

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**DEBBIE ALLEN, KEN BURNS, BOB DALY, ROBERT L. JOHNSON, RITA MORENO AND DONALD A. MORGAN TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE TELEVISION ACADEMY HALL OF FAME****Sean Penn to be Honored With Bob Hope Humanitarian Award; Academy to Unveil Busts of Previous Hall of Fame Inductees**

(LOS ANGELES — Oct. 25, 2022) — The Television Academy today announced the induction of six television legends into the 26th Hall of Fame as well as honoring acclaimed actor/director/activist Sean Penn with the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

The Hall of Fame event will take place **Wednesday, Nov. 16**, at the Television Academy's Saban Media Center and includes the unveiling of new busts of previous inductees, the induction of the 2022 Hall of Fame recipients, and the presentation of the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

The Hall of Fame honors persons who have made outstanding contributions in the arts, sciences or management of television over a lifetime career or via singular achievements.

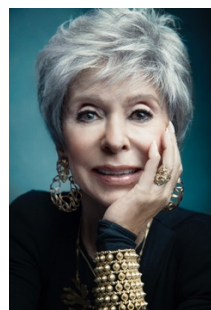
The complete list of the new honorees includes:

**Debbie Allen**

(Credit: Marvin Joseph,
Washington Post)

**Ken Burns****Bob Daly****Robert L. Johnson**

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**Rita Moreno****Donald A. Morgan**

Debbie Allen – The six-time Emmy[®]-winning director/choreographer has had a celebrated career spanning three decades, starring in hit series including *Fame* and in the Broadway revival of *West Side Story*. She has also worked extensively behind the scenes with legendary artists and on popular television series, including *Scandal* and *How to Get Away With Murder*.

Ken Burns – The 16-time Emmy® winner has been making exceptional documentary films for over 40 years, earning acclaim for his work that includes: *The Civil War*, *Baseball*, *The Vietnam War*, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, *The Central Park Five* and most recently *The U.S. and the Holocaust*.

Bob Daly – The television executive and entertainment industry visionary began his career at age 18 at CBS, becoming their first president of entertainment and continuing his association with the network over the span of 25 years. He then led Warner Bros. to record successes in the 1980s-1990s, leading the teams behind record-breaking television series including *Friends* and *ER*, pioneering the creation and use of DVDs, and creating The WB Network.

Robert L. Johnson – As the founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET), Johnson changed the face of television with the creation of the nation's first Black-owned cable television network. In 1991, BET became the first black-owned company traded on the New York Stock Exchange. In 2007, *USA Today* named Johnson one of the "25 Most Influential Business Leaders of the Past 25 Years." In 2014, Johnson entered the streaming programming business with the launch of ACORN TV, British mysteries and drama, and ALLBLK, Black-oriented series and movies.

Rita Moreno – The acclaimed actress and EGOT winner has countless credits from more than seven decades in the entertainment industry, starring in critically acclaimed series including: *The Electric Company*, *Sesame Street*, *Nine to Five*, *Oz*, *Cane*, *Happily Divorced*, *Jane the Virgin*, and the Latinx reimagining of Norman Lear's beloved classic, *One Day At A Time*. Moreno's career accolades also include the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President George W. Bush, the National Medal of Arts from President Barack Obama, the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award, the Life Achievement Award from the Kennedy Center Honors and the Peabody Award.

Donald A. Morgan, A.S.C. – The 11-time Emmy® winner built a long-lasting career as director of photography and lighting design on both classic and current series including *Good Times*, *The Jeffersons*, *Three's Company*, *Mr. Belvedere*, *The Golden Girls*, *Home Improvement*, *The Ranch* and *The Connors*.

"These legendary performers, creators, craftspeople and television executives are luminaries in our industry. Their work has influenced and immeasurably elevated the current television landscape and culture," said Frank Scherma, chairman and CEO of the Television Academy. "We are proud to induct these trailblazers into the Hall of Fame and honored to celebrate their extraordinary contributions to our industry."

