



THESPIANS AND TROPHIES: From left, "Up in the Air," "Precious" and "Inglourious Basterds" led the way Thursday with three noms each.

Rarefied 'Air' at SAG noms

Pic's three stars lauded, but not the cast; 'Precious,' 'Basterds' also big

By Gregg Kilday
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LOS ANGELES — The "Up in the Air" troika of George Clooney, Vera Farmiga and Anna Kendrick all received nominations for the 16th annual SAG Awards, announced Thursday morning.

Paramount's frequent awards flyer shared the spotlight with the Weinstein Co./Universal's

World War II saga "Inglourious Basterds" and Lionsgate's inner-city drama "Precious." All three movies copped a trio of nominations apiece.

But "Air" was left off the list of movies receiving nominations for their ensemble casts, SAG's equivalent of a best picture award. Instead, the SAG nominating committee opted for "Basterds" and "Precious," Sony Pictures Classics' British period drama

"An Education," Summit's Iraq War tale "The Hurt Locker" and the Weinstein Co.'s Roman holiday of a musical "Nine."

SAG also spread the love around on the television side, doling out three noms apiece to NBC's "30 Rock," TNT's "The Closer" and Showtime's "Dexter" and recognizing three freshmen series with best cast noms: ABC's

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Jeff Bridges
Crazy Heart



George Clooney
Up in the Air



Colin Firth
A Single Man



Morgan Freeman
Invictus



Jeremy Renner
The Hurt Locker



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"Modern Family," Fox's "Glee" and CBS' "The Good Wife."

"Hurt Locker's" Jeremy Renner, overlooked for his performance as an Army bomb-defusal expert when the Golden Globe nominations were announced Tuesday, made SAG's list of motion picture lead actor nominees.

Clooney, who won four SAG Awards as part of the "ER" ensemble, scored a nomination for his wandering businessman in "Up in the Air." Also on the list are Jeff Bridges for his struggling country singer in "Crazy Heart," Colin Firth for his grieving gay widower in "A Single Man" and Morgan Freeman — who picked up a SAG Award for Clint Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby" — for his performance as Nelson

Mandela in Eastwood's "Invictus."

Among the leading ladies, Sandra Bullock, Carey Mulligan and Gabourey Sidibe were gifted with their first individual SAG nominations for "The Blind Side," "Education" and "Precious," respectively. Helen Mirren, who took home two SAG Awards for "The Queen" and television's "Elizabeth I" in 2007 was nominated for playing Sofya Tolstoy in "The Last Station," and Meryl Streep, who won last year for "Doubt," earned a return engagement for the confection "Julie & Julia."

As an awards-season consensus is beginning to form, the SAG nominations for male actor in a supporting role mirrored this week's Globe nominations, with

slots going to Matt Damon ("Invictus"), Woody Harrelson ("The Messenger"), Christopher Plummer ("The Last Station"), Stanley Tucci ("The Lovely Bones") and Christoph Waltz ("Basterds").

For supporting female, SAG followed the Globe lead in four instances: Farmiga and Kendrick for "Up in the Air," Penelope Cruz ("Nine") and Mo'Nique ("Precious"). But instead of including Julianne Moore, who earned a Globe nom for "A Single Man," SAG opted for Diane Kruger, who plays a double agent in "Basterds."

SAG also honors stunt ensembles, and for film it nominated "Public Enemies," "Star Trek" and "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen."

Among distributors, Paramount and the Weinstein Co. claimed six nominations each.

In TV drama, SAG cited as best ensemble nominees three that were on last year's list — "The Closer," "Dexter" and AMC's "Mad Men" — along with "Good Wife" and HBO's "True Blood." "Glee" and "Modern Family" made the list of nominated comedy ensembles along with "30 Rock," HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and NBC's "The Office." ("30 Rock" and "Office" were the two repeats from last year.)

