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The trio will reunite Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 on TNT and TBS's live SAG Awards® telecast

**Jane Fonda** and **Dolly Parton** will present the **SAG Life Achievement Award** to actor, comedian, writer, producer and all-round entertainment maverick **Lily Tomlin** during the [23rd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®](#). Executive Producer **Kathy Connell** announced today. Tomlin's accepting SAG-AFTRA's highest accolade from her two long-time friends, a trio beloved as the co-conspirators in the 1980 feminist revenge comedy hit *9 to 5*, will be a highlight of the annual SAG Awards® ceremony, which will be simulcast live on **TNT** and **TBS** on **Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 at 8 p.m. (ET), 5 p.m. (PT)**.

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### A Friendship Forged in Film

*9 to 5* is now number 74 on American Film Institute's list of "100 Funniest American Movies of All Time." When the film was shot, Fonda and Tomlin were friends who had already received numerous honors for their acting achievements. It was Parton's first feature film role, but she was a veteran of live and television performances as herself, an award-winning musician and writer. She also wrote, performed and received dozens of awards for the movie's title song.

The three legendary artists, each of whom has a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, have remained close friends since that catalyst film. Fonda and Tomlin joined forces again as stars and executive producers of the current Netflix series *Grace and Frankie*. The success of the show led to both being honored this year with Actor® nominations for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Comedy Series, along with Emmy® and Golden Globe® nominations for Tomlin. *Grace and Frankie* returns for its third season in May 2017

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### **Jane Fonda**

A two-time Best Actress Academy Award® winner (for *Klute* and *Coming Home*) and five-time nominee (for *The Morning After*, *On Golden Pond*, *The China Syndrome*, *Julia* and *They Shoot Horses Don't They*), Fonda was the 2014 recipient of the AFI Life Achievement Award. Fonda was first honored with a SAG Award nomination in 2014 as a member of the motion picture cast of *Lee Daniels' The Butler*, in which she portrayed Nancy Reagan.

For three seasons, Fonda appeared as media mogul Leona Lansing in an Emmy-nominated performance in Aaron Sorkin's *The Newsroom*, on HBO. More recently, she received a Golden Globe nomination for her stunning performance in *Youth*, written and directed by Paolo Sorrentino. Fonda is also known for revolutionizing the fitness industry with videos, books and audio recordings; her 1982 *Jane Fonda's Workout* remains the top-grossing home video of all time.

For more information, visit [janefonda.com](http://janefonda.com) as well as [janefonda](https://www.facebook.com/janefonda) on Facebook, [@janefonda](https://twitter.com/janefonda) on Twitter, and [janefondatv](https://www.youtube.com/user/janefondatv) on YouTube.

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### **Dolly Parton**

Dolly Parton's multitude of accolades include a Kennedy Center Honor, eight Country Music Association Awards (including Female Vocalist of the Year and Entertainer of the Year), seven Grammy Awards, two Oscar nominations, three Golden Globe nominations, and being inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Several of her awards honor the title song she wrote and recorded for the 9 to 5 soundtrack. Parton followed that hit film with starring roles in *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (1982); *Rhinestone* (1984); *Steel Magnolias* (1989); and *Straight Talk* (1992). Most recently she starred in and executive produced *Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love* (2016) for NBC. Parton also released *Pure & Simple*, her seventh album to debut at No. 1, and *The Complete Trio Collection*, capping the popular series she shares with Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris.

Parton has the distinction of writing the only song to have topped the charts three times: "I Will Always Love You." She has taken more than 20 songs to No. 1, has written two successful books plus a cookbook, and has also launched and runs the non-profit Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which provides children in participating communities in 44 states with a book each month from birth until age five.

For more information, visit [dollyparton.com](http://dollyparton.com) as well as [@dollyparton](https://www.instagram.com/dollyparton) on Instagram and her non-profit [dollys imagination library](https://www.facebook.com/dollys imagination library) on Facebook.

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### **Lily Tomlin, 2016 SAG Life Achievement Award Recipient**

Lily Tomlin - whose talents put her at the pinnacle of comedy, acting, writing and producing - has been

named the 53rd recipient of SAG-AFTRA's highest tribute: the Life Achievement Award for career achievement and humanitarian accomplishment. The SAG Life Achievement Award is the latest in Tomlin's extraordinary collection of preeminent industry and public honors, which includes a 2014 Kennedy Center Award, the 2003 Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, two Peabody Awards, multiple Emmys® (including this year's Lead Comedy Actress nomination), numerous American Comedy Awards, two Tony® Awards, a Grammy®, a Writers Guild of America Award, this year's SAG Awards nomination, and both the Crystal Award and the Lucy Award from Women in Film. That Tomlin embodies the SAG Life Achievement Award's "finest ideals of the acting profession" is amply celebrated by these and her numerous other professional and philanthropic commendations.

Tomlin has been a cherished star in the entertainment firmament since she joined the groundbreaking television series *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In* in 1969, when it was rated the No. 1 show and watched by over 25 percent of all American television viewers. She and the colony of characters she created have continued to evolve, grow, deepen and adapt to this day, as Tomlin expresses her talents in nearly all forms of media.

Tomlin can currently be seen starring opposite fellow executive producer Jane Fonda in *Grace and Frankie*, in which two mismatched women become friends as they reinvent themselves after their husbands decide to marry each other.

Further information on Tomlin and the SAG Life Achievement Award can be found in the SAG Awards press kit: <http://sagawards.org/media-pr/press-kit>. Also visit [lilytomlin.com](http://lilytomlin.com).

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### **About the 23rd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards®**

The 23rd Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards® presented by SAG-AFTRA with Screen Actors Guild Awards, LLC will be produced by Avalon Harbor Entertainment, Inc. and will be simulcast live on TNT and TBS on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 at 8 p.m. (ET) / 5 p.m. (PT). TBS and TNT subscribers can also watch the SAG Awards live through the networks' websites and mobile apps. In addition, TNT will present a primetime encore of the ceremony immediately following the live presentation.

One of the awards season's premier events, the SAG Awards® annually celebrates the outstanding motion pictures and television performances from the previous calendar year. Of the top industry honors presented to actors, only the SAG Awards are selected entirely performers' peers in SAG-AFTRA, which this year number 121,546. The SAG Awards was the first televised awards show to acknowledge the work of union members and the first to present awards to motion picture casts and television ensembles. For more information about the SAG Awards®, SAG-AFTRA, TNT and TBS, visit [sagawards.org/about](http://sagawards.org/about).

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