



WIF CELEBRATED THE 2022 WIF HONORS
RECOGNIZING WOMEN “FORGING FORWARD” IN ENTERTAINMENT

QUINTA BRUNSON, DEDE GARDNER, JODI KANTOR, CAREY MULLIGAN, GINA PRINCE-BYTHEWOOD, KATIE SILBERMAN, MEGAN TWOHEY, AND OLIVIA WILDE RECEIVED CRYSTAL AWARDS FOR ADVOCACY

LILI REINHART ACCEPTED WIF MAX MARA FACE OF THE FUTURE AWARD®

JANE FONDA PRESENTED JANE FONDA HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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Los Angeles, CA (October 28, 2022) – Last night, **WIF** (Women In Film, Los Angeles) celebrated outstanding women who are laying the foundation to transform Hollywood for the better, with the **2022 WIF Honors Celebrating Women “Forging Forward” in Entertainment** supported by sponsor **Max Mara** for the 19th year, alongside Visionary Partners **ShivHans Pictures** and **Lexus** and Major Partner **STARZ**. The annual benefit supports WIF’s educational and philanthropic programs and its advocacy for gender parity throughout the industry. Over \$75,000 was donated at the event, including a \$25,000 donation from NBCUniversal, for the WIF Help Line, which was established in 2017 to offer resources and support, to anyone who has experienced harassment, abuse, or discrimination while working in the entertainment industry. The evening, hosted by actor **Da’Vine Joy Randolph**, was held at The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills.

This year’s WIF Honors acknowledged the women who are forging forward: laying the foundation to transform Hollywood for the better, with their ingenuity, vision, and persistence. The 2022 WIF Honors honored **Michaela Coel** with the **Jane Fonda Humanitarian Award** presented by **Jane Fonda** and accepted by **Lake Bell** on Coel’s behalf; **Quinta Brunson**, with the **Crystal Award** presented to her by **Sheryl Lee Ralph**, in conversation with and moderated by Warner Bros. Television Chair **Channing Dungey**; **Gina Prince-Bythewood** with the **Crystal Award** presented to her by **Viola Davis**, in conversation with **Lashana Lynch** and **Thuso Mbedu**, moderated by *Variety* Senior Entertainment Writer **Angelique Jackson**; **Katie Silberman** and **Olivia Wilde** with the **Crystal Award** presented to them by filmmaker **Reed Morano**; and the creative team for the film “She Said”—producer **Dede Gardner**, actor **Carey Mulligan**, and journalists **Jodi Kantor** and **Megan Twohey**—with the **Crystal Award** presented to them by

filmmaker **Miranda July**. **Lili Reinhart** was honored with the **WIF Max Mara Face of the Future Award®** presented to her by **Maria Giulia Prezioso Maramotti**.

Gala attendees included **Amy Baer** (WIF Board President), **Maria Bakalova** (Actor, “Bodies Bodies Bodies”), **Reign Edwards** (Actor, “The Wilds”), **Kathryn Newton** (Actor, “Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania”), **Addison Rae** (Actor, “He’s All That”), **Shivani Rawat** (WIF Board Member, Founder and CEO, ShivHans Pictures), **Kirsten Schaffer** (WIF CEO), **Jackie Tohn** (Actor, “GLOW”), **Lisa Ann Walter** (Actor, “Abbott Elementary”), and more.

Event Highlights:

- **Lili Reinhart** when accepting the *WIF Max Mara Face of the Future Award®* said, “I like to believe the world is evolving for the better. I’m optimistic for my future daughters that their world will be a kinder, gentler place. There’s work to be done and we have the good fortune of being in a position to enact change.”
- On stage in conversation with Quinta Brunson and Channing Dungey, **Sheryl Lee Ralph** said, “They may ignore you, but if you know you’re not invisible and you keep doing the good work the way you know you should be doing the good work, trust me—you will be seen. Now you might not be seen at 20, you might not be seen at 30, you might not be seen at 40, you might not be seen at 50, but you could be 60!”
- **Viola Davis** while presenting the *Crystal Award* to Gina Prince-Bythewood said, “Of my 33-year career, Gina, [“The Woman King”] is the work that I’m most proud of, because it’s ours. And you had the scope, the vision, the talent, the bravery to bring it to fruition.”
- **Olivia Wilde** while accepting the *Crystal Award* said, “I think the reason that Women In Film and organizations like this exist is to be able to give us community. And I think we need that community because sometimes it’s really difficult—so difficult—to be heard, it’s really difficult to keep going.”
- On stage **Kirsten Schaffer**, WIF CEO said, “We need a community. We don’t have to always agree, we don’t always have to have the same vision, but we have to be dedicated to working across generations and dedicated to collective action. And really getting in there and changing the practices in our own industry. The inspiration is right in front of us, in the women we are honoring tonight, who work together to tell moving, entertaining, excellent stories—that also transform culture.”
- **Lili Reinhart (in Max Mara)**, **Sheryl Lee Ralph (in Sportmax)**, **Thuso Mbedu (in Sportmax)**, **Gina Prince-Bythewood (in Max Mara)**, **Kathryn Newton (in Max Mara)**, **Maria Bakalova (in Sportmax)**, **Da’Vine Joy Randolph (in Marina Rinaldi)**, **Channing Dungey (in Max Mara)**, **Maria Giulia Prezioso Maramotti (in Max Mara)**, **Angelique Jackson (in Max Mara)**, and **Kirsten Schaffer (in Max Mara)** arrived dressed by the brand.
- **Lexus** showcased the 2023 Lexus LX F-Sport and an interactive photo booth for guests to enjoy.

