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"SPIDER-MAN 2," "KILL BILL, VOLUME 2," AND "LOST" CONQUER THE 31ST ANNUAL SATURN AWARDS

The intergalactic community gathered on May 3, 2005, honoring the best in genre entertainment at the prestigious 31st Annual Saturn Awards. The Universal Hilton Hotel in Universal City hosted the gala which was appropriate considering Universal Studio's rich "genre" history. The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Films, founded by *Dr. Donald A. Reed* and currently headed by President Robert Holguin, pulled out all the stops to pay tribute to the brightest and best in the Saturn's categories.

The event was packed by a throng of the industry's heavy-hitters including *Rob Tapert, Tom DeSanto, Charles De Lauzarika, Mick Garris, Starlog founder Kerry O'Quinn, Mike Werb, Miles Millar, Al Gough, Mia Sara, Marvel Executive Kevin Feige, Jon Davison, Phil Tippet, Greg Nicotero, Ben Browder, Claudia Black,*

and *Mark Altman*. "Lost" was well represented by *J.J. Abrams, Damon Lindelof, Bryan Burk, and Michael Giacchino*. Some new faces to the genre community included "Saw's" *Leigh Whannell* and *James Wan*, Visual Effects Producer *Loni Peristere, Edgar Wright, Simon Pegg*, and screenwriter *Stephen Susco*.

Among those taking to the stage this year were Fox Filmed Entertainment Co-Chairman, *Tom Rothman*, Star Trek producer *Brannon Braga*, Marvel CEO *Avi Arad, Stephen J. Cannell, Lawrence Bender, Brian Henson, Alvin Sargeant*, producer *Anthony Bregman*,



Counter-clockwise from top left: *Avi Arad & Laura Ziskin; Carlton Cuse, Damon Lindelof, Bryan Burk, and J.J. Abrams; Levar Burton & Sam Raimi; Lawrence Bender; Tom Rothman.*



and director *Sam Raimi*. Presenters included *Greg Grunberg, Levar Burton, Robert Picardo, Mia Maestro, Ron Perlman, Robert Englund, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Fred Willard, Hal Linden, Robert Hays, Ken Foree, Ann Robinson, and Lucy Lawless.*

Serving as master-of-ceremonies for the third straight year was comedian *Jeffrey Ross*, who kept the audience in "sutures" throughout the two hour event.

Receiving a Life Career Award this year was *Tom Rothman*, co-head of 20th Century Fox Pictures. Via tape, actress *Jessica Alba* referred to Tom as "the driving force behind many of the most popular genre films in recent years." *Avi Arad* presented the award to Rothman, stating, "Tom really deserves a big hand for becoming a true believer and becoming an honorary geek." Accepting the award, Tom Rothman responded to Avi, "I hate to disappoint you, I was a geek long before I met you." He continued, "The best films come when they are made with the most respect to the material and the fans, represented by this society here tonight. I would like to thank you all."



2005 concluded an 18 year continuous run of the "Star Trek" franchise on television, and the Academy honored "Trek" with a Special Recognition Award, presented by *Robert Picardo*. *Brannon Braga* accepted the award, saying "[I'm] accepting this award on behalf of *Gene Roddenberry*, Paramount Pictures, and... on behalf of every actor, director, producer, writer, or crew member that has worked on 'Star Trek' over the past 18 years and hopefully will work on 'Star Trek' in the future. And really [for] the 'Star Trek' fans most of all... a unique brand of television viewer, without whom 'Star Trek' would not be here."



DVD technology has made a strong showing in the genre entertainment field. "Smallville" was voted an award for Best DVD Television Release. Upon accepting the award, producer *Al Gough* said "Television really is a team sport. I think TV on DVD has... elevated [TV programming] from disposable entertainment to something to be enjoyed for generations to come."



From "Shaun of the Dead," director *Edgar Wright* and actor *Simon Pegg* accepted the Saturn Award for Best Horror Film. Wright commented "It's been such a crazy year for us. We feel like we're in one long sort of geeky dream. It kinda started... when I came to last year's Saturns. There [are] so many people in this room that inspire us."



"Farscape: Peacekeeper Wars" received three Saturn Awards: Best Television Presentation; Best Actor, *Ben Browder*; and Best Actress, *Claudia Black*. "This Academy has been so supportive of Farscape over the years," producer *Brian Henson* enthused.

Presenter *Robert Hays* was thrilled to see producer *Jon Davison* at the show. "I'm glad to be here tonight. I had no idea Jon Davison would be here. Jon produced 'Airplane!'"

The breakout show of the year was "Lost." The Academy recognized the show with two awards: Best Network Television Series; and Best Supporting Actor, *Terry O'Quinn*. *J.J. Abrams* and *Damon Lindelof* accepted for "Lost." In his remarks, Abrams said "It is truly an honor to be



From top: *Rockne S. O'Bannon and Brian Henson; Robert Hays; Scott Stokdyk, Anthony LaMolina, and John Frazier; Christa Campbell; Mitzi Kapture and Stephen J. Cannell; Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright; Shohreh Aghdashloo; Phil McKenna, Alfred Gough and Miles Millar.*

here. It really does feel like home here at the Saturns." Lindeloff followed up with, "This is a team effort. I'd like to thank the most amazing cast and crew, our co-executive producer *Carlton Cuse*, and *Bryan Burke*. To be [nominated] in this category is amazing, especially [to be honored on the same show] with 'Star Trek.' I was born and bred on ["Star Trek"] and I've seen every episode.... I'm genuinely touched!"

