The ultimate guide to

From November to February, Hollywood's red carpet season is in full swing as the stars go head to head in the hopes of winning an award for the mantelpiece. And not just any award... an Oscar, thank you very much. Read on for all the facts, figures, tweets and trivia about the most prestigious awards show of the season!

Did you know? Oscar. Fake plaster statuettes are handed out to celebrities during rehearsals! The design - of a knight holding a sword started in 1929 and perched on a reel of film a whopping 3000+ was dubbed 'The Oscar' because it's believed gold statuettes have been awarded. Academy Librarian Margaret Herrick remarked in 1931, 'Why it looks like my The statuette itself weighs 3.5kg - equivalent to carting around Incle Oscar!' a small bowling ball!



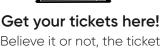
Winners who want to flog their statue on Ebay must first offer it back to the Academy for a buck. Yep, \$1. (This doesn't apply to winners before 1950 and the last statuette to sell at auction fetq a not-too-shabby \$800k!)

More money (although male



people watch the Oscars across 200 countries! The

average age of an award show viewer is 46-54.



Believe it or not, the ticket to the first Oscars in 1929 at

Hollywood's Roosevelt Theatre cost just \$5. Today, a seat will set you back \$150-\$750 and you better be nominated to boot!



actors typically see a greater pay rise than women)

More job security (not guaranteed, but certainly can't hurt)

But... it's thought the younger you are when you win, the better it is for your career.

More people watching your work (directors and just the

fans at home)

How are winners chosen?

Ballots are sent to the 6000+ voters in December, with a deadline of sometime in January. Voters are sorted into 'branches' according to their field of expertise.

They're only allowed to vote on nominees within their 'branch', so directors vote in the Best Director category, actors vote in the acting category.

Step 3 All voters are eligible to vote for Best Picture nominees. Once nominees are confirmed, the Academy votes

Step 5 The film or actor with the most votes wins!

they're discouraged from voting in categories they don't understand or if they haven't seen the films.

Mainly are over 60 Male ...that's kinda old

94%

Who are the mysterious 'Academy' voters? They're 6000+ film-makers and other industry insiders who are, according to studies...

But could social media be changing all that?



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The #OscarsSoWhite controversy in 2016 - outrage that erupted on social media over the lack of black nominees - left the Academy scrambling to tweak its membership criteria and enable more women and more diversity to its voting pool. Go Twitter!

NUMBER CRUNCHING

And let's not forget... the MOST tweeted Oscars moment Ellen DeGeneres' Oscar selfie.

It was tweeted nearly 3.4 million times in 2014!

- how many times Bob Hope hosted the Oscars (more than

ny other host)

Most popular hosts since Steve Martin, Hugh Jackman Least popular James Franco and Anne Hathaway

there are at the Dolby Theatrette

And the award goes to...

- the red carpet at the Oscars

is the longest of any awards show

How much just one of those

the night Those sealed envelopes have been going strong since 1941 - after the LA Times broke the embargo and published all

designer envelopes cost!

How much an Oscars host makes on the night.

to put on the Oscars



Most say it's coincidence that other award shows predict who'll win the Oscar. We say it's hard to ignore the stats.

the winners early. Whoops.

The Litmus Test

The Golden Globes... apparently predict Best Actor / Actress at the Oscars with 90 percent

accuracy. As a case in point, the last five Globe winners for Best

reportedly rocks in predicting that SAG winners of Female Actor in a Leading Role will go on to score a Best Actress Oscar.

Actress in a Drama have gone on to bag an Oscar.

The Screen Actors Guild Awards (SAG)...



is widely considered to predict Best Picture at the Oscars. It was right about everything from The King's Speech to Argo and 12 Years A Slave.

Toronto's International Film Festival (TIFF) People's Choice Award...



It's no secret Oscar has his favourites. Here's proof... Most

Famous nominees & winners

Most Oscars nominations nominated won ever man you've Walt Disney

3 wins Most bes actress awards won by one

person

Most

nominations

(female)

- she won 4 over the course of her career.

(1943)

Jack Nicholson - 12 nominations, 3 wins.

Titanic, Ben Hur,

"I'd just like to thank..."

music from Jaws, Star Wars, ET and Schindler's List.

never heard of

John Williams -49

nominations and 5 Academy Awards.

This is the guy who

brought us the

Daniel Day Lewis who won for Lincoln (2013), There Will Be Blood

(2008) and My Left

Foot (1990).

Most best

actor awards

won by one

person

They're supposed to be no longer than 45 seconds, but that never happens...

Greer Garson Al Pacino Mrs Minniver Scent of a

Matthew **McConaughey** Dallas Buyer's Club

(2013)

Hilary Swank Boys Don't Cry (2000)

Patti Duke The Miracle

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Woman

(1993)

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Meryl Streep - 19 nominations, swept the floor Katherine Hepburn

Most (male)

Movies that

Lord of the Rings – 11 wins each

Oscars speeches are legendary.

The most thank-you's ever uttered in an Oscar speech by Halle Berry for her Monster's Ball win in 2001

Worker (1962) ...She uttered

just two words. "Thank you"