



**WIF ANNOUNCES 2023 HONOREES:
AMERICA FERRERA, CELINE SONG, EVA LONGORIA, GRETA LEE,
LINDA YVETTE CHÁVEZ and YARA SHAHIDI**

JANE FONDA TO PRESENT FERRERA WITH THE JANE FONDA HUMANITARIAN AWARD

WIF Honors, Celebrating 50 Years of WIF, Will Be Held November 30

LOS ANGELES, California; October 26, 2023 — WIF (formerly known as Women In Film, Los Angeles) announced today the honorees for the 2023 WIF Honors that will be held on Thursday, November 30 in Los Angeles. The annual benefit supports WIF’s educational and philanthropic programs and its advocacy for gender parity throughout the entertainment industry. This year’s WIF Honors will celebrate WIF’s 50th anniversary of fighting for gender equity in Hollywood and will recognize the women working on the frontlines to change the entertainment industry for the better. To find out more about the event, visit www.wif.org/honors.

The iconic **Crystal Award for Advocacy** will be presented to:

- ***EVA LONGORIA and LINDA YVETTE CHÁVEZ in conversation about their collaboration***
- ***CELINE SONG and GRETA LEE in conversation about “PAST LIVES”***

The **Jane Fonda Humanitarian Award** will be presented by **JANE FONDA** to:

- ***AMERICA FERRERA***

The **Max Mara Face Of The Future Award**® will be presented to:

- ***YARA SHAHIDI***

The Crystal Award for Advocacy honors outstanding individuals and groups of women who are creating increased opportunities for the advancement of women working throughout the screen industries. **Eva Longoria** has cemented herself as an industry staple known for her work both in front of and behind the camera for over 20 years and is honored for her unwavering commitment to centering Latinas, both onscreen and off, and for her collaboration with screenwriter **Linda Yvette Chávez**. Chávez has emerged in the entertainment industry as a powerful voice, bringing fearless, inclusive and impactful stories to the big and small screens.



Greta Lee is honored alongside writer/director **Celine Song** for their collaboration on “Past Lives”. Lee brings a steadfast commitment to telling diverse, inclusive stories, and working with fellow trailblazing women, as she’s done throughout her career and most recently in “Past Lives.” Song’s stunning directorial debut displayed not only remarkable skill but a deep and beautiful understanding of the human experience, centering a diverse, inclusive immigrant story we so rarely see celebrated in film. These partnerships are a demonstration of what we can accomplish together when we make films by women.

To celebrate someone who is a fearless advocate through their work, both on and off camera, WIF debuted the Jane Fonda Humanitarian Award, named for its inaugural recipient, **Jane Fonda**, in 2021. Fonda selected this year’s awardee, **America Ferrera**, and will present her with the award for her longtime activism and her work with Poderistas, a non-profit she launched alongside other prominent activists to inform, affirm, and inspire Latinas to leverage their power and transform their lives, their community and their nation, as well as her work with HARNESS an organization she co-founded to leverage art and storytelling to power change and create a more equitable world.

The WIF Max Mara Face of the Future Award® recognizes **Yara Shahidi** for her acting and producing work, her fight for inclusivity and equity in the industry and beyond, and her embodiment of style and grace. Shahidi is an award-winning actress and producer who has quickly established herself as an impressive multi-hyphenate and one-to-watch in Hollywood.

Additional presenters and participating talent will be announced in the coming weeks.

“The work of this year’s honorees exemplifies outstanding creative vision and the change WIF has worked to create in its 50 years as an organization. Our industry is better because of these women and their commitment to spurring lasting impact in Hollywood, both in front of and behind the scenes.” said **Monica Levinson and Talitha Watkins, co-chairs of the WIF Honors Committee**.

“This year’s honorees show the strength and power of collaboration, inclusion, and how uplifting stories that have gone untold for too long make this industry better,” said **Kirsten Schaffer, Chief Executive Officer of WIF**. “With our industry in a moment of upheaval, which too often disproportionately impacts women and people of color, we need these women leading the way now more than ever, as we continue to fight for gender equity. WIF is grateful to shine a light on these formidable honorees as we celebrate our 50th anniversary.”

In addition to Levinson and Watkins, The WIF Honors Committee is comprised of Eryn Brown, Esther Chang, Michelle Lee, Tracy McNight and Ida Ziniti. The WIF Honors are supported by year-round Presenting Sponsor **Max Mara** for the 20th year. The event is designed and produced by Carleen Cappelletti of Anchor Street Collective.



WIF worked directly with SAG-AFTRA to ensure this year's event adheres to strike guidelines and is sensitive to striking workers, their unions, and their allies, while still celebrating outstanding contributions to advocacy and collaboration that moves the needle towards gender equity in our industry.

Press Kit Available [HERE](#)

(Includes headshots and bios of honorees and presenters)

About WIF and the Awards

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](#).

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.

The **WIF Max Mara Face of the Future Award®**, inaugurated at WIF's 2006 Crystal + Lucy Awards® (now called the WIF Honors), 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 Lili Reinhart, Zazie Beetz, Gemma Chan, Elizabeth Debicki, 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.

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