestselling author with 15 titles to her name.

"The award means a lot to me personally because AARP was there when I began," said Shirley MacLaine. "Many thanks to AARP for bestowing this award."

MacLaine will receive Movies for Grownups' highest honor at the awards ceremony, hosted by *AARP The Magazine*, where 2018's best films and filmmakers, including Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director, and more, will also receive honors.

MacLaine joins a prestigious list of previous AARP Movies for Grownups Career Achievement honorees, including Helen Mirren, Morgan Freeman, Michael Douglas, Kevin Costner, Susan Sarandon, Sharon Stone, Robert Redford and Robert De Niro.

"We are delighted to give this award to Shirley MacLaine, a remarkable performer and a true original, who has charmed and entertained us decade after decade," said Myrna Blyth, Senior Vice President and Editorial Director for AARP Media.

The *Movies for Grownups Awards* will be broadcast for the second consecutive year on PBS. Co-produced by the *Great Performances* series, the Awards premiere Friday, February 15 at 9 p.m. on PBS, (check local listings), and will stream the following day on [pbs.org/gperf](https://www.pbs.org/gperf) and PBS apps.

"*Great Performances* has long celebrated the talents of artists from numerous disciplines," said *Great Performances* Executive Producer David Horn. "By showcasing the talents of the accomplished professionals both on screen and behind the scenes in the year's great movies, *Great Performances* and The *Movies for Grownups Awards* can shine a spotlight on important art and artists for public media audiences."

Consumer Cellular is proud to be the presenting sponsor for the Movies for Grownups Awards. Event proceeds benefit AARP Foundation, which works to end senior poverty by building economic opportunity and social connections for vulnerable older adults in Los Angeles and across the country.

About Shirley MacLaine:

She made her professional debut dancing in a Broadway revival of *Oklahoma!* in the 1950s. Alfred Hitchcock's *The Trouble with Harry*, marked her film debut, earning her a Golden Globe Award for "New Star of the Year – Actress" in 1955. MacLaine then starred in *Some Came Running* (1958), which led to her first Academy award nomination and an additional Golden Globe nomination. Her career continued to flourish with Oscar nominations for her work in *The Children's Hour*, *The Apartment* and *Irma La Douce*. In 1975, MacLaine received her fourth Oscar nomination, this time for Best Documentary as a producer and star of *The Other Half of the Sky: A China Memoir*. Two years later, she was nominated for her starring role in *The Turning Point*. In 1983, MacLaine won an Academy Award for her landmark performance in *Terms of Endearment*. She continued to receive recognition for her work and won a Golden Globe Award for her performance in *Madame Sousatzka*.

MacLaine was honored with the Cecil B. DeMille Golden Globe Award for Lifetime Achievement in 1998.

MacLaine's additional credits include notable films such as *Steel Magnolias*, *Postcards from the Edge*, *In Her Shoes*, and *Rumor Has It...* Television credits include the telefilms *These Old Broads*, *Carolina* and *Salem Witch Trials*. She also starred in the CBS miniseries *The Battle of Mary Kay* and in PBS' *Downton Abbey*.

MacLaine also is an author of ten international bestsellers, including *Sage-ing While Age-ing* and the New York Times bestseller, *I'm Over All That: And Other Confessions*. Her most recent book *What If... A Lifetime of Questions, Speculations, Reasonable Guesses, and a Few Things I Know for Sure*, was featured on Oprah's "Super Soul Sunday."

About *Great Performances*:

Great Performances is produced by THIRTEEN PRODUCTIONS LLC for WNET. Throughout its more than 40-year history on public television, ***Great Performances*** has provided viewers across the country with an unparalleled showcase of the best in all genres of the performing arts, serving as America's most prestigious and enduring broadcaster of cultural programming.

About Movies for Grownups:

With weekly news and reviews, nationwide screenings, and an annual awards event, AARP's Movies for Grownups multimedia franchise continues to champion movies for grownups, by grownups. For more information about AARP's Movies for Grownups Awards, go online to www.aarp.org/moviesforgrownups.

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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 helps struggling people 50-plus around the country transform their lives through programs, services and vigorous legal advocacy. The Foundation works to increase economic opportunity and social connections to prevent and reduce senior poverty.

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 AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

About WNET

*WNET is America's flagship PBS station: parent company of New York's **THIRTEEN** and **WLIW21** and operator of **NJTV**, the statewide public media network in New Jersey. Through its new ALL ARTS multi-platform initiative, its broadcast channels, three cable services (**THIRTEEN PBSKids**, **Create and World**) and online streaming sites, WNET brings quality arts, education and public affairs programming to more than five million viewers each week. WNET produces and presents a wide range of acclaimed PBS series, including **Nature**, **Great Performances**, **American Masters**, **PBS NewsHour Weekend**, and the nightly interview program **Amanpour and Company**. In addition, WNET produces numerous documentaries, children's programs, and local news and cultural offerings, as well as multi-platform initiatives addressing poverty and climate. Through **THIRTEEN Passport** and **WLIW Passport**, station members can stream new and archival **THIRTEEN**, **WLIW** and **PBS** programming anytime, anywhere.*

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