

Awards Gala Celebrates Aspiring TV Filmmakers

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College television students from around the country were honored during the **Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation's 28th College Television Awards Gala**, which took place recently at **Culver Studios** in Culver City, Calif.

"Dancing with the Stars" host **Tom Bergeron** served as emcee at the invitation-only ceremony, which took place in the storied **Stage 5**. Numerous celebrity guests served as presenters.

The event featured a new format this year — the names of winners were kept secret until envelopes were torn, increasing the excitement for nominees.

Produced by **Mark Flaisher** of **Mark Flaisher Entertainment**, the awards ceremony featured an elaborate set area in the cavernous soundstage. Flaisher also employed a large center screen that improved the viewing experience for both the crowd in attendance and the TV audience (the show was taped by USC Trojanvision for a television rebroadcast, a first for the event).

In addition to projecting the nominated shows, **Kinetic Lighting** provided all lighting, audio, rigging and technical direction for the black-tie gala. Kinetic's **James Schipper** was the lighting designer and **David Jacobi** the technical director.



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