

## AT THE OSCARS

### AND THE NOMINEES ARE ...

**NEWBIES** » This year, nearly half of the acting nominees are vying for the biggest awards for the first time: Steve Carell, Benedict Cumberbatch, Michael Keaton, Eddie Redmayne, J.K. Simmons, Felicity Jones, Rosamund Pike, Patricia Arquette and Emma Stone. Four nominees are previous winners: Robert Duvall, Marion Cotillard, Reese Witherspoon and Meryl Streep.

**MOST NOMINATED** » Streep extends her lead as the most nominated actor with her 19th nod for "Into the Woods."

**BOND GIRLS GET A NOD** » Rosamund Pike becomes the third former Bond girl to be nominated. Both her predecessors won: Halle Berry for "Monsters Ball" in 2002 and Kim Basinger for "L.A. Confidential" in 1998.

**DOUBLE DUTY** » Edward Norton is in two of the best picture nominees — "Birdman" and "The Grand Budapest Hotel" — and has a best supporting actor nod for the former.

### AT THE BOX OFFICE

**BRINGING IN THE BUCKS** » Since 1978, there have been three films — "Titanic" (\$600.8 million; 1997); "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" (\$377 million; 2003); Forrest Gump (\$329.7 million; 1994) — to win best pic and gross more than \$300 million in the U.S.

**BOX OFFICE BOMB** » "The Hurt Locker" grossed \$17.9 million, the lowest total of any best picture winner since 1978.

**FASHIONABLY LATE** » Twenty-nine of the most recent 36 best picture winners were released in theaters after Labor Day.

**BUT NOT TOO LATE** » This year, six of the eight best picture nominees were released after Labor Day. "The Grand Budapest Hotel" (released March 7) and "Boyhood" (July 11) are the exceptions.

### TUNING IN

**MOST WATCHED** » The most-watched Oscars telecast was in 1998, which averaged 55.25 million viewers. "Titanic" won for best picture, and Billy Crystal was the host.

**LEAST WATCHED** » The least-watched telecast (since 1974) was in 2008 with 32 million viewers. "No Country for Old Men" won, and Jon Stewart was the host.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES** » Bob Hope has hosted the show the most at 19 times.

**TAKE A SEAT** » There are more than 300 seat fillers.

— Sources: gmanetwork.com, Forbes and Box Office Mojo



## SUNDAY BEST

# OSCARS

## HOLLYWOOD'S GOLDEN NIGHT

**T**he Academy Awards has a bit of a challenge tonight. • It needs to entice and keep an audience because its list of nominated films is light on mainstream hits — "American Sniper" is the only best picture nominee to generate more than \$100 million at the domestic box office. • To draw a broad audience, the awards are relying on a glittery group of presenters and performers including performances by Lady Gaga; Common and John Legend; Adam Levine with Maroon 5; and Tim McGraw. • Ben Affleck, Chris Pratt, Jennifer Aniston, Eddie Murphy, Cate Blanchett and John Travolta will be among presenters.

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### DETAILS

- » **87th Academy Awards:** 8:30-11:30 tonight on ABC. Neil Patrick Harris is master of ceremonies.
- » **E! "Live From the Red Carpet":** 5:30-8:30 p.m. with Ryan Seacrest, Giuliana Rancic and Dave Karger
- » **ABC "Live From Red Carpet":** 7-8:30 p.m. with Robin Roberts, Lara Spencer and Michael Strahan

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