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## **Joel McHale to Host 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Saturn Awards**

### **Event LIVE-Streamed on [ElectricNOW](#)**

**Los Angeles, CA -- (01, 03, 2024) – The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Films** is proud to announce that actor, comedian, and host **Joel McHale** (star of *Animal Control* and *Community*), will return as host of the **51<sup>st</sup> Annual Saturn Awards** on **Sunday, February 4, 2024** at the **L.A. Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel**. The Saturns will once again be live-streamed on Electric Entertainment’s premium OTT app and FAST channel, [ElectricNOW](#), and will include exclusive interviews from the Red Carpet, from the winner’s press walk, and from behind-the-scenes with genre luminaries.

Presented and produced by the **Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Films** in collaboration with **Electric Entertainment’s ElectricNOW**, the **Saturn Awards** are the only awards show that has been honoring the best in genre entertainment since 1972.

Academy President Robert Holguin and Saturn producers Bradley and Kevin Marcus comment, “We are thrilled to have Joel McHale host the Saturn Awards for the second year in a row. With his remarkable talent, dry wit, and acerbic humor, he embodies the spirit of the Saturn Awards tradition as Hollywood’s entertaining and irreverent awards show. The Academy is truly fortunate to have him as the host for this momentous 51st annual celebration.”

This year’s show is dedicated to the memory of the Saturn Awards’ dear friends, acclaimed actor and former Saturn Awards host, **Lance Reddick**, (most well-known for his roles in “Bosch” and the “John Wick” franchise) and legendary filmmaker **William Friedkin**, (Oscar winning director of “The Exorcist,” and “The French Connection”).

In addition to the annual award categories, the award show will present **Special Saturn Awards Honorees** from past, present, and future winners. **Christopher Nolan** will receive **The Visionary Award**, presented by **Emily Blunt** at the Awards show. Other special awards will be announced in the coming weeks.

#### **About The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror**

**The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror** is a non-profit organization founded in 1972 by film historian **Doctor Donald A. Reed** and is supported by several hundred genre enthusiasts and professionals (such as JJ Abrams, Dean Devlin, Gale Anne Hurd, Guillermo Del Toro, Greg Berlanti, and Kevin Feige) who have participated in the ongoing efforts of the Academy to promote genre film production and television programming since 1972. The organization is currently headed by President Robert Holguin and Saturn leaders Bradley Marcus and Kevin Marcus.

#### **About ElectricNOW**

**ElectricNOW** is the premium OTT app and FAST channel featuring Electric Entertainment’s own produced content such as fan-favorite TV series “**Leverage**,” “**Leverage: Redemption**,” “**The**

**Librarians,” “Almost Paradise,” and “The Outpost,”** as well as acquired programming such as the feature films **“Blackway”** starring Anthony Hopkins and **“The Book of Love”** starring Jason Sudeikis and Maisie Williams. The **ElectricNOW Channel**, available on numerous platforms including **The Roku Channel, Samsung TV Plus, Amazon Freevee, Sling Freestream, Plex, STIRR, Local Now, TiVo Plus, Redbox, Vizio, XUMO, TCL Channel, Stremium, Distro TV, Vidgo, Hisense Vidaa, LG Channels, Glewed TV, MyBundle.com TV, and Select TV**, is a one-stop shop for fans to enjoy all their favorite shows free, in a 24/7 streaming broadcast. In addition to the free streaming content, the **ElectricNOW App** also includes special bonus feature content, a program guide, video-on-demand and pay-per-view components. The channel and app are home to Electric’s newly launched podcast network, **Electric Surge**, which includes such hit series as **The Official Leverage: Redemption Aftershow: A Very Distinctive Podcast, Inglorious Trekspeers, The 4:30 Movie, Best Movies Never Made, Cartoon Barroom, The Rebel and the Rogue**, and **Disco Nights** in a line-up that includes podcasts devoted to Star Wars, Dr. Who and other sci-fi and entertainment industry-related topics.

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