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LAC PARTNERS WITH HAMILTON AS IT HONORS OFFSCREEN STARS AT ITS 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BEHIND THE CAMERA AWARDS.



Katherine Nicholls, Sylvain Dolla, Harrison Ford, Alison Miller, Isiah Mustafa, and Sari Anne Tuschman

Continuing its tradition of celebrating the behind-the-scenes talent responsible for the best in film and TV, Hamilton watch brand and *Los Angeles Confidential* hosted the 5th annual Hamilton Behind the Camera Awards at the Conga Room Downtown LA, drawing such Hollywood heavyweights as Academy Award-winner Christoph Waltz, Antonio Banderas (accompanied by his beautiful wife, Melanie Griffith), and überdirector Michael Bay to present awards. Banderas attended the evening's celebration to help honor fellow Spaniard, producer Agustín Almodóvar. "He is a dear friend," said Banderas. "And I love that he got recognition in the city of movies."

Before Hamilton CEO Sylvain Dolla kicked off the presentation, esteemed actors Jon Hamm and *The Help* star Viola Davis mingled, chatting with honorees Janie Bryant and Mark Ricker. Meanwhile, a dapper Harrison Ford caught up with his *Cowboys and Aliens* director Jon Favreau. Of honoring Vic Armstrong, Ford's longtime stunt choreographer, with a lifetime-achievement award, he said, "Vic Armstrong was my stunt double from *Indiana Jones* and a lot of other films. We've been great friends for 30 years, so I'm really glad to be here for him."

Later, the festivities shifted to the stage, where actor Isiah Mustafa garnered laughs while hosting the awards presentation that also brought out Robert Pattinson and legendary producer J.J. Abrams to honor those whose exceptional off-screen work stood



Jon Hamm and Janie Bryant



Dennis Phillips



Isaiah Mustafa



Vic Armstrong

out this year in television and motion pictures such as *Mad Men*, *Carnage*, *Super 8*, and *The Tree of Life*. Each award recipient gave touching speeches about their colleagues and love for their work, thanking Hamilton—a longtime supporter of cinema—for recognizing them.

Davis, who presented Ricker with an award for production design on *The Help*, had plenty of praise for her colleague and his craft. "Watching the scenes from *The Help* tonight, you realize the collaboration that went into making this extraordinary film," she said. "When you're in the midst of it, you're kind of self-focused. Then you think about what it takes to create the overall story, and it's truly amazing what great talent and art can do—it can render you silent."

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Christoph Waltz and Yasmina Reza



Sylvain Dolla with Harrison Ford

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Each year, Hamilton hosts its prestigious and highly anticipated Behind the Camera Awards to spotlight the offscreen superstars who turn great movies into iconic masterpieces. Presented by leading actors and actresses, awards categories include True Grit Director, Super Producer, Screenwriter, Cinematographer, Production Designer, Film Editor, Costume Designer, Property Master, and Special Effects, nominated from the year's movie releases, television, and presentations from Cannes, Toronto and Venice.

\* J.J. Abrams presented to Maryann Brandon & Mary Jo Markey, film editors, *Super 8*

\* Viola Davis presented to Mark Ricker, production designer, *The Help*

\* Jon Favreau presented to Russell Bobbitt, property master, *Cowboys & Aliens*

\* Emmanuel Lubezki, cinematographer, *The Tree of Life*

\* Valentina Lodovini presented to Evelina de Gaudenzi, short-film competition winner

\* Michael Bay presented to Scott Farrar, visual effects supervisor, *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*

\* Jon Hamm presented to Janie Bryant, costume designer, *Mad Men*

\* Christoph Waltz presented to Yasmina Reza, screenwriter, *Carnage*

\* Antonio Banderas presented to Agustín Almodóvar, producer, *The Skin I Live In*

\* Robert Pattinson presented to Chris Weitz, director, *A Better Life*

\* Harrison Ford presented to Vic Armstrong, lifetime achievement in stunt choreography

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Accompanied by Absolut vodka cocktails, the evening's dinner boasted a South American theme, beginning with Latin Panzanella, followed by rock-shrimp ceviche, Ropa Vieja tacos, and garlic arroz con pollo, before a dessert of Brazilian flan. Winners including *Mad Men* costume designer Bryant, *Cowboys & Aliens* property master Russell Bobbitt, and *A Better Life* director Chris Weitz went home with the beautiful Hamilton award—an acrylic sculpture designed

*Chris Weitz went home with the award—an acrylic sculpture designed by Shlomi Haziza.*

by HStudio's Shlomi Haziza—and a gorgeous Hamilton timepiece, while other VIP guests received gift bags full of styling products by Moroccan oil, a Ralph Lauren fragrance, and Lacoste accessories.

In a ballroom filled with stars from both sides of the camera, Weitz was feeling humble: "To be honest, by the time [I accepted my award], I was feeling a bit small because there were so many extraordinarily talented people who got awards before

me. It's really fantastic that Hamilton does this for the people who really get films made—the people behind the camera." **LAC**



Antonio Banderas and Melanie Griffith



Robert Pattinson with Chris Weitz



Viola Davis with Mark Ricker



Pedro and Agustín Almodóvar