"Kill Bill, Vol. 2" received three awards: Best Action/Adventure/Thriller Film; Best Supporting Actor, *David Carradine*; and Best Supporting Actress, *Daryl Hannah*. Producer *Lawrence Bender* accepted his award stating "Thank you so much. This really goes to so many people—Quentin and Uma—it's their movie, they did great!"

"I'm thrilled to get this Saturn Award," said *David Carradine* via tape. "It's an honor to receive this award, being the science fiction freak that I am."

Best Science Fiction film kudos went to "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind." "It's a real thrill to accept this award," producer *Anthony Bregman* said, "It's a bit of a surprise. When we made the film, we thought we were too low budget to qualify [as] a science fiction film. We always thought we were an overpriced art film."

"Spider-Man 2" cleaned up with multiple honors, including: Best Fantasy film; Best Special Effects; Best Actor, *Tobey Maguire*; Best Writer, *Alvin Sargent*; and Best Director, *Sam Raimi*. Delighted producers *Avi Arad* and *Laura Ziskin* thanked the Academy. "This is great!" a jubilant Arad said, "This is why we made this movie for you guys."

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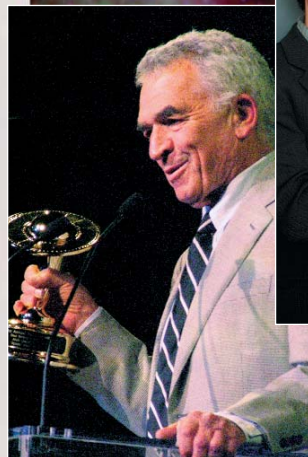
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A COMPLETE LIST OF WINNERS FOR THE 31ST ANNUAL SATURN AWARDS

Best Science Fiction Film

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Best Fantasy Film

Spider-Man 2

Best Horror Film

Shaun of the Dead

Best Action/Adventure/Thriller Film

Kill Bill Vol. 2

Best Animated Film

The Incredibles

Best Actor

Tobey Maguire, *Spider-Man 2*

Best Actress

Blanchard Ryan, *Open Water*

Best Supporting Actor

David Carradine, *Kill Bill: Vol. 2*

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Daryl Hannah, *Kill Bill: Vol. 2*

Best Performance by a Younger Actor

Emmy Rossum, *Phantom of the Opera*

Best Director

Sam Raimi, *Spider-Man 2*

Best Writer

Alvin Sargent, *Spider-Man 2*

Best Music

Alan Silvestri, *Van Helsing*

Best Costume

Kevin Conran, *Sky Captain & the World of Tomorrow*

Best Make-Up

Jake Garber, Matt Rose, Mike Elizalde, *Hellboy*

Best Special Effects

John Dykstra, Scott Stokdyk, Anthony LaMolinaro, John Frazier, *Spider-Man 2*

Best Network Television Series

Lost

Best Syndicated/Cable Television Series

Stargate SG-1

Best Television Presentation

Farscape: Peacekeeper Wars

Best Actor on Television

Ben Browder, *Farscape: Peacekeeper Wars*

Best Actress on Television

Claudia Black, *Farscape: Peacekeeper Wars*

Best Supporting Actor on Television

Terry O'Quinn, *Lost*

Best Supporting Actress on Television

Amanda Tapping, *Stargate SG-1*

Best DVD Release

Starship Troopers 2: Hero of the Federation

Best DVD Special Edition Release

Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Best DVD Classic Film Release

Dawn of the Dead, Ultimate Edition

Best DVD Collection

Star Wars Trilogy

Best DVD Television Release

Smallville, Season 2 & 3

Best DVD Retro Television Release

Star Trek, The Original Series

The Life Career Award

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Stephen J. Cannell

The Filmmakers Showcase Award

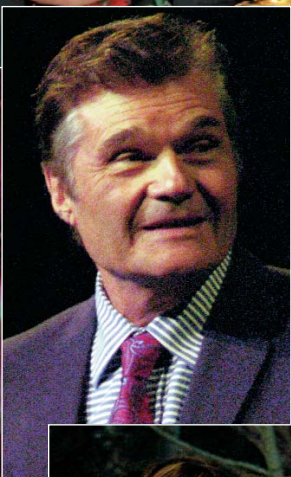
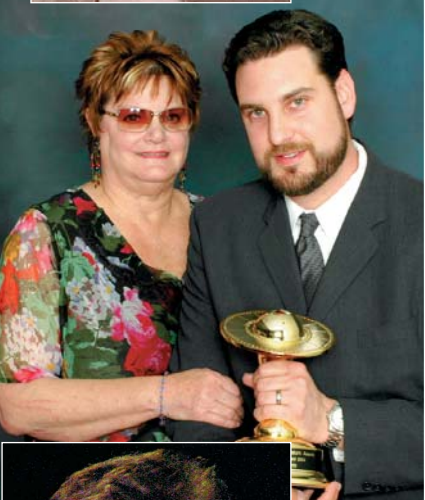
Kerry Conran

The Special Recognition Award

Star Trek television series (1987–2005)

The Service Award

Bill Liebowitz



Top to bottom-left: Renee O'Connor; Sharon Liebowitz and Ryan Liebowitz; Fred Willard; Mia Sara.

Top to bottom-right: Mick Garris; Mia Maestro and Greg Grunberg; Mark Altman; Lucy Lawless.



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