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## Great Performances Presents Movies for Grownups Awards with AARP The Magazine Premiering Friday, February 15 on PBS

Hosted by Martin Short and featuring appearances by Shirley MacLaine, Viggo Mortensen, Glenn Close, Spike Lee, Mahershala Ali, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Kathy Bates, Barry Jenkins, Rami Malek, Topher Grace, Edward James Olmos, Marina de Távira, Peter Farrelly, Joe Mazzello, Ben Hardy, Lucy Boynton, Richard E. Grant, Michael Douglas, Catherine O'Hara, Linda Cardellini, Nicole Holofcener, Jeff Whitty, Dolly Wells, Rob Marshall, Blythe Danner, Robert Forster, Morgan Neville, John Rogers, and more

Streams beginning February 16 on [pbs.org/moviesforgrownups](https://pbs.org/moviesforgrownups) and PBS apps



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**LOS ANGELES**—Hosted by Tony Award-winning actor and comedian Martin Short, **Great Performances - Movies for Grownups® Awards with AARP The Magazine** premieres nationwide Friday, February 15 at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings) and will be available to stream beginning February 16 on [pbs.org/moviesforgrownups](https://pbs.org/moviesforgrownups) and PBS apps. This is the second consecutive year the awards will be broadcast on PBS in a co-production with **Great Performances**. 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.

**"Great Performances** has had the privilege of capturing live arts experiences for decades," said **Great Performances** Executive Producer David Horn. "With *Movies for Grownups Awards*, we have the chance to capture artists as they pay tribute to fellow artists and to those who make these noteworthy films possible."

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The star-studded awards ceremony includes a touching tribute to Career Achievement Award honoree Shirley MacLaine. Other highlights of the evening include a special appearance by Michael Douglas, who presents his "Fatal Attraction" co-star Glenn Close with Best Actress honors for her role in "The Wife;" Mahershala Ali, who hands his co-star Viggo Mortensen the Best Actor award for "Green Book;" and Spike Lee receives a standing ovation when awarded Best Director by actor Topher Grace, one of the stars of his film "BlackKkKlansman." The awards were filmed on Monday, February 4 at the Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills.

The broadcast also features the awards for Best Supporting Actress, Best Supporting Actor, Best Screenwriter, Best Ensemble, Best Grownup Love Story, Best Intergenerational Film, Best Foreign Film, Best Documentary and Best Time Capsule.

"AARP is delighted to work with PBS's **Great Performances** on this show that uniquely salutes actors, directors and producers who have such great experience and masterful creativity to make award-winning movies that speak directly to a valuable audience — the 50-plus," said Myrna Blyth, Senior Vice President and Editorial Director for AARP Media.

Major corporate funding for **Movies for Grownups Awards with AARP The Magazine** is provided by Consumer Cellular, with additional funding from RR Donnelley. Major funding for **Great Performances** is provided by The Joseph and Robert Cornell Memorial Foundation, the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Arts Fund, the Irene Diamond Fund, Rosalind P. Walter, the LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust, The Starr Foundation, the

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For **Great Performances**, Mitch Ofgang is producer and Bill O'Donnell is series producer; David Horn is executive producer.

**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.

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](http://www.aarp.org/moviesforgrownups).

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## About WNET

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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](http://www.aarp.org) or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

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