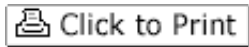




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HFPA is in a giving mood once again

Donates \$1.25 mil in grants to film schools, nonprofits

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The Hollywood Foreign Press Assn. handed out nearly \$1.25 in grants to 29 film schools and nonprofit organizations at its annual Installation luncheon for its new officers at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Tuesday.

Rose McGowan joined HFPA president Philip Berk to announce the grants. Others on hand included Warren Beatty, accepting on behalf of the Film Foundation, Jordana Brewster (Lollipop Theatre Network), Hugh Dancy (Outfest), Carla Gugino (Inner-City Arts), Rex Lee (Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment), Eva Longoria Parker (National Association of Latino Independent Producers), Dylan McDermott (FilmAid International), Chris Pine (UCLA), Jason Reitman (Los Angeles Conservancy), Emmy Rossum (California Summer School for the Arts Foundation), Kerry Washington (Film Independent) and Evan Rachel Wood (CSU Northridge).


Berk introduced the officers, who are vp Hans J. Spurkel, exec secretary Meher Tatna, treasurer Jack Tewksbury, board chairman Jorge Camara and board members Ali Sar, Ruben Nepales, Theo Kingma, Armando Gallo and Frances Schoenberger.

"Members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Assn. always look forward to our annual summer luncheon," Berk said. "Not only do we celebrate the installation of the organization's new officers and board members, we take pride in donating over \$1 million in charitable contributions to many outstanding film-related charities and educational institutions. We are fortunate that the success of the Golden Globes allows us to do so. Over the past 15 years, the Hollywood Foreign Press Assn. Foundation has presented more than \$10.5 million in financial grants to dozens of film schools and nonprofit organizations."

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