The International Press Academy’s 17th Satellite Awards

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The International Press Academy’s 17th Annual Satellite Awards will take place on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Century City.

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Terence Stamp, Paul Williams, Walter Murch, X-Men’s Bruce Davison Shine Among 17th Satellite Award Honorees

Renowned British actor Terence Stamp and Oscar-winning singer/songwriter Paul Williams will join groundbreaking sound designer/editor Walter Murch with Bruce Davison (“X-Men,” ABC’s “Last Resort”), as the top award recipients at the 17th Satellite Awards. All four honorees will attend the International Press Academy’s annual gala.

“We’re celebrating every aspect of the business, including the technical side of filmmaking, with our multitalented honorees,” said Mirjana Van Blaricom, IPA President. “Paul Williams is enduring, resilient, and tremendously influential as a composer/performer. Walter Murch has taught many how to understand cinema, and Bruce Davison is now being recognized for his unfailing ability to enchant an audience. Terence Stamp’s distinctive presence in international cinema crosses generational lines in film-going audiences worldwide.”

After working with directors Frederico Fellini and Pier Paolo Pasolini, Stamp went on to own the role of ‘General Zod’ in the 70’s “Superman” franchise. He was Michael Douglas’ arch-rival in Oliver Stone’s 80’s definite “Wall Street,” and made a brilliant foray into drag chic in “The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.” He bookended the 90’s in Steven Soderbergh’s hard-baller “The Limey.” Stamp also left a mark in the Angelina Jolie-James McAvoy thriller “WANTED” (2008), Tom Cruise’s WWII period piece “ Valkyire,” and Matt Damon’s “Adjustment Bureau.” With fellow Brits Vanessa Redgrave and Gemma Arterton, he appears this year in “Song for Marion” (The Weinstein Co.), where he surpasses as a calcified pensioner who finds his voice. An acclaimed author, his newest memoir “Rare Stamps” is lively reading.

For Paul Williams, his role as current President and Chairman of ASCAP is just...
his newest chapter. Beloved worldwide for the “Rainbow Connection” (“The Muppet
Movie”) song, Williams is also the lyricist behind iconic hits “We’ve Only Just
Begun,” “Rainy Days and Mondays,” (The Carpenters), and “Evergreen (Love
Theme from ‘A Star Is Born’),” for which he received the Academy Award for Best
Original Song with Barbra Streisand. An Oscar and Grammy winning
singer/songwriter, Williams has been inducted into the Hall of Fame for songwriting
and has received Golden Globe as well as EMMY nods. He wrote “The Love Boat
Theme,” and appears in “Paul Williams: STILL ALIVE,” a just-released
documentary.

Walter Murch created the epoch-shaping Oscar-winning sound design of
“Apocalypse Now,” and is among a rafted few who have won Oscars in different
categories in the same year. For “The English Patient,” he won Best Sound and
Best Editing, among accolades from BAFTA. Murch has a role in film history as
part of George Lucas’s early film “THX 1138,” as designer of its sound montage.
Uniquely suited for the Tesla Award, he is currently editing “Particle Fever,” a
feature documentary on CERN’s Large Hadron Collider and the search for the
Higgs boson. Murch also published a seminal work on film editing, “In the Blink of
an Eye.”

Headlining as Admiral Arthur Shepard in ABC’s new military-themed series “Last
Resort,” Bruce Davison follows Carl Reiner to receive this year’s Honorary Satellite
statuette. Originally from Philly, Davison burst onto the big screen as the titular
character in the 1971 screamer “Willard,” and continues to thrill in hits like “X-Men”
and “X2.” He was nominated for an Academy Award for “Longtime Companion.”

Publicist Brian Edwards received a Satellite Award in his category during a private
tribute over the summer hosted by Vanessa Williams and Cindy Crawford. His
complete biography will be included in show program book.

The 17th Satellite Awards begin at 5 pm, Sunday, Dec. 16, at the InterContinental
in Los Angeles. The International Press Academy includes FEDEORA, the
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