"This year's honorees have told the American story through television in ways that will forever shape our history and culture," said Rick Rosen, Hall of Fame Selection Committee chair. "Whether they reshaped the industry itself through visionary leadership or created pieces of work that have had a lasting legacy, these individuals will forever be remembered for the impact they've had on the medium; and the Television Academy is proud to enshrine that."



Additionally, the Academy will honor award-winning actor, director and humanitarian Sean Penn with the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award for his decades of activism. The award was established in 2002 to honor an individual whose philanthropic efforts exemplify Bob Hope's own decades-long altruism and positive impact on society. This year's selection committee was chaired by Television Academy Governors Kim Coleman and Michael Spiller. It is one of the highest honors presented by the Television Academy's Board of Governors, in conjunction with the Bob & Dolores Hope Foundation.

After the devastating 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sean Penn founded the Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) and has since expanded its mission to bring community-focused aid and recovery to underserved populations across the globe, while maintaining operations in Haiti. Penn worked with the Los Angeles Fire Department at the onset of COVID-19 and staffed up to operate mass testing and vaccination sites at Dodger Stadium and other sites around the country as well as to activate a nimble, mobile response to reach the most underserved groups. More recently, CORE has deployed a long-term humanitarian response in Ukraine and the surrounding region and has programs in coordination with local partners to support the urgent needs of communities suffering from natural disasters in Puerto Rico, Florida and Pakistan.

"Sean's activism and immense humanitarian efforts have had a profound impact on the global community, and he has effectively used his platform to motivate change," said Kim Coleman, co-chair of the Humanitarian Award Selection Committee. "Sean is responsible for getting help to people who need it the most. From Haiti to Ukraine to Los Angeles, he is an inspiration to us all," said co-chair Michael Spiller.

The 2022 Hall of Fame honorees join more than 150 individuals previously inducted into the Hall of Fame since its inception in 1984. The coveted honor has been bestowed upon actors, comedians, directors, producers, costume designers, writers, animators, executives, reporters and various other individuals whose work in television has no equal.

This year's Hall of Fame selection committee included chair Rick Rosen, WME co-founder and head of television; Marcy Carsey, Emmy Award-winning producer; Pearlana Igbokwe, chairman of Universal Studio Group; Peter Roth, former chairman of Warner Bros. Television Group; Nina Tassler, co-chief executive officer of PatMa Productions; and Dana Walden, chairman of Disney General Entertainment Content.

Prior to the induction ceremony, the Academy will unveil four new busts of previous inductees in the treasured Hall of Fame sculpture garden. They are screenwriter/producer/author Shonda Rhimes, actress/comedian/producer Julia Louis-

Dreyfus, comedian/actress/television host Joan Rivers and journalist/producer/author Katie Couric.

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About the Television Academy Hall of Fame

Founded by former Television Academy president John H. Mitchell, the Television Academy's Hall of Fame has honored on-camera legends and industry innovators. Past honorees include Lucille Ball, Johnny Carson, Walter Cronkite, Walt Disney, Bob Hope, Mary Tyler Moore, Cicely Tyson, Barbara Walters, Dan Rather, Oprah Winfrey, Bob Iger, Jacques-Yves Cousteau, Lorne Michaels, Ron Howard, Carl Reiner, Katie Couric, Shonda Rhimes, Bob Mackie, Mario Kreutzberger, Bob Barker, Bea Arthur, Regis Philbin, William Shatner, Bob Stewart, Candice Bergen and the original cast of *Saturday Night Live*.

About the Television Academy

The Television Academy strives to shape and advance the dynamic television landscape and advocate for the global television industry capturing the zeitgeist of a new generation of entertainment. Through its innovative programs, publications and events, the Academy and its Foundation endeavors to foster and empower the diverse community of storytellers fueling the medium while celebrating those who have excelled in the industry, recognizing their achievements through awards and accolades, including the coveted Primetime Emmy® Award. For more information, please visit TelevisionAcademy.com.

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