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## THE WOMEN'S IMAGE NETWORK 26TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S IMAGE AWARDS ANNOUNCES ITS LIVING LEGEND HONOREE MELISSA ETHERIDGE & FILM & TELEVISION NOMINEES

**Los Angeles, CA – September 20, 2024** The Women's Image Network (WIN) will present the annual Women's Image Awards, at The Novo, L.A. Live to celebrate outstanding achievements in film and television that also promote the value of women and girls.

Superstar **Melissa Etheridge** will be on hand to accept its Living Legend Honor. "WIN is beyond thrilled to celebrate Melissa Etheridge, who is not just an iconic and genius musical artist, but she also embodies the best that humanity has to offer: empathy, courage, honesty, kindness and generosity. WIN also expects stellar performances from surprise musical guests who will help celebrate this incredible human being and our deserving nominated film and television artists," says WIN Founder, Phyllis Stuart.

Now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, The Women's Image Awards will present its ceremony the evening of Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> during a two-hour program. The evening will be filled with powerful influences across television and film. The 26th Annual Women's Image Awards Film & Television Nominees:

### Made For Television Movie / Limited Series

**Scoop**

**Quiz Lady**

**First Time Female Director**

**Lessons in Chemistry**

### Actress Made For Television Movie / Limited Series

**Loni Love** *Binged To Death*

**Brie Larson** *Lessons in Chemistry*

**Kate Fleetwood** *Scoop*

**Garcelle Beauvais** *Terry McMillan Presents: Tempted by Love*

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## Comedy Series

**Shining Vale** “Smile”

**Animal Control** “Dogs and Chickens”

**Abbott Elementary** “Party”

**Palm Royale** “Pilot”

## Actress Comedy Series

**Quinta Brunson** *Abbott Elementary* “Party”

**Leslie Bibb** *Palm Royale* “Pilot”

**Grace Palmer** *Animal Control* “Skunks and Swans”

**Vella Lovell** *Animal Control* “Skunks and Swans”

## Drama Series

**Mr. & Mrs. Smith** “First Date”

**Found** “Pilot”

**The Cleaning Lady** “Arman”

**Elsbeth** “Pilot”

**Fallout** “The End”

## Actress Drama Series

**Ella Purnell** *Fallout* “The End”

**Maya Erskine** *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* “First Date”

**Carrie Preston** *Elsbeth* “Pilot”

**Élodie Yung** *The Cleaning Lady* “El Reloj”

## Film / Show Producers

**Nkechi Okoro Carroll** *Found* “Pilot”

**Joanna Johnson, Christine Sacani, Jennifer Lopez, Elaine Goldsmith-Thomas, Cierra Ramirez**

*Good Trouble* “What Now”

