

Oscars spotlight achievement in film

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The 92nd Academy Awards will air live February 9th on ABC.

Among the movies to be nominated, "Joker" amassed the most nominations, with eleven. Other movies to be nominated more than five times are:

"The Irishman" – 10
"Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood" – 10
"Jojo Rabbit" – 6
"Little Women" – 6
"Marriage Story" – 6
"Parasite" – 6

Payton Bayless, communication sophomore, said, "Even though 2019 was not my favorite year for movies, it was packed with a great lineup of movies. I think that all writers and directors will have a challenging time following up with a better year for movies in 2020."

There are many veterans of the awards show, such as Martin Scorsese ("Goodfellas," "The Irishman") as well as fresh-faced newcomers, like Florence Pugh ("Midsommar," "Fighting with My Family"). The Academy set a record this year for most female nominations, with 64 women getting the nod – one-third of the overall nominations.

Scorsese now becomes the sole director to have the most nominations for best director, making this year his ninth opportunity to earn it.

JC Fuentes, communication senior, said, "Being able to watch these movies and see the unique approaches to cinematography, editing and direction is the best part of watching movies. Even though I am not a regular viewer of the Oscars, I believe 'Joker' will take home best movie of the year."

There are nine films nominated for Best Film.

Bill DeArmond, professor of mass communications and film, said, "My problem is that virtually any film can get nominated. There used to be only five films nominated per year, and now it is overdone. The Academy does not honor the best with this expanded pool of films that are nominated each year."

Both "Marriage Story" and "The Irishman" were Netflix-only releases, which means they shared only a couple of weeks on the big screen before being reverted back to the streaming service. This technique is the spark of controversy among the Academy and fans, with one side saying that Netflix-, and any other streaming service, only movies should be in their own respective category, while the other says that any and all movies presented should be considered.

Following last year's format, the Oscars will not have a host, but instead, have multiple presenters for each award.

Antonio Banderas, Jonathan Pryce, Florence Pugh, Scarlett Johansson and Cynthia Erivo are all first-time nominees for their respective acting categories.

The "Big Five" nominees are as follows:

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BEST PICTURE

"Ford V Ferrari"
"The Irishman"
"Jojo Rabbit"
"Joker"
"Little Women"
"Marriage Story"
"1917"
"Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood"
"Parasite"

BEST DIRECTOR

"The Irishman" (Martin Scorsese)
"Joker" (Todd Phillips)
"1917" (Sam Mendes)
"Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood" (Quentin Tarantino)
"Parasite" (Bong Joon Ho)

BEST ACTOR (LEADING ROLE)

Antonio Banderas ("Pain and Glory")
Leonardo DiCaprio ("Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood")
Adam Driver ("Marriage Story")
Joaquin Phoenix ("Joker")
Jonathan Pryce ("The Two Popes")

BEST ACTRESS (LEADING ROLE)

Cynthia Erivo ("Harriet")
Scarlett Johansson ("Marriage Story")
Saoirse Ronan ("Little Women")
Charlize Theron ("Bombshell")
Renée Zellweger ("Judy")

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

"Knives Out"
"Marriage Story"
"1917"
"Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood"
"Parasite"