A tie resulted in six actresses being nominated for TV drama series. Julianna Margulies made the cut for "Wife" alongside awards-circuit regulars Patricia Arquette (NBC's "Medium"), Glenn Close (TNT's "Damages"), Mariska Hargitay (NBC's "Law & Order: SVU"), Holly Hunter (TNT's "Saving Grace") and Kyra Sedgwick ("The Closer").

The men nominated for TV drama series include first-time nominees Simon Baker (CBS' "The Mentalist") and Bryan Cranston (AMC's "Breaking Bad") as well as Michael C. Hall ("Dexter"), Jon Hamm ("Mad Men") and 2009 winner Hugh Laurie (Fox's "House").

Alec Baldwin, who has taken home a SAG for each of the past three years as best comedy actor for "30 Rock," is nominated again along with Steve Carell ("The Office"), Larry David ("Curb"), Tony Shalhoub (USA Network's "Monk") and Charlie Sheen (CBS' "Two and a Half Men.")

The two noms for "Curb" and the mention for Cranston come

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ASC noms target TV's top shooters

By Gregg Kilday

LOS ANGELES — TNT's "Dark Blue," ABC pair "FlashForward" and "Ugly Betty," CBS' "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and the CW's "Smallville" figured in the American Society of Cinematographers' nominations in two television categories Thursday.

Nominated in the episodic/pilot TV category for the 24th annual ASC Outstanding Achievement Awards are Eagle Egilsson for the "Venice Kings" episode of "Blue"; Jeffrey Jur for "The Gift" from "FlashFor-

ward"; Michael Price for "Betty's" "There's No Place Like Mode"; Christian Sebaldt for the "CSI" episode "Family Affair"; and Glen Winter for the "Savior" episode of "Smallville."

"The rapid evolution of high-definition televisions in homes has made the role cinematographers play in creating content for the episodic television more challenging and more important than ever," ASC awards committee chairman Richard Crudo said.

In the TV movie/miniseries category, the nominees are Alar Kivilo for HBO's "Taking

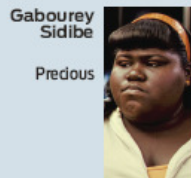
Chance"; Rene Ohashi for CBS' "Jesse Stone: Thin Ice" and Jerzy Zielinski for CBS' "The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler."

Jur, Ohashi and Winter have won previous ASC Awards.

Jur won for the telefilm "Last Call" in 2003 and for the series "Carnivale" in 2004. Ohashi took home the prize in the TV movie category in 2001 for "The Crossing." Winter claimed top honors in the episodic competition for "Smallville" in 2008.

Winners will be named Feb. 27 at the ASC Awards dinner at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Century City.

FILM LEAD ACTRESS DRAMA



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LIST OF NOMINEES

MOTION PICTURE

MALE ACTOR, LEADING ROLE

Jeff Bridges, "Crazy Heart"
George Clooney, "Up in the Air"
Colin Firth, "A Single Man"
Morgan Freeman, "Invictus"
Jeremy Renner, "The Hurt Locker"

FEMALE ACTOR, LEADING ROLE

Sandra Bullock, "The Blind Side"
Helen Mirren, "The Last Station"
Carey Mulligan, "An Education"
Gabourey Sidibe, "Precious"
Meryl Streep, "Julie & Julia"

MALE ACTOR, SUPPORTING ROLE

Matt Damon, "Invictus"
Woody Harrelson, "The Messenger"
Christopher Plummer, "The Last Station"
Stanley Tucci, "The Lovely Bones"
Christoph Waltz, "Inglourious Basterds"

FEMALE ACTOR, SUPPORTING ROLE

Penelope Cruz, "Nine"
Vera Farmiga, "Up in the Air"
Anna Kendrick, "Up in the Air"
Diane Kruger, "Inglourious Basterds"
Monique, "Precious"

