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"HEROES" CONVERGE AND "SUPERMAN RETURNS" TO THE 33RD ANNUAL SATURN AWARDS

Monday, May 10, 2007 was a night for "Heroes" at the Universal City Hilton Hotel. Luminaries from the biggest motion pictures and top television shows gathered at the 33rd Annual Saturn Awards to celebrate the best in genre entertainment. This magical night also celebrated the 35th Anniversary of The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films and was dedicated to its founder, *Dr. Donald A. Reed*, whose legacy continues to inspire young filmmakers.



The evening's theme was "Robots." Guests were

welcomed by legendary film and TV android icons *Gort* from "The Day the Earth Stood Still," the *Robot* from "Lost in Space," *Huey, Duey, and Louie* from "Silent Running," *Maria* from "Metropolis," and the venerable *Robby the Robot* from "Forbidden Planet," all courtesy of the Robot Guy, *Fred Barton*.

Joining in the celebration were a who's who of both industry heavy-hitters and fan favorites.

Jeffrey Ross, the roast-master general himself, marked his fifth consecutive year as master of ceremonies by teaming up with Saturn favorite and "Heros" star *Greg Grunberg*. Like a modern day Hope and Crosby they poked good-natured fun at each other while keeping the proceedings moving at a swift, entertaining pace.

After a montage highlighting some of the most memorable film robots this side of Saturn, *Mark Altman* introduced a very special person to explain the voting procedures. The lights dimmed and through video from

Top left: Rainn Wilson and Jenna Fischer. Right: Brandon Routh. Below left: From "Heroes," back-Michael Green, Leonard Roberts, Bryan Fuller, Jeph Loeb, Greg Grunberg, Aron Coleite, Joe Pokaski, front-Masi Oka, Noah Gray-Cabey, Tim Kring, Jesse Alexander. Below: for "Superman Returns," back-Michael Dougherty, Gilbert Adler, Bryan Singer, Dan Harris, front-Tristan Lake Leabu.





the first televised Saturn Awards, the late *Dr. Donald A. Reed* warmly welcomed everyone.

"X-Men" and "Transformers" producer *Tom DeSanto* presented the **Service Award** to *Kerry O'Quinn*, co-founder of Starlog Magazine. A deeply moved O'Quinn said he was proud to let science fiction fans know they were not alone, and to make visible the invisible wizards behind the scenes.

Guillermo Del Toro (via video) said he was thrilled to see Dr. Reed's vision continue to thrive and grow for future generations and he planned to attend next year to accept **The George Pal Memorial Award** in person.

"Grindhouse" favorite *Danny Trejo* and *Traci Bingham* presented **Best DVD TV Series Release** to "Masters of Horror." Producer *Mick Garris* said, "I could not be prouder than to be among all of you outcasts like me. If you were on the football team, you're not here tonight."

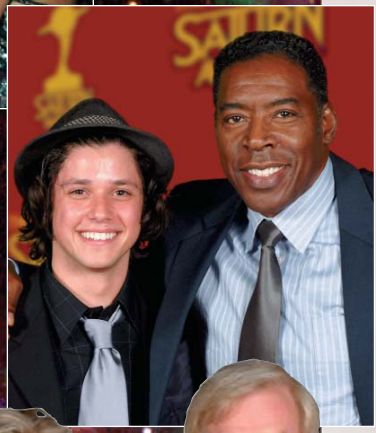
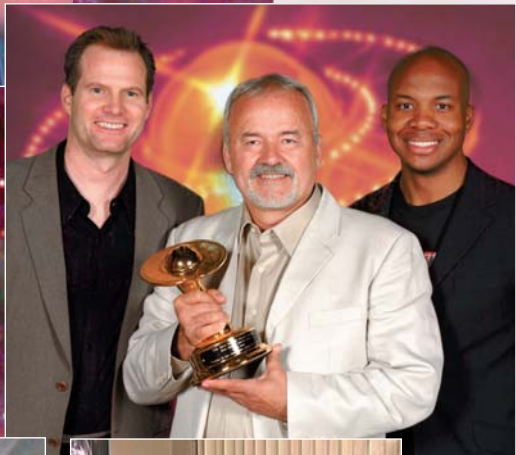
David Selby, star of the cult TV classic "Dark Shadows" presented **Best DVD Release** to "The Sci-Fi Boys," a celebration of the classic men of Sci-Fi – *Ray Harryhausen*, *Ray Bradbury*, *Forrest J. Ackerman*, and *George Pal*. Director *Paul Davids* along with his wife/producer *Hollace Davids* accepted, saying, "My dream since I saw '2001' in 1969 was to get to that fifth planet, Jupiter. Today, I have surpassed that – I've made it to the sixth planet – Saturn!"

