

# Oscars 2021

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**In News:** The 93rd Academy Awards or Oscars 2021, held on 25 April 2021, honoured the best films of 2020 and early 2021.

## About Academy Awards or Oscars Awards

- The Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars, are the most coveted and prestigious awards in the entertainment industry across the globe.
- They are presented annually by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS)
- The award was originally sculpted by George Stanley from a design sketch by Cedric Gibbons.
- AMPAS first presented it in 1929 at a private dinner hosted by Douglas Fairbanks in the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in what would become known as the 1st Academy Awards.
- The Academy Awards ceremony was first broadcast by radio in 1930 and was televised for the first time in 1953.
- It is the oldest worldwide entertainment awards ceremony and is now televised live worldwide.
- Winners of various categories are awarded a copy of a golden statuette as a trophy, officially known as 'the Academy Award of Merit'.

## 93rd Academy Awards: Complete list of winners

- Actor in a Leading Role: Anthony Hopkins (The Father)
- Actress in a Leading Role: Frances McDormand (Nomadland)
- Actor in a Supporting Role: Daniel Kaluuya (Judas and the Black Messiah)
- Actress in a Supporting Role: Yuh-Jung Youn (Minari)
- Animated Feature Film: Soul (Peter Docter and Dana Murray)
- Cinematography: Mank (Erik Messerschmidt)

- Costume Design: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (Ann Roth)
- Directing: Nomadland (Chloe Zhao)
- Documentary (Feature): My Octopus Teacher (Pippa Ehrlich, James Reed and Craig Foster)
- Documentary (Short Subject): Colette (Anthony Giacchino and Alice Doyard)
- Film Editing: Sound of Metal (Mikkel E. G. Nielsen)
- International Feature Film: Another Round (Denmark)
- Makeup and Hairstyling: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (Sergio Lopez-Rivera, Mia Neal and Jamika Wilson)
- Music (Original Score): Soul (Trent Reznor, Atticus Ross and Jon Batiste)
- Best Picture: Nomadland (Frances McDormand, Peter Spears, Mollye Asher, Dan Janvey and Chloé Zhao, Producers)
- Production Design: Mank (Production Design: Donald Graham Burt; Set Decoration: Jan Pascale)
- Sound : Sound Of Metal (Nicolas Becker, Jaime Baksht, Michelle Couttolenc, Carlos Cortés and Phillip Bladh)
- Visual Effects: Tenet (Andrew Jackson, David Lee, Andrew Lockley and Scott Fisher)
- Writing (Adapted Screenplay): The Father (Screenplay by Christopher Hampton and Florian Zeller)
- Writing (Original Screenplay): Promising Young Woman (Written by Emerald Fennell)

### **Highlights of Oscars 2021**

- Nomadland was awarded three Academy Awards, including Best Picture.
- For The Father, Anthony Hopkins (aged 83) became the oldest Best Actor recipient.
- With her Best Actress award for Nomadland, Frances McDormand became the seventh person to win a third acting Oscar.
- For Nomadland, Chloé Zhao became the first woman of colour to win best director, and the second woman after

Kathryn Bigelow.

- Tyler Perry received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award (for his philanthropic and charitable efforts in recent years), and the Motion Picture and Television Fund received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award (for the emotional and financial relief services it provides to the members of the entertainment industry)
- The annual Governors Awards were cancelled by the Academy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the winners were incorporated into the Oscar ceremony. For the first time, there were no official winners of the Academy Honorary Award.