CAST, MOTION PICTURE

An Education (Sony Pictures Classics); Dominic Cooper, Alfred Molina, Carey Mulligan, Rosamund Pike, Peter Sarsgaard, Emma Thompson, Olivia Williams
The Hurt Locker (Summit); Christian Carnago, Brian Geoghty, Evangeline Lilly, Anthony Mackie, Jeremy Renner
Inglourious Basterds (The Weinstein Co./Universal); Daniel Brühl, August Diehl, Julie Dreyfus, Michael Fassbender, Sylvester Groth, Jacky Ido, Diane Kruger, Melanie Laurent, Denis Meno-

chet, Mike Myers, Brad Pitt, Eli Roth, Til Schweiger, Rod Taylor, Christoph Waltz, Martin Wuttke
Nine (The Weinstein Co.); Marion Cotillard, Penelope Cruz, Daniel Day-Lewis, Judi Dench, Stacy Ann Ferguson, Kate Hudson, Nicole Kidman, Sophia Loren
Precious (Lionsgate); Mariah Carey, Lemmy Kauritz, Monique, Paula Patton, Sheri Shepherd, Gabourey Sidibe

PRIMETIME TELEVISION

MALE ACTOR, MOVIE OR MINISERIES

Kevin Bacon, "Taking Chance" (HBO)
Cuba Gooding Jr., "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story" (TNT)
Jeremy Irons, "Georgia O'Keeffe" (Lifetime)
Kevin Kline, "Great Performances: Cyrano de Bergerac" (PBS)
Tom Wilkinson, "A Number" (HBO)

FEMALE ACTOR, MOVIE OR MINISERIES

Joan Allen, "Georgia O'Keeffe" (Lifetime)
Drew Barrymore, "Grey Gardens" (HBO)
Ruby Dee, "America" (Lifetime)
Jessica Lange, "Grey Gardens" (HBO)
Sigourney Weaver, "Prayers for Bobby" (Lifetime)

MALE ACTOR, DRAMA SERIES

Simon Baker, "The Mentalist" (CBS)
Bryan Cranston, "Breaking Bad" (AMC)
Michael C. Hall, "Dexter" (Showtime)
Jon Hamm, "Mad Men" (AMC)
Hugh Laurie, "House" (Fox)

FEMALE ACTOR, DRAMA SERIES

Patricia Arquette, "Medium" (NBC/CBS)
Glenn Close, "Damages" (FX)
Mariska Haughey, "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (NBC)
Holly Hunter, "Saving Grace" (TNT)

Julianne Margulies, "The Good Wife" (CBS)
Kyra Sedgwick, "The Closer" (TNT)

MALE ACTOR, COMEDY SERIES

Alec Baldwin, "30 Rock" (NBC)
Steve Carell, "The Office" (NBC)
Larry David, "Curb Your Enthusiasm" (HBO)
Tony Shalhoub, "Mork" (USA Network)
Charlie Sheen, "Two and a Half Men" (CBS)

FEMALE ACTOR, COMEDY SERIES

Christina Applegate, "Samantha Who?" (ABC)
Toni Collette, "United States of Tara" (Showtime)
Eddie Falco, "Nurse Jackie" (Showtime)
Tina Fey, "30 Rock" (NBC)
Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "The New Adventures of Old Christine" (CBS)

ENSEMBLE, DRAMA SERIES

The Closer (TNT); G.W. Bailey, Michael Paul Chan, Raymond Cruz, Tony Denison, Robert Gossett, Phillip P. Keene, Corey Reynolds, Kyra Sedgwick, J.K. Simmons, Jon Terry
Dexter (Showtime); Preston Bailey, Julie Benz, Jennifer Carpenter, Courtney Ford, Michael C. Hall, Desmond Harrington, C.S. Lee, John Lithgow, Rick Peters, James Remar, Christina Robinson, Lauren Velez, David Zayas
The Good Wife (CBS); Christine Baranski, Josh Charles, Matt Czuchy, Julianna Margulies, Archie Panjabi, Graham Phillips, MacKenzie Vega
Mad Men (AMC); Alexa Alemanni, Bryan Batt, Jared S. Gilmore, Michael Gladis, Jon Hamm, Jared Harris, Christina Hendricks, January Jones, Vincent Kartheiser, Robert Morse, Elisabeth Moss, Kieran Shipka, John Statton, Rich Sommer, Christopher Stanley, Aaron Statton
True Blood (HBO); Chris Bauer, Mehead Brooks, Anna Camp, Nelson Ellis, Michelle Forbes, Mariana Klaveno, Ryan Kwanten, Todd Lowe, Michael McMillan, Stephen Moyer, Anna Paquin, Jim Par-