Best DVD Special Edition Release went to "Superman II: The Donner Cut," and was accepted by director *Richard Donner* along with screenwriter *Tom Mankiewicz* and producer *Michael Thau*. Donner admitted that when Thau first approached him to re-create "his cut," he said, "Go find a windmill!"

To present a **Special Recognition Award** to the *Chiodo Brothers* ("Killer Klowns from Outer Space" and "Team America") and *Jim Strain* for their children's book, "Alien X-mas," published by Baby Tattoo, were *Mitchell Musso* from "Monster House" and an uncharacteristically vocal "Teller" (sans Penn) who magically levitated a Saturn in mid-air.

Two more "Heroes" – *Jack Coleman* and *Leonard Roberts* took the stage to present the **Best Makeup** and **Best FX** awards. Accepting for makeup was "Slither's" *Dan Rebert*, who recognized *Michael Rooker* for pulling off such a wonderful performance beneath fifty pounds of rubber makeup. FX wizard *Alan Hall* of "Pirates of the Caribbean 2" accepted for **Best FX**.

The lovely and funny *Bonnie Somerville* presented **Best Music** to "Superman Returns" composer *John Ottman*. Bonnie joked that she was presenting the award because she has a song on the Grammy Award-winning soundtrack to a very scary film called "Garden State." "...scary because I dated the director."



From top: Hayden Panettiere; Eric Newman and Hilary Shor; Noah Gray-Cabey; Jack Coleman, Alan Hall, Leonard Roberts; Traci Bingham and "Robby"; Guillermo Del Toro; Mark Sheppard; Ricky Ullman and Ernie Hudson. Below: Edward James Olmos, Katee Sackhoff, and David Weddle; for Alien X-mas, back-Edward Chiodo, Charles Chiodo, Jim Strain, Steven Chiodo, front-Mitchell Musso, Teller.



"Heroes" won both **Best Supporting Actress** and **Best Supporting Actor**. While a thrilled *Hayden Panettiere* accepted (on video), *Masi Oka* "stopped time" to pick up his Saturn. Oka thanked the writers and the entire cast – and shared his honor with his co-star and fellow nominee, "I definitely share this with *Greg Grunberg*. I love him to death."

The star of "Battlestar Galactica" and the new "Bionic Woman," *Katee Sackoff*, presented **Special TV Presentation** to TNT's "The Librarian: Return to King Solomon's Mines." Producer *Dean Devlin* proclaimed, "The Saturns is always the coolest awards show!"

Grunberg introduced his close friend, "Desperate Housewives" star *James Denton*. Denton presented **Best TV Actor** to "Dexter's" *Michael C. Hall*. Accepting for Hall was co-star *Devon Graye* who plays Dexter as teenager.

Best TV Actress was awarded to "Ghost Whisperer's" *Jennifer Love Hewitt*. Genuinely touched by her award, Hewitt said, "Thank you to the Academy for welcoming me to your family. I'm a lucky girl to be working in a genre that I love."

