

FROM LADY GAGA TO SANDRA OH CRITICS' CHOICE AWARDS

FILM AND TV GREATS SHARE THE SPOTLIGHT
ON ANOTHER WINNING NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD



Another weekend, another awards night! For the second consecutive Sunday, the stars gathered for a celebration honouring the best of film and television. And much like the Golden Globe Awards a week earlier, those invited to the Barker Hanger in Santa Monica, Calif., made as much of an impression for their stylish ensembles as they did for their formidable performances. Traditionally a more casual affair than the Golden Globes and the Oscars, the 24th Critics' Choice Awards brought out a bevy of big-screen and small-screen celebrities looking effortless in their distinctive versions of easy-going chic.

From Julia Roberts's black-and-white pantsuit to Emily Blunt and husband John Krasinski's coordinating look, everyone clearly put their own spin on the evening's dress code. Even *A Star Is Born*'s Lady Gaga – who tied with *The Wife*'s Glenn Close for the Best Actress award – took it down a notch in a strapless pale-peach Calvin Klein gown with a shorter train than the show-stopping blue Valentino dress she had worn a week earlier.

SALUTING DIVERSITY
Charming host Taye Diggs kept the audience entertained from the get-go – “Yes, I’m handsome!” ▶



The Wife star Glenn Close and *A Star Is Born*'s Lady Gaga (in Calvin Klein) share the award for Best Actress. Host Taye Diggs (top) gets the evening started with a song-and-dance number. Right: Canadian *Killing Eve* star Sandra Oh (in Prabal Gurung) gushes during her acceptance speech.



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quipped the actor and singer – while also managing to share his opinion on the importance of diversity in Hollywood. After acknowledging that it has been “a great year for inclusivity of all underrepresented people,” he launched into his own version of Cardi B’s “I Like It,” complete with backup dancers and some creative lyrics directed at such films as *Black Panther* and *If Beale Street Could Talk*. “Let’s give it up for the queen,” he sang. “I love you, Regina King. Diversity on the screen. I like it like that!”

As for the awards themselves – voted on by the Broadcast Film Critics Association – *Roma* took home the night’s Best Picture award to solidify its place as an Oscar contender. “This bunch of Mexicans are not as bad as sometimes they are portrayed,” exclaimed delighted Mexican director Alfonso Cuarón in one of the evening’s political jabs.

Other big-name films honoured were *Black Panther* and *Vice*, which earned three wins each. *Vice*’s Christian Bale even won in two acting categories – Best Actor and Best Actor in a Comedy – for the same role!

“I guess time sort of allows it to be considered a comedy, but it’s really a tragedy,” the British actor, who came to the U.S. when he was 17, said of the film about former American vice-president Dick Cheney. He then went on to call the movie “a love story” to his adopted country and gave a random shout-out to legendary singer Louis Armstrong “because why not, right? He’s just a beautiful man.”

Best Song went to “Shallow” from *A Star Is Born*, with Lady Gaga explaining its meaning as she thanked her co-star and director, ▶



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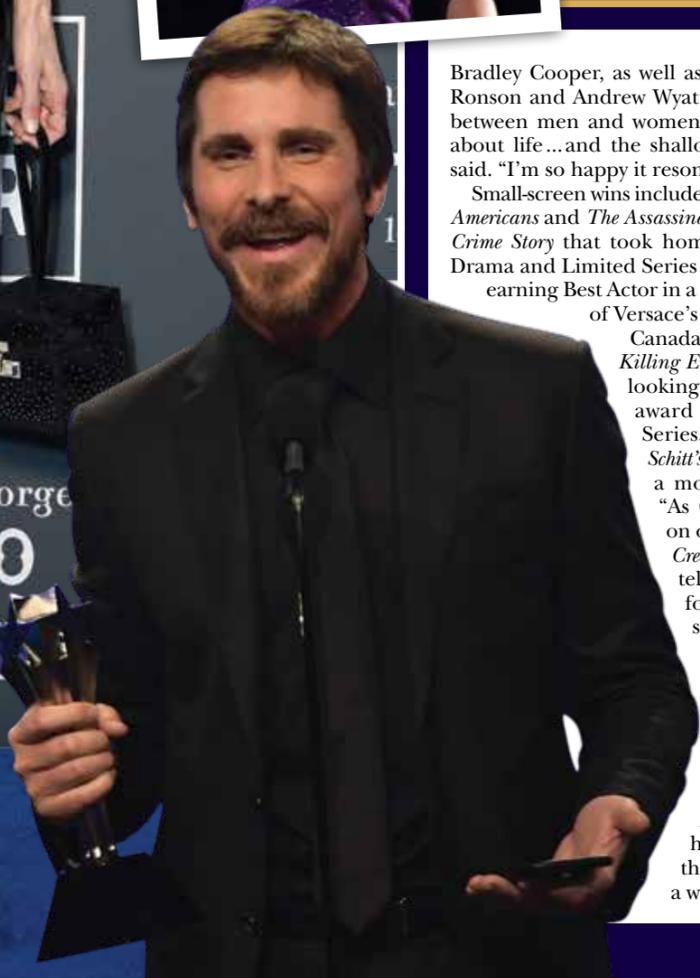


Clockwise from far left: *Sharp Objects*’ Amy Adams (in navy Zac Posen) and Patricia Arquette of *Escape at Dannemora* share Best Actress in a Limited Series award; the ever-gorgeous Julia Roberts; the ever-gorgeous Julia Roberts; Kristen Bell in blue Cushnie; Emmy Rossum goes glam in Ralph Lauren; Prada-clad Emily Blunt and husband John Krasinski; Claire Foy rocks a one-shouldered jumpsuit; Mahershala Ali and composer Kris Bowers of *Green Book*.





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Bradley Cooper, as well as her fellow songwriters, Mark Ronson and Andrew Wyatt: "This song is a conversation between men and women, asking each other questions about life...and the shallowness of a modern era," she said. "I'm so happy it resonated with you."

Small-screen wins included *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *The Americans* and *The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story* that took home trophies for Best Comedy, Drama and Limited Series respectively, with Darren Criss earning Best Actor in a Limited Series for his portrayal of Versace's killer, Andrew Cunanan.

Canada also received some love, with *Killing Eve* star Sandra Oh once again looking shocked as she accepted her award for Best Actress in a Drama Series. Sitting nearby were the cast of *Schitt's Creek*, who were excited to mark a momentous moment in history.

"As Canadians we pride ourselves on our humility but tonight *Schitt's Creek* became the first Canadian television series to be nominated for Best Comedy at the @CriticsChoice and that felt pretty...great," tweeted Dan Levy alongside a photo of himself and his co-stars looking dapper. "Well done, team. I love you all very much."

There was also a touching moment for Claire Foy. The *First Man* star was tremendously honoured to be presented with the #SeeHer Award, recognizing a woman who changes stereotypes

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Left page: Nicole Kidman takes another star turn, this time in Armani Privé; the *Schitt's Creek* cast make history; Regina King (in Michael Kors) and Christian Bale celebrate their wins. This page, clockwise from top left: Patricia Clarkson and Allison Janney dazzle; Charlize Theron, in silver Givenchy, strikes a pose with pal Nicole.

in the entertainment industry. Last year's winner was *Wonder Woman* star Gal Gadot. "I accept this award as an encouragement to myself to be brave enough to face and see myself, and by doing, hopefully, I can understand and see others, and ultimately I can help others to see themselves," said Claire, who famously portrayed Queen Elizabeth II in *The Crown* but has switched gears thanks to roles such as goth hacker Lisbeth Salander in *The Girl in the Spider's Web*. **H**

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