



NEWS RELEASE

PLEASE NOTE:

AFI AWARDS 2003 JURY RATIONALES FOR EACH OFFICIAL SELECTION, MOMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE, LIST OF JURORS AND OFFICIAL LOGOS WILL BE POSTED ON <http://www.AFI.com/awards03> at 1:00 a.m. (PST) on MON., DEC. 15, 2003.

**AFI AWARDS 2003
OFFICIAL SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED**

**Fourth Annual AFI Almanac Names
10 Most Outstanding Motion Pictures and TV Programs of the Year**

LOS ANGELES, December 14, 2003—The American Film Institute (AFI) today announced the official selections of **AFI AWARDS 2003**, AFI's almanac which records the year's most outstanding achievements in film and television as well as significant moments in the world of the moving image.

AFI AWARDS 2003 is the only form of national recognition that honors the film and television creative ensemble as a whole—those people in front of and behind the camera—acknowledging the collaborative nature of film and television.

The selections were made through AFI's unique 13-person jury process in which scholars, artists, critics and AFI trustees discuss, debate and determine the most outstanding achievements of the year and provide a rationale for each selection.

The jury rationales for each selection, the AFI Moments of Significance and the list of jurors will be announced tomorrow, Monday, December 15, 2003. AFI will honor the creative ensembles for each of the honorees at a luncheon sponsored by **Ellen Tracy**, on January 22, 2004, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

“We are proud to honor the collaborative teams that created these outstanding achievements in film and television which serve as contributions to our country's rich, artistic and cultural legacy,” commented Jean Picker Firstenberg, AFI Director and CEO.

The honorees are listed below in alphabetical order:

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AFI MOVIES OF THE YEAR—OFFICIAL SELECTIONS

**AMERICAN SPLENDOR
FINDING NEMO
THE HUMAN STAIN
IN AMERICA
THE LAST SAMURAI
THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING
LOST IN TRANSLATION
MASTER AND COMMANDER: THE FAR SIDE OF THE
WORLD
MONSTER
MYSTIC RIVER**

AFI TV PROGRAMS OF THE YEAR—OFFICIAL SELECTIONS

**ALIAS
ANGELS IN AMERICA
ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT
EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND
JOAN OF ARCADIA
NIP/TUCK
PLAYMAKERS
SOLDIER'S GIRL
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THE WIRE**

ABOUT AFI

AFI is the preeminent organization dedicated to advancing and preserving the art of film, television and other forms of the moving image. AFI trains the next generation of filmmakers at its world-renowned Conservatory, provides film preservation leadership and explores new digital technologies in moviemaking. AFI's New Media Ventures programs bring together the creative and digital communities, as the department seeks to develop a literacy program for the 21st century, helping young people learn to read and write screens of all sizes—cinema, television, computer and the Internet. With AFI ON SCREEN, the institute is the largest nonprofit exhibitor in the US, with programs at the AFI Los Angeles International Film Festival (AFI FEST); the AFI National Film Theater at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC; and the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring, Maryland. A 49,000 square foot complex with three theatres—one historic, two new state-of-the-art stadium-style theatres—the AFI Silver exhibits film and video generally unavailable elsewhere in the region. AFI's annual almanac for the 21st century, **AFI AWARDS**, honors the most outstanding motion pictures and television programs of the year. **AFI's 100 Years . . . 100 Movies, 100 Stars, 100 Laughs, 100 Thrills, 100 Passions and 100 Heroes & Villains** have ignited extraordinary public interest in classic American movies. During the past 31 years, AFI's Life Achievement Award has become the highest honor for a career in film. More information about AFI can be found by visiting its Web site, located at www.AFI.com.

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