IMDb and WIF Present Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor with an IMDb STARmeter Award at the IMDb, WIF, and *Entertainment Weekly* Dinner in Park City, Utah

Event brings together entertainment industry professionals, thought-leaders, and champions of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility to celebrate the 50th anniversary of WIF and the launch of their

Action50 campaign

IMDb STARmeter Awards are determined by IMDbPro data on the page views of more than 200 million monthly visitors to IMDb



WHAT: IMDb (www.imdb.com), the world's most popular and authoritative source for information on movies, TV shows, and celebrities, and WIF presented actress Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor (*Exhibiting Forgiveness*, *Origin*, *King Richard*) with an IMDb "Fan Favorite" STARmeter Award. IMDb STARmeter Awards recognize the stars who are fan favorites on the IMDbPro STARmeter chart, which is determined by the page views of the more than 200 million unique monthly visitors to IMDb worldwide. Learn more about IMDb STARmeter Awards at imdb.com/starmeterawards.

WHO: IMDb and WIF presented a "Fan Favorite" STARmeter Award to actress Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor along with guests including Andria Wilson Mirza, Anne Rosellini, Bob & Jeanne Berney, Debra Granik, Duncan Crabtree-Ireland, Fawzia Mirza, Joana Vicente, Jason Kliot, Keith Simanton, Kim Yutani, Liz Sargent, Lucy Walker, Lyandre Pierre, Nic Novicki, Rafael L. Silva, Rob Morrow, Spencer Garrett and Tim Daly.

WHY: Ellis-Taylor stars in *Exhibiting Forgiveness*, which premiered at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival, and *Origin* and *The Color Purple*, both currently in theatres. IMDb STARmeter Awards recognize the most popular stars on the IMDbPro STARmeter chart, which is determined by the actual page views of the more than 200 million fans and professionals who visit IMDb each month. IMDb also presented a

STARmeter Award to Riley Keough at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival. In prior years, IMDb has presented STARmeter awards to Jennifer Connelly, Rachel Brosnahan, Nicholas Braun, Mindy Kaling, Bill Skarsgård, Peter Dinklage, Amy Ryan, and more at the Sundance Film Festival.

WHEN: IMDb and WIF presented Ellis-Taylor with an IMDb "Fan Favorite" STARmeter Award at a private, invitation-only dinner hosted by IMDb, WIF, and Entertainment Weekly for entertainment industry professionals, thought-leaders, and champions of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility on Monday, January 22 at the St. Regis Deer Valley. The event celebrated the 50th anniversary of WIF and their ongoing, years-long collaboration with IMDb to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility progress in the entertainment industry. WIF recently consulted on options for IMDbPro members to self-identify authentic lived experience on their IMDb and IMDbPro name pages. The evening featured remarks by IMDb Founder and CEO Col Needham, WIF CEO Kirsten Schaffer, and IMDb Chief Operating Officer Nikki Santoro. Guests enjoyed cocktails, dinner, and interactive conversation focused on films discovered at the Sundance Film Festival over the past 40 years. Entertainment Weekly contributed with their pop culture-obsessed outlook on the films and stars featured at the festival and WIF launched their Action50 campaign, a list of 50 specific, actionable steps that Hollywood can take to further advance gender equity in the screen industries.

PHOTOS: For award presentation images, please go to: https://dam.gettyimages.com/assignments/the-imdb-wif-and-entertainment-weekly-dinner-party.

About IMDb

IMDb is the world's most popular and authoritative source for information on movies, TV shows, and celebrities. Products and services to help fans discover and decide what to watch and where to watch it include: the IMDb website for <u>desktop</u> and <u>mobile devices</u>; <u>apps</u> for iOS and Android; and, X-Ray on Prime Video. For entertainment industry professionals, IMDb provides <u>IMDbPro</u> and <u>Box Office Mojo</u>. IMDb licenses information from its vast and authoritative database to third-party businesses worldwide; learn more at <u>developer.imdb.com</u>. IMDb is an Amazon company. For more information, visit <u>www.imdb.com/press</u> and follow @IMDb.

About IMDbPro

IMDbPro is the essential resource for entertainment industry professionals. This membership service empowers professionals with information and features designed to help them achieve success throughout all stages of their career. An IMDbPro standard membership includes the following: detailed contact and representation information; tools for members to manage and showcase their IMDb profile, including selecting their primary images and the credits they are best "known for"; exclusive STARmeter rankings determined by page views on IMDb; the IMDbPro app for <u>iPhone</u>, <u>iPad</u>, and <u>Android</u>; IMDbPro Track, which empowers members to receive personalized entertainment industry news and notifications on the people and film and TV projects they want to follow; and a convenient feature that generates custom digital assets to promote their work on social media and other platforms. The IMDbPro free membership includes features for professionals to self-identify and manage the display of certain information about themselves and their careers on IMDb and IMDbPro and limited access to industry news, research, and cast and crew notices. IMDbPro is a division of <u>IMDb</u>, the world's most popular and authoritative source for information on movies, TV shows, and celebrities. Industry professionals can join IMDbPro today at <u>www.imdbpro.com</u>. Follow IMDbPro on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>X</u>.

About WIF

Founded in 1973 as Women In Film, Los Angeles, WIF is celebrating 50 years of working for gender equity. WIF's advocacy, career programs, and research efforts are a driving force for increasing gender representation in Hollywood. WIF works to dismantle gender bias in the screen industries by building the pipeline, sustaining careers, and advocating for change. Membership is open to all screen industry professionals, and more information can be found on our website: wif.org. Follow WIF on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and YouTube.

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