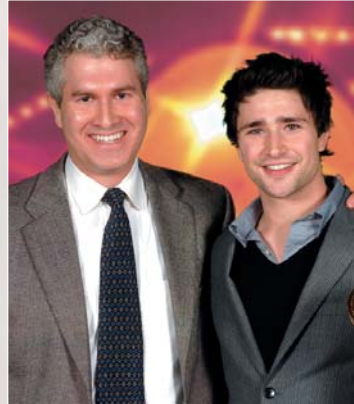
Next up were *Rainn Wilson* and *Jenna Fischer* of NBC's hit show, "The Office." Rainn joked that, "Nothing says science fiction, fantasy and horror like a realistic, slice of life, character-based comedy set in the American workplace." To which Jenna retorted, "This year we did have an episode with a CGI vampire bat, directed by *Joss Whedon*." Wilson announced the winner of **Best Syndicated/Cable TV Series** as his character "Dwight Shrute's favorite show – Battlestar Galactica!" Accepting for Galactica was *Edward James Olmos*, *Katee Sackoff* and writer *David Weddle*. To the surprise of the audience, Olmos announced "This is our fourth season and it's going to be our last... This show really touched a nerve and brought us to a higher level of understanding. It's really truly the best gift I've been given in my 42 year career."

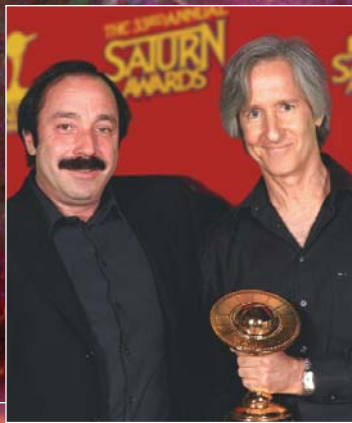
The **Best Network Series Award** went to "Heroes." The producers and nearly the entire cast took the stage. Creator/producer *Tim Kring* said, "This Award is actually very special for us because this particular audience was really the core audience that we... started with..." Writer/Producer *Jesse Alexander* exalted, "This is the only award that I care about in the world!"

Producer *Erich Tuchman* presented the **Rising Star** award to *Matt Dallas*, the star of ABC Family's "Kyle XY." Dallas graciously accepted the award, joking, "I

From top: Marc Roskin, Dean Devlin, and Kearie Peak; Michael Rooker, Martin Campbell, and Andrea Gabrielle; Jennifer Love Hewitt; Neil Marshall; Christa Campbell; Erich Tuchman and Matt Dallas; Taylor Handley, Masi Oka, and Mary Elizabeth Winstead; James Denton; Hosts Jeffrey Ross and Greg Grunberg.

Below-Nathan Fillion and James Gunn; Tom Mankiewicz, Richard Donner, and Michael Thau.





always hoped that my acting skills would make me stand out, but apparently it was my belly-button, or lack thereof."

Thomas Dekker (star of the upcoming "Sarah Connor Chronicles") and *Emmanuelle Vaugier* presented the award for **Best International Film** to "Pan's Labyrinth." Pan himself, *Doug Jones*, accepted, praising director *Guillermo Del Toro*, "He is a true storyteller and a number one fanboy. He makes movies he wants to watch. And if he wants to watch it, I want to be in it." Via video, a buoyant Del Toro confessed, "I'm extremely happy to have a Saturn. I have won two in the past and some producer always takes them home. This time I'm taking this baby with me!"

Next came a rare video of *William Shatner's* infamous rendition of "Rocket Man" from the first televised Saturn Award show. With cigarette in hand and tongue firmly in cheek, Shatner brought down the house back in the 70s as well as in 2007.

The young star of *Terry Gilliam's* "Tideland," *Jodelle Ferland* announced the list of winners not present. "Heroes" resident boy genius *Noah Gray-Cabey* presented **Best Younger Actor** to "Pan's Labyrinth's" *Ivana Baquero*. From Spain, via video, Ivana thanked her family, her director and the American audience for valuing her work.

Best Horror Film was appropriately presented by the stars of *Rob Zombie's* "Halloween," *Danielle Harris* and *Tyler Mane*. Mane towered over the petite Harris, who playfully asked for an apple box to stand on. Director *Neil Marshall* accepted (via tape) for "The Descent," and holding up a severed head, said, "I'd like to thank the Academy for this fabulous award. It's going to look great on my mantle."

