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THE ACADEMY AWARDS

On March 4, hundreds of celebrities, movie industry bigwigs and other VIPs will gather in LA's Dolby Theatre for what is arguably the most prestigious annual celebration of film, the Academy Awards. They'll laugh, they'll cry, they'll speechify—and be praised or panned by millions of TV viewers around the world for their fashion choices. Comedian Jimmy Kimmel takes the reins as host for the second year in a row and is sure to shine a light on several notables in the crowd. But no one will be in the spotlight as much as the most desired man of the evening: Oscar. Though only 13½ inches tall and almost nine decades old, he's the guy everyone is hoping to go home with.



2010

Year that Kathryn Bigelow won a best directing Oscar for *The Hurt Locker*, and the last time a woman was nominated in that category—until this year, when Greta Gerwig made the list with *Lady Bird*.

\$1,542,500

Highest price paid for an Oscar, that of producer David O. Selznick for 1939's *Gone with the Wind*. Since 1950, however, winners have had to give the academy the first chance to buy their Oscars—for \$1.

59

Individual Oscar nominations earned by Walt Disney—a record. Meryl Streep (21 noms) and Jack Nicholson (12) hold the records for most-nominated female and male actors.

263

Minutes of the longest Oscar telecast, in 2002—which beat by 29 minutes the lengthiest movie to ever win a best picture award (*Gone with the Wind*, clocking in at 234 minutes in its entirety).

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