



Walt Disney Still Record-Holder for Most Academy Awards® and Nominations

Academy Awards collection on display at The Walt Disney Family Museum

San Francisco – in the Presidio – CA, (February 2, 2011) – The Walt Disney Family Museum celebrates the Academy Awards this month with recently compiled fun facts about Walt Disney and the Oscars®:

- [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."
- 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, now on exhibit at the Walt Disney Family Museum](#).
- 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.'

On February 20, The Walt Disney Family Museum is rolling out the red carpet with KCBS AM/FM and KRON TV's Jan Wahl to celebrate Disney Academy Award-winning and nominated films. During REEL GLAMOROUS, learn more about the history of the Academy Awards, while chatting with Wahl over 2011's Academy Award contenders and pairing the film clips with wine from Silverado Vineyards and small plates from Wolfgang Puck Catering.

What: REEL GLAMOROUS with KCBS AM/FM and KRON TV's Jan Wahl

When: February 20, starting at 3PM

Where: Special Exhibition Hall at The Walt Disney Family Museum
104 Montgomery Street, Main Parade Grounds, The Presidio of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA 94129

REEL GLAMOROUS Admissions:

Adult Member \$55 Adult Non Member \$60

Child Member \$35 Child Non Member \$40

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