The star of "Serenity" and "Slither," *Nathon Fillion* presented the **Filmmakers Showcase Award** to "Slither" director *James Gunn*, who said, "I've always, always, always, always wanted a Saturn Award! 'Slither' made dozens of dollars at the box office. And it's great to be recognized aside from a film's financial success. And as you know, nothing gets you the ladies like a Saturn."

Ghostbuster *Ernie Hudson* took the stage with *Ricky Ullman*, presenting the **Best Actress Award** to *Natalie Portman* for "V for Vendetta." **Best Actor** recipient (via video), "Superman Returns" *Brandon Routh* said, "It's an honor... You guys know science fiction, you know superheroes and you definitely know Superman!"

Andrea Gabrielle and *Michael Rooker* presented **Best Action Adventure/Thriller Film** to "Casino Royale." Director *Martin Campbell* accepted the award saying, "This is the first time I've ever won an award from Hollywood... What a real kick."

Film veteran *James Karen* presented the **Best Writing and Best Direction** categories to "Superman Returns" *Dan Harris*, *Michael Dougherty*, and director *Bryan Singer*, respectively. Singer reflected, "Dr. Reed was a close friend and this Academy has been a great home for me. This Saturn is a great honor."

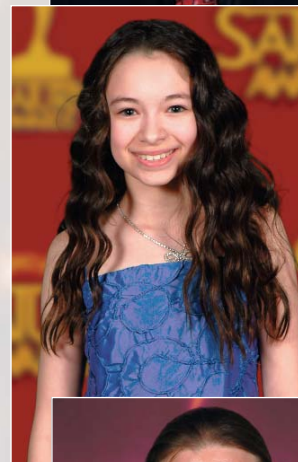
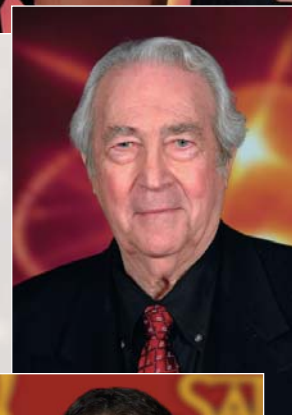
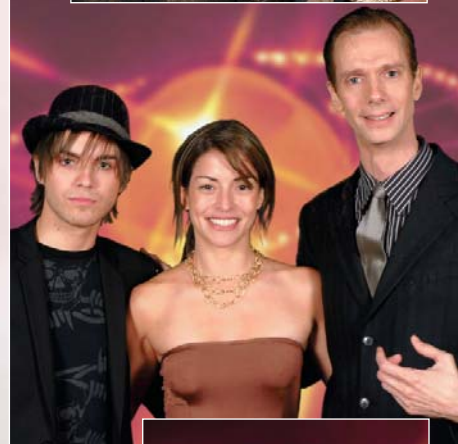
Edward James Olmos returned to the stage to present the final two awards. **Best Fantasy Film** was awarded to "Superman Returns." Accepting were *Bryan Singer* and producer *Gil Adler*, "It's great to get an award from people who know the anguish, feel the pain, and experience the ecstasy when you get it right," said Adler.

Capping off the evening, "Children of Men" received the award for **Best Science Fiction Film**. Producer *Eric Newman* praised director *Alfonso Cuaron*, "This movie would not exist without him. This means more to us than all the awards that we didn't get. It's beautiful." Producer *Hilary Shor* dedicated the movie to her daughter Taylor. "I gave birth to my daughter shortly after optioning this book. This is a very sweet way to end our journey on this film. It's about children and how we need to ... treasure our next generation."

The Academy thanks its members and staff, the selfless volunteers, presenters and honored guests (both past and present) for helping to make the 33rd Annual Saturn Awards one of our best yet. *Robert Holguin* is dedicated to keeping Dr. Reed's dream alive for future generations (and award shows)!

Top left: Bill Clark and Mick Garris; Tom De Santo and Kerry O'Quinn; Danny Trejo; Tyler Mane and Danielle Harris; Bonnie Somerville and John Ottman.

Top right: Hollace and Paul Davids; Thomas Dekker, Emmanuelle Vaugier, and Doug Jones; James Karen; Jodelle Ferland; Dan Rebert.



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