The WIF Honors Committee, co-chaired by Monica Levinson and Talitha Watkins, is comprised of Esther Chang, Michelle Lee, and Ida Ziniti. The WIF Honors were supported by year-round

Presenting Sponsor **Max Mara** for the 19th year, alongside Visionary Partners **ShivHans Pictures** and **Lexus** and Major Partner **STARZ**. The event was designed and produced by Carleen Cappelletti of Anchor Street Collective.

About WIF and the Awards

Founded in 1973 as Women In Film, Los Angeles, WIF advocates for and advances the careers of women working in the screen industries, to achieve parity and transform culture. We support women and people of marginalized genders in front of and behind the camera and across all levels of experience. We work to change culture through our distinguished pipeline programs; we advocate for gender parity through research, education, and media campaigns; and we build a community centered around these goals. 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](#), and [YouTube](#).

Since 1977, WIF has annually honored outstanding women in the entertainment industry who have broken ground and excelled in their chosen fields. Outstanding individuals who have been honored in past WIF awards programs include Lucille Ball, Glenn Close, Viola Davis, Ava DuVernay, Nora Ephron, Jane Fonda, Audrey Hepburn, Nicole Kidman, Jennifer Lopez, Marlee Matlin, Mira Nair, Shonda Rhimes, Meryl Streep, Zendaya, and many more iconic women.

The **Crystal Award** has, since 1977, honored outstanding individuals and groups of women who, through their endurance and the excellence of their work, have helped to expand the role of women within the entertainment industry. In 2019, the iconic award was reenvisioned to celebrate the advocacy of 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 **Jane Fonda Humanitarian Award** honors women who have used their prominent entertainment industry profiles to effect radical change and shed light on issues using their powerful voices. WIF has given a humanitarian award named for lawyer and civil rights advocate Norma Zarky since 1979.

About Max Mara

MAX MARA founded in 1951 by the late visionary Achille Maramotti, is one of the highest expressions of Italian luxury and style. A contemporary collection of ready-to-wear and accessories for today's powerful women. Recognized for its timeless designs and its luxurious fabrics, Max Mara is revered for the classification of the absolute coat, sharp suiting, and modern accessories. Max Mara is distributed in 2,500 locations in more than 100 countries worldwide. The Max Mara Fashion Group counts nine different brands. The company remains privately held and managed by the Maramotti family.

About ShivHans Pictures

ShivHans Pictures, founded by producer Shivani Rawat, is a production and finance company creating unique and compelling feature films outside the Hollywood studio model. The company strives to streamline the financing process in an effort to fully support the visions of independent filmmakers while collaborating with top-tier talent. Recent ShivHans Pictures projects include Netflix's *The Ice Road*, directed by Jonathan Hensleigh and starring Liam Neeson and Laurence Fishburne, and produced and co-financed alongside CODE Entertainment;

RIJE Films' *The Water Man*, starring and featuring the directorial debut of David Oyelowo; Aaron Sorkin's Academy Award-nominated *The Trial of the Chicago 7*, distributed by Netflix and for which Shivani Rawat served as an Executive Producer; and Lionsgate's *Wander Darkly*, written and directed by Tara Miele and starring Sienna Miller and Diego Luna. Previous films from ShivHans Pictures include *Danny Collins*, the Academy Award-nominated *Trumbo*, the Academy Award-nominated *Captain Fantastic*, and *Beirut*, all distributed by Bleecker Street, and *The Polka King*, released by Netflix worldwide. In 2019, ShivHans Pictures expanded into distribution with Bleecker Street, releasing films including *Hotel Mumbai* and *Brian Banks*, which ShivHans also produced. Upcoming co-distribution projects include Academy Award winner Guy Nattiv's biographical film *Golda*, starring Helen Mirren. For information about ShivHans Pictures and its upcoming slate of films, please visit www.ShivHans.com and follow the company on Instagram/Facebook/Twitter @ShivHansPics.

About Lexus

Lexus' passion for brave design, imaginative technology, and exhilarating performance enables the luxury lifestyle brand to create amazing experiences for its customers. Lexus began its journey in 1989 with two luxury sedans and a commitment to pursue perfection. Since then, Lexus has developed its lineup to meet the needs of global luxury customers in more than 90 countries. In the United States, Lexus vehicles are sold through 244 dealers offering a full lineup of luxury vehicles. With six models incorporating Lexus Hybrid Drive, Lexus is the luxury hybrid leader. Lexus also offers eight F SPORT models and one F performance model. Lexus is committed to being a visionary brand that anticipates the future for luxury customers.

About STARZ

STARZ (www.starz.com), a Lionsgate company, is a leading global media streaming platform committed to delivering premium content that amplifies narratives by, about and for women and underrepresented audiences. STARZ is home to the highly rated and first-of-its-kind STARZ app that offers the ability to stream or download STARZ premium content, as well as the flagship domestic STARZ® service, including STARZ ENCORE, 17 premium pay TV channels, and the associated on-demand and online services. In 2018, STARZ launched its international premium streaming platform STARZPLAY, now LIONSGATE+, to provide subscribers access to bold, curated storytelling. LIONSGATE+, coupled with the STARZPLAY ARABIA joint venture in MENA and Lionsgate Play in South and Southeast Asia, has a footprint that extends across the globe. STARZ and LIONSGATE+ are available across digital OTT platforms and multichannel video distributors, including cable operators, satellite television providers, and telecommunications companies around the world. In February 2021, STARZ launched #TakeTheLead, a multi-faceted and innovative inclusion initiative expanding its existing efforts to improve representation on screen, behind the camera and throughout the company.

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