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GEORGE CLOONEY TO PRESENT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO PRODUCTION DESIGNER JIM BISSELL AT THE 19TH ANNUAL ART DIRECTORS GUILD EXCELLENCE IN PRODUCTION DESIGN AWARDS ON JANUARY 31, 2015

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15, 2015 – **George Clooney** will present the **Art Directors Guild (ADG, IATSE Local 800)** Lifetime Achievement Award to his longtime friend, Emmy®-winning and Oscar®-nominated Production Designer **Jim Bissell**, at the 19th Annual Art Directors Guild Excellence in Production Design Awards. The announcement was made today by ADG Council Chairman Marcia Hinds and ADG Awards producers Dave Blass and James Pearse Connelly. The presentation will take place at a black-tie ceremony at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Saturday, January 31, 2015.

George Clooney is a two-time Oscar®-winner, as supporting actor in *Syriana* and as a producer of the 2013 best motion picture *Argo*. He has won five Golden Globes® for *Argo* (2012), *The Descendants* (2011), *Syriana* (2005) and *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (2000). One of Hollywood's leading men on screen and behind the camera, he is the 2015 recipient of the *Cecil B. DeMille Award*, an honorary Golden Globe for his contribution to cinema. His upcoming projects include directing Sony Pictures' *Hack Attack* and executive producing Showtime's *The Studio* with *Rescue Me* co-creator Peter Tolan.

Clooney's collaboration with Production Designer Jim Bissell began in 2002 with Confessions of a Dangerous Mind, followed by the Oscar®-nominated Good Night, and

Good Luck (2005), Leatherheads (2007) and most recently The Monuments Men (2014), starring Matt Damon, Bill Murray and Cate Blanchett.

Bissell's impressive credits include *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* (1982), as well as *The Rocketeer* (1991), *Jumanji* (1995), *300* (2006) and *Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol* (2011). He's been awarded a Primetime Emmy® for *Palmerstown, U.S.A.* (shared with Bill Webb, 1980), an Oscar® nomination and Satellite Award® win for *Good Night, and Good Luck* (shared with Jan Pascale, 2005) and additional nominations from the ADG, BAFTA and LAFCA Awards.

As previously announced, filmmaker **Christopher Nolan** will receive the prestigious Cinematic Imagery Award. Lifetime Achievement Awards will be awarded for the first time in ADG history to all four crafts. Joining Bissell as a recipient of this prestigious award will be **Camille Abbott** (Illustrators and Matte Artist), **John P. Bruce** (Set Designer) and **Will Ferrell** (Scenic Artist).

Additional presenters include **Anne Hathaway, Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones, Julie Bowen** and **Mayim Bialik**, among others.

Nominations for this year's ADG Excellence in Production Design Awards were announced on January 5, 2015. The complete list of nominees can be viewed here. Winners in 11 competitive categories will be revealed on January 31, 2015.

ADG Awards are open only to productions, when made within the U.S. by producers signatory to the IATSE agreement. Foreign entries are acceptable without restrictions. Further inquiries regarding the ADG Awards may be directed to Debbie Patton in the ADG Awards Office at (818) 762-9995, email: Debbie@artdirectors.org

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