**Jen Flanz** *The Daily Show*

**Suzy Beck, Hannah Beir, Adrienne Gallagher, Caroline Cannon, Erin Leyden, Lucy Sexton,**

**Jalaine Edwards, Kati Fernandez** *Full Court Press* “Down to Business”

**Carolyn Hepburn, Carolyn Mao, Sara Jane Sluke, Hella Winston, Christine Yoo** *26.2 to Life*

## Documentary Film (Short)

**Last Song From Kabul**

**Birthing A Nation: The Resistance of Mary Gaffney**

**Alive In Bronze: Huey P. Newton**

**The ABC's Of Book Banning**

## Documentary Film (Feature Length)

**Candace Parker: Unapologetic**

**Elizabeth Taylor: The Lost Tapes**

**I'm Not Broken**

**The Eternal Memory**

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### Film / Show Writer

**Zoë Kravitz** *Blink Twice*

**Christy Hall** *It Ends With Us*

**Joanna Johnson** *Good Trouble* “What Now?”

### Reality Series

**Royal Rules of Ohio** “Never Let Your Crown Tilt”

**Honest Renovations**

**Full Court Press** “Dream Chasers”

**Caught In The Act: Unfaithful**

### Actress Reality Series

**Jessica Alba, Lizzy Mathis** *Honest Renovations*

**Jennifer Flavin Stallone** *The Family Stallone*

**Tami Roman** *Caught In The Act: Unfaithful*

**Kamie Crawford** *Catfish: The TV Show*

### Film Director (Feature Length)

**Joie Jacoby** *Candace Parker: Unapologetic*

**Christine Yoo** *26.2 to Life*

**Nanette Burstein** *Elizabeth Taylor: The Lost Tapes*

**Rachael Dyer** *Pay or Die*

### Film Director (Short)

**Sheila Nevins** *The ABC's Of Book Banning*

**A.K. Sandhu** *Alive In Bronze: Huey P. Newton*

**Nazenet Habtezghi** *Birthing A Nation: The Resistance of Mary Gaffney*

### Animated Program

**Harley Quinn** “Gotham’s Hottest Hotties”

**Adventure Time: Fionna and Cake** “The Star”

**Krapopolis** “Tydra”

**My Adventures with Superman** “Two Lanes Diverged”

### Actress Animated Program

**Kaley Cuoco** *Harley Quinn* “Gotham’s Hottest Hotties”

**Hannah Waddingham** *Krapopolis* “Tydra”

**Lake Bell** *Harley Quinn* “Gotham’s Hottest Hotties”

**Alice Lee** *My Adventures with Superman* “Two Lanes Diverged”

### Series Director

**Kristen Lappas** *Full Court Press* “The Moment”

**Kathleen S. Jayme, Asia Youngman** *30 for 30: I'm Just Here for the Riot*

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**Nancy Schwartzman** *Sasha Reid and the Midnight Order* "I Think My Ex-Husband Is a Serial Killer"  
**Jen McGowan** *Star Trek: Discovery* "Mirrors"  
**Laura Nisbet Peters** *Good Trouble* "All These Engagements"

**About Living Legend Honoree Melissa Etheridge:**

Melissa Etheridge stormed onto the American rock scene in 1988 with the release of her critically acclaimed self-titled debut album, which led to an appearance on the 1989 Grammy Awards show. For several years, her popularity grew around such memorable originals as "Bring Me Some Water," "No Souvenirs" and "Ain't It Heavy," for which she won a Grammy® in 1992. Etheridge hit her commercial and artistic stride with her fourth album, *Yes I Am* (1993). The collection featured the massive hits, "I'm the Only One" and "Come to My Window," a searing song of longing that brought Etheridge her second Grammy® Award for Best Female Rock Performance. In 1995, Etheridge issued her highest charting album, *Your Little Secret*, which was distinguished by the hit single, "I Want to Come Over." Her astounding success that year led to Etheridge receiving the Songwriter of the Year honor at the ASCAP Pop Awards in 1996.

Known for her confessional lyrics and raspy, smoky vocals, Etheridge has remained one of America's favorite female singers for more than two decades. In February 2007, Melissa Etheridge celebrated a career milestone with a victory in the "Best Song" category at the Academy® Awards for "I Need to Wake Up," written for the Al Gore documentary on global warming, *An Inconvenient Truth*. As a performer and songwriter, Etheridge has shown herself to be an artist who has never allowed "inconvenient truths" to keep her down. Earlier in her recording career, Etheridge acknowledged her sexual orientation when it was considered less than prudent to do so. In October 2004, Etheridge was diagnosed with breast cancer, a health battle that, with her typical tenacity, she won. Despite losing her hair from chemotherapy, Etheridge appeared on the 2005 Grammy® telecast to sing "Piece of My Heart" in tribute to Janis Joplin. By doing so she gave hope to many women afflicted with the disease.

On October 7, 2016 Melissa Etheridge released *Memphis Rock & Soul*, her first album since 2014's critically lauded *This Is M.E.* Recorded at Royal Studios in Memphis, the album received stellar reviews from the likes of Entertainment Weekly, Parade, Rolling Stone, American Songwriter and more. She followed that up with the release of *The Medicine Show* in April, 2019. For *The Medicine Show*, Melissa reunited with celebrated producer John Shanks and sounds as rousing as ever, bringing a new level of artistry to her 15th studio recording. In June of 2020, Etheridge launched The Etheridge Foundation to support groundbreaking scientific research into effective new treatments for opioid use disorder. The Foundation works towards advancing treatment approaches that address the root causes of opioid abuse and make available better, more effective solutions for people to truly heal their opioid use disorder.

In 2021, Melissa returned with then album *One Way Out*. The 9-track album is a collection of songs Etheridge wrote in the late '80s and early '90s that never made the cut....until now! The time was finally right, and fans finally got a deeper glimpse to who Melissa was then.

October 2022 saw Melissa's return to the theatre with her one woman show, *My Window – A Journey Through Life*. The critically acclaimed, sold-out run premiered at New World Stages on October 13 and opened at Circle In the Square Theatre on Broadway in September 2023.

2024 saw Melissa release *Melissa Etheridge: I'm Not Broken*, a two-part docuseries (Paramount+) and accompanying live album. Recorded live within the grounds of the Topeka Correctional facility the album and two-part docuseries follows her journey both penning and performing an original song inspired by her correspondence with residents of the TCF and features raw and rousing versions of specially curated fan favorites and original songs.

### **About Women's Image Network**

Founded in 1993 by the artist and producer, Phyllis Stuart, Women's Image Network is an organization that creates, applauds and shares stories because powerful and excellent media builds inclusive and tolerant communities. Each year since 1993, to increase the value of women and girls, Women's Image Network has been promoting gender parity by producing The Women's Image Awards, which celebrate outstanding film and television that dispels media stereotypes. For more information, please visit [www.thewinawards.com](http://www.thewinawards.com).

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