

And the Award Goes To...

Walt Disney Holds Record for Most Academy Awards® and Nominations

February 18th program screens rarely seen Walt Disney Academy Award Winners



The Presidio, San Francisco, CA, (January 11, 2012) – The Walt Disney Family Museum salutes the winner of the most Academy Awards with ‘And the Award goes to...Walt Disney’— an hour-long showcase of some of Walt Disney’s Oscar® winning films, presented in the Museum’s digital, state-of-the-art *Fantasia*-inspired theatre, on Saturday, February 18th at 3 p.m.. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$9 for children.

Hosted by Disney Historian Jeff Kurti, the presentation includes the screening of such rarities as *Ferdinand the Bull*, *Grand Canyon* and *Parade of the Award Nominees*. The latter, created for the 1932 Awards banquet and never intended for the public, features Mickey Mouse leading a parade of caricatured nominees for Best Actor and Best Actress. He is assisted by Minnie Mouse, Clarabelle Cow, and various animated animals and insects as musicians and pages.

Walt still holds the record for the most Academy Awards and Nominations. Twenty-six of Walt’s Academy Awards are displayed in a floor-to-ceiling glass case in the Museum’s lobby including a custom-made Oscar statuette for *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. The Honorary Award consisted of one standard Oscar statuette, standing above seven other miniature ones – representing each of the Dwarfs – placed on a stepped, 20-inch long base.

With every award won, Walt purchased a small charm Oscar statuette replica, each engraved with what he had won it for. He created a beautiful charm necklace and gifted it to his wife Lillian, who then converted it into a [charm bracelet](#). This item is on display at the Museum in Gallery 7.

Fun facts:

- [Walt Disney won 32 Awards, from 1931 to 1968](#), and still holds the record for most individual Academy Awards won. This number includes special and technical awards.
- Walt also holds the record for the most Academy Award nominations, with 59 nods.
- Walt’s first Oscar was an Honorary Award, which was presented to him at the 5th Academy Award Ceremony in 1932, for the creation of Mickey Mouse.
- Walt received a custom-made Oscar statuette for *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. The Honorary Award consisted of one standard Oscar statuette, standing above seven other miniature ones – representing each of the Dwarfs – placed on a stepped, 20-inch long base. [Shirley Temple presented this second Honorary Award](#) (he won a total of four Honorary Awards in his lifetime). This is the only unique Oscar in the Academy’s history.
- 26 of Walt’s Academy Awards—including the Honorary Award for *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*—are on display in the lobby at The Walt Disney Family Museum.

- The first nature documentary Oscar ever was awarded to Walt in 1948 for “Seal Island.”
- Academy Award host Bob Hope is rumored to have said (in tribute to Walt’s many wins), ‘if we have any of these statues left over, we’ll just send them to Walt Disney.’

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Walt Disney Family Museum presents the fascinating story and achievements of Walt Disney, the man who raised animation to an art, transformed the film industry, tirelessly pursued innovation, and created a global and distinctively American legacy. Opened in October 2009, the 40,000 square foot facility features the newest technology and historic materials and artifacts to bring Disney’s achievements to life, with interactive galleries that include early drawings and animation, movies, music, listening stations, a spectacular model of Disneyland and much more.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays through Monday; closed on Tuesdays, January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.

Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$12 for children ages 6 to 17; Admission is free for [members](#).

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