



2019 WOMEN IN FILM ANNUAL GALA

**VIOLA DAVIS, NATASHA LYONNE, MARIA GIULIA MARAMOTTI,
LAKE BELL AND KYRA SEDGWICK ADDED AS PRESENTERS**

Xosha Roquemore to Host WIF Annual Gala presented by Max Mara on June 12 at The Beverly Hilton Hotel

WHO:

The 2019 Women In Film Annual Gala Honorees are:

- **The Women In Film Entrepreneur in Entertainment Award – AMY POEHLER**
 - Presented by **NATASHA LYONNE**
- **The Women In Film Emerging Entrepreneur Award – ISSA RAE**
- **The Women In Film Max Mara Face of the Future Award® – ELIZABETH DEBICKI**
 - Presented by **MARIA GIULIA MARAMOTTI**, Vice President US Retail and Global Brand Ambassador, Max Mara
- **The Crystal Award for Advocacy in Entertainment – CATHY SCHULMAN**
 - Presented by **VIOLA DAVIS**
- **Women In Film Members' Choice Award – Announced at the event**
 - Presented by **LAKE BELL**
- **Inaugural Class of ReFrame Rise Directors – Announced at the event**
 - Presented by **KYRA SEDGWICK**

Host **Xosha Roquemore** and additional expected attendees including **Annie Starke** (*Ratched, The Wife*), **Charlie Barnett** (*Russian Doll, You*), **Christina Ochoa** (*A Million Little Things, Animal Kingdom*), **Cindy Chupack** (Director/Writer, *Otherhood*), **Harley Quinn Smith** (*Jay and Silent Bob Reboot*), **Jaime King** (*Black Summer*), **Jennifer Kaytin Robinson** (Director/Producer, *Someone Great*), **LaKeith Stanfield** (*Someone Great, Atlanta*), **Melanie Liburd** (*This Is Us, Brian Banks*), **Mishel Prada** (*Vida*), **Rosanna Arquette** (*Ratched*), **Ryan Michelle Bathe** (*The First Wives Club, This Is Us*), **Tiffany Dupont** (*Brian Banks*), and more to be announced.

WHAT:

Since 1977, Women In Film, Los Angeles has annually honored outstanding women in the entertainment industry who have broken ground and excelled in their chosen fields. Formerly named the Crystal + Lucy Awards®, the annual benefit on Wednesday, June 12 supports WIF LA's educational and philanthropic programs and its advocacy for gender parity for women throughout the industry.

This year's Women In Film Annual Gala will debut new awards honoring women whose entrepreneurial strides are creating opportunities for more women to succeed in careers in the screen industries. The Gala's new top honors include the **WIF Entrepreneur in Entertainment Award**, the **WIF Emerging Entrepreneur Award**, and the **WIF Members' Choice Award**. Additionally, ReFrame, a collaborative initiative of WIF LA and Sundance Institute, will introduce the **ReFrame Rise Directors Program** at the event.

The Women In Film Annual Gala is presented by sponsor **Max Mara** for the 17th year with additional support from partners **Delta Air Lines** and **Lexus**. The event is designed and produced by Carleen Cappelletti of Anchor Street Collective.

For more information, visit www.wif.org, follow @WomenInFilm on Twitter, @WomenInFilmLA on Instagram, or use the hashtag #WIFGala.

WHERE:

The Beverly Hilton, 9876 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA

WHEN:

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

5:00 PM - Press Check-In

5:30 PM - Red Arrivals Begin / Cocktails

6:45 PM - Red Carpet Arrivals End

7:00 PM - Dinner

7:45 PM - Awards Program

MORE:

About Women In Film, ReFrame, and the Awards

Women In Film advocates for and advances the careers of women working in the screen industries—to achieve parity and transform culture. Founded in 1973, Women In Film supports all women working in film, TV, and digital media from emerging to advanced career. Our distinguished programs include: mentoring, speaker & screening series, production training program, writing labs, film finishing funds, legal aid and an annual financing intensive. Women In Film advocates for gender parity through research, education and media campaigns. Women In Film honors the achievements of women in Hollywood through the legacy series, annual Emmy and Oscar parties and our signature event, the Women In Film Annual Gala. Membership is open to all media professionals and more information can be found on our website: wif.org. Follow Women In Film on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

