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# 'CODA' takes top honours at SAG Awards, Will Smith wins

## Will Smith bags his first SAG Award for Best Actor

AP | Los Angeles

In an upset, the deaf family drama "CODA" took top honours at an unpredictable and history-making 28th Screen Actors Guild Awards that also saw wins for the leads of "Squid Game," the cast of "Ted Lasso" and Will Smith.

The ceremony, held Sunday at Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, California, and broadcast on both TNT and TBS, was notably border-breaking, with historic wins for deaf actors, Korean stars and some of Hollywood's biggest names. It culminated with "CODA," Sian Heder's heartwarming Apple TV+ coming-of-age film featuring a trio of deaf actors in Marlee Matlin, Troy Kotsur and Daniel Durant, along with newcomer Emilia Jones, winning best ensemble. The film has been seen as a watershed moment for the deaf community in Hollywood.

"This validates the fact that we, deaf actors, can work just like anybody else. We look forward to more opportunities for deaf actors," said Matlin on stage before teaching the crowd sign language for "I love you."

Matlin is the only deaf actor to win an Oscar, but her "CODA" co-star, Kotsur, may be in line to join her. Kotsur won best supporting actor Sunday, becoming the first deaf actor win an individual SAG award. When his name was read, the 53-year-old veteran actor plunged his head into his hands. On stage, he

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thanked his wife for "reminding me to check my fly before walking the red carpet."

Netflix's "Squid Game," the first non-English language series nominated by the actors guild, came on strong with three awards, including Lee Jung-jae for best male actor in a drama series and Jung Ho-yeon for best female actor in a drama series. Those wins came over the likes of "Succession"

Jeremy Strong, and Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Aniston of "The Morning Show."

"I have sat many a times watching you on the big screen dreaming of one day becoming an actor," Jung told the crowd, fighting back tears.

Still, HBO's "Succession" ultimately reigned in the best drama series category. Cox fittingly accepted the award with an expletive printed on his face mask, and another

tered as he struggled to take it off. But Cox turned serious when discussing Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In the evening's bluntest remarks on the invasion, he noted that the president of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, was a comic — and thus a fellow performer. He urged censored dissenters in Russia to speak out.

"The people in Russia

sia who don't like what's going on — and particularly the artists — I think we should join and celebrate them and hope that they can make a shift, as I believe they can," said Cox while the audience stood and applauded.

The SAG Awards are considered one of the most reliable predictors of the Academy Awards. Actors Lee Jung-jae first Oscar. Smith took best actor, scoring his first SAG award. "That may have been one of the greatest moments of my career just now because my name was called for 'King Richard' sitting next to Venus Williams," beamed Smith.



Will Smith accepts the award for outstanding performance by a male actor in a leading role for King Richard



The cast of Coda accepts the award for outstanding performance by a cast in a motion picture

## Dan Stevens to star in Hulu's 'Immigrant'

ANI | Washington

'Downtown Abbey' star Dan Stevens has joined the cast of Hulu limited series 'Immigrant' (working title).

According to Deadline, Stevens has been tapped for a key role in 'Immigrant' that will also feature 'Silicon Valley' actor Kumail Nanjiani.

Nanjiani will also executive produce the project from 'Pam and Tommy' creator Robert Siegel.

As per the logline obtained by Deadline, 'Im-

migrant' is the true story of Somen 'Steve' Banerjee (Nanjiani), the Indian-American entrepreneur who started Chippendales. The series will detail the insane, darkly comedic, crime-ridden story behind the unique male revue that became a cultural phenomenon.

Stevens will play Paul Snider. A hustler and serial schmoozer, Paul Snider stumbles upon the opportunity of a lifetime in the form of Steve Banerjee (Nanjiani) and his struggling LA backgammon club. Through their unlikely partnership, the iconic male stripping institution Chippendales is born.