ack, Carrie Preston, William Sanderson, Alexander Skaggs, Sam Trammell, Rutina Wesley, Deborah Ann Woll

ENSEMBLE, COMEDY SERIES

30 Rock (NBC); Scott Adkins, Alec Baldwin, Katrina Bowden, Kevin Brown, Grizz Chapman, Tina Fey, Judah Friedlander, Jane Krakowski, John Lutz, Jack McBrayer, Tracy Morgan, Keith Powell
Curb Your Enthusiasm (HBO); Larry David, Susie Essman, Jeff Gordin, Cheryl Hines
Glee (Fox); Dianna Agron, Chris Colfer, Patrick Gallagher, Jessalyn Gilsig, Jane Lynch, Jayma Mays, Kevin McHale, Lea Michele, Cory Monteith, Heather Morris, Matthew Morrison, Amber Riley, Naya Rivera, Dianna Agron, Harry Shum Jr., Josh Sussman, Dijon Talton, Iqbal Theba, Jenna Ushikowitz
Modern Family (ABC); Julie Bowen, Ty Burrell, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Nolan Gould, Sarah Hyland, Ed O'Neill, Rico Rodriguez, Eric Stonestreet, Sofia Vergara, Ariel Winter

The Office (NBC); Leslie David Baker, Brian Baumgartner, Creed Bratton, Steve Carell, Jenna Fischer, Kate Flannery, Ed Helms, Mindy Kaling, Ellie Kemper, Angela Kinsey, John Krasinski, Paul Lieberstein, B.J. Novak, Oscar Nunez, Craig Robinson, Phyllis Smith, Raimi Wilson

STUNT ENSEMBLE, MOTION PICTURE

Public Enemies
Star Trek
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

STUNT ENSEMBLE, TELEVISION SERIES

24 (Fox)
The Closer (TNT)
Dexter (Showtime)
Heroes (NBC)
The Unit (CBS)

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Betty White

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on the heels of their surprising snub by the Golden Globes this week, which also overlooked veterans Shalhoub and Sheen.

"30 Rock's" Tina Fey, who has picked up the best comedy actress award for the past two years, also will make a return engagement as she contends

against Christina Applegate of ABC's long-gone "Samantha Who?" Toni Collette (Showtime's "United States of Tara"), Edie Falco (Showtime's "Nurse Jackie") and Julia Louis-Dreyfus (CBS' "The New Adventures of Old Christine").

The TV movie/miniseries category sees Jessica Lange and Drew Barrymore nominated for their mother-daughter act as Big and Little Edie Beale in HBO's

"Grey Gardens." They will face off against Joan Allen (Lifetime's "Georgia O'Keeffe"), Ruby Dee (Lifetime's "America") and Sigourney Weaver (Lifetime's "Prayers for Bobby").

"O'Keeffe" also secured a nomination for Allen's co-star, Jeremy Irons. Other contenders on the male side for TV movie/miniseries are Kevin Bacon (HBO's "Taking Chance"), Cuba Gooding Jr. (TNT's "Gifted

Hands: The Ben Carson Story"), Kevin Kline (PBS' "Great Performances: Cyrano de Bergerac") and Tom Wilkinson (HBO's "A Number").

The TV stunt ensembles earning nominations are "The Closer," "Dexter," Fox's "24," NBC's "Heroes" and CBS' "The Unit." The SAG Awards are set for Jan. 23 at the Shrine Exposition Center in Los Angeles and will air live on TNT and TBS. **THR**