Founded and led by Women In Film and Sundance Institute, **ReFrame** employs a unique strategy, a peer-to-peer approach, in which ReFrame Ambassadors engage with senior, industry decision-makers at over 50 Partner Companies to implement ReFrame programs. The initiative's goals are to provide research, support, and a practical framework that can be used by Partner Companies to mitigate bias during the creative decision-making and hiring process, celebrate successes, and measure progress toward a more gender-representative industry on all levels. For more information download the ReFrame Culture Change Handbook or visit ReFrameProject.org. ReFrame is made possible by support from The Harnisch Foundation; IMDbPro; Melanie Backer—Backer Charitable Trust; Hulu; Mercer; the Women at Sundance Leadership Council: Ruth Ann Harnisch, Katy Drake Bettner, Barbara Bridges, Abigail Disney, Cristina Ljungberg, Ann Lovell, Susan Bay Nimoy, Patty Quillin, Brenda Robinson, Kimberly Steward, Lynda Weinman, and Jenifer Westphal; Delta Air Lines; Zola Mashariki; and an anonymous donor. Special support provided by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The **Women In Film Entrepreneur in Entertainment Award** celebrates the ongoing achievements of an individual whose work nurtures the advancement of their female collaborators. Integral to the conscientiousness of the recipient's professional endeavors are principles accordant with the mission of Women In Film. Just as their creative output is shaping the landscape of high-quality stories and entertainment, their influence is benefiting the conversation about gender parity in our industry.

The **Women In Film Emerging Entrepreneur Award** honors a promising talent in the fields of film, television, and/or digital media, whose professional pursuits are resulting in progress for the next generation of talented women. Its recipient has demonstrated a foundation for her career comprising of accomplishments marrying creative achievements and business acumen.

The **Women In Film Max Mara Face of the Future Award**[®], inaugurated at Women In Film's 2006 Crystal + Lucy Awards[®], is given to an actress who is experiencing a turning point in her career through her work in the film and television industries, through her contributions to the community at large, in recognition of her outstanding achievements, and her embodiment of style and grace. Past recipients include Alexandra Shipp, Zoey Deutch, Natalie Dormer, Kate Mara, Rose Byrne, Hailee Steinfeld, Chloë Grace Moretz, Katie Holmes, Zoë Saldana, Elizabeth Banks, Ginnifer Goodwin, Emily Blunt, and Maria Bello.

The **Crystal Award for Advocacy in Entertainment** is a reenvisioning of the iconic Crystal Award, which was established in 1977 to honor outstanding women who, through their endurance and the excellence of their work, have helped to expand the role of women within the entertainment industry. With this new clarification of the award's identity, Women In Film is continuing the tradition of celebrating those who, through their success, are creating increased opportunities for the advancement of women working throughout the screen industries: in front of *and* behind the camera.

The **Women In Film Members' Choice Award** is a new opportunity for WIF LA members at all levels to participate in the recognition of a singular talented woman making her mark on the entertainment landscape. As a response to the oversight of female directors in almost every major awards show earlier in the season, this award's inaugural focus is women directors whose narrative features had a U.S. theatrical release in 2018.

About the Sponsors

Max Mara, founded in 1951 by the late visionary Achille Maramotti, epitomizes Italian luxury and style. A contemporary collection of ready-to-wear and accessories for the confident woman, Max Mara is the premier offering within the Max Mara Fashion Group consisting of sophisticated silhouettes and couture details achieved through masterful design. Recognized for its timeless sensibility and constructed from the most luxurious fabrics, Max Mara is revered for the classification of the coat, sharp suiting and elegant accessories. Max Mara is available in 2,600 locations in more than 100 countries worldwide. The Max Mara Fashion Group counts nine different brands under its ownership. The company remains privately held and managed by the Maramotti family.

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