## Rosy McEwen to star as lead in Georgia Oakley feature 'Blue Jean'

ANI | Washington

Actor Rosy McEwen of 'The Alienist' fame has boarded filmmaker Georgia Oakley's upcoming feature 'Blue Jean' in the lead role.

According to Variety, in the film, McEwen will play the eponymous Jean, a teacher who finds herself grappling with her identity during the tail-end of the 1980s.

Oakley, whose debut short film 'Little Bird' was nominated for best narrative short film at Tribeca Film Festival, will be directing the film from her



Rosy McEwen

original screenplay.

"Jean is a woman forced to wear multiple masks in the different areas of her life, and as such she has this sort of taut, cloistered energy that Rosy has

absolutely mastered," Oakley said in a statement.

She added, "I think it takes an actor such as Rosy, with such intelligence and poise to communicate these kinds of complex emotions; I can't wait to work with her to bring Jean to life."

Speaking about her role, McEwen said, "I'm so grateful and proud to be part of this project, it's a story that needs to be told and heard by everyone."

'Blue Jean' is Oakley's debut feature and will also mark McEwen's first leading feature film role.

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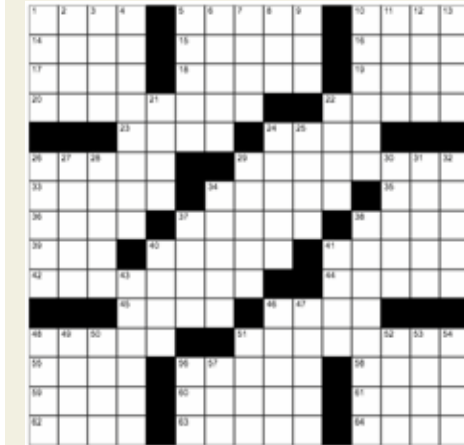
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#### How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### CROSSWORD



#### Across

1- Apply powder to oneself; 5- Helpful; 10- Seethe; 14- Consumer; 15- Lowest point; 16- Writer Bombeck; 17- "Mon Oncle" director; 18- Forest makeup; 19- Longstanding argument; 20- On an upper floor; 22- Impudent; 23- Inwardly; 24- Kind of ticket; 26- Area of land; 29- Lacking a definite shape; 33- Dike, Eunomia and Irene; 34- Bring about; 35- City in GA; 36- "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author; 37- Baseball manager Joe; 38- Remain; 39- "Cats" monogram; 40- Herbert Hoover, for one; 41- Egg exterior; 42- Chosen; 44- Tall and thin; 45- Antlered animal; 46- Enlarge, as a hole; 48- Groundwork; 51- Period of high birthrate; 55- Zwei cubed; 56- Merchandise; 58- Peru's capital; 59- Langston Hughes poem; 60- Mother of Perseus; 61- Some Ivy Leaguers; 62- In excess of; 63- Severe; 64- Fast fliers;

#### Down

1- Ballerina's skirt; 2- Quickly, quickly; 3- Permits; 4- Crucial; 5- Before; 6- Loiter; 7- Bad time in the Senate; 8- Fairway position; 9- Hesitant sounds; 10- To happen to; 11- Raw materials; 12- Don of talk radio; 13- Godiva, for one; 21- Poker payment; 22- Just the \_; 24- Feel grief; 25- Scottish Gaelic; 26- \_ Amore; 27- Awaken; 28- Staggering; 29- Capacitance unit; 30- Devoured; 31- Stem; 32- With cunning; 34- Crouch in fear; 37- Carry; 38- Scene of destruction; 40- Locks up; 41- Kill; 43- Newspaper executive; 46- Radiolocation; 47- Clampett player; 48- Scott of "Charles in Charge"; 49- When Hamlet dies; 50- Sneaker or loafer; 51- Mother Hubbard's quest; 52- Lubricates; 53- Pass over; 54- Aggregate; 56- Mds.; 57- Feedbag bit;

Yesterday's solution

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