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The Grand Cinema Presents The Annual Film Awards Party

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As the South Sound's home of independent film, <u>The Grand Cinema</u> proudly invites movie lovers to celebrate the Oscars in style at our annual <u>Film Awards Party</u> on **Sunday February 28, 2016** at Theatre on the Square in Tacoma, WA. Doors to the party open at 4:00 p.m. and Oscar coverage begins at 5:00 p.m. (watch a recap of <u>last year's party</u>).

Each year, The Grand Cinema rolls out the red carpet and invites everyone to participate in an interactive celebration of the Oscar nominated films of the year. The tradition continues this February with a live broadcast of the 88th annual Academy Awards ceremony with hosted entertainment from local personalities including former TEDx Tacoma host Adam Utley and local actor Paul Richter (both members of Muh Grog Zoo improv group); Grand board member and veteran event host, Jordan Hightower; and costume atelier and host for the Gritty City Sirens, Ricky German.

Attendees are encouraged to dust off their formal wear for this red carpet event or dress as their favorite character from any film from 2015. Costume contest participants will be entered for a chance to win a gift certificate to the Melting Pot (\$300 worth of gift certificates will be split among costume winners). See last year's photos. A list of the nineteen Oscar-nominated films that played at The Grand in 2015 is available at www.grandcinema.com/film-awards-party/

Giveaways and raffle prizes will be awarded throughout the night, and at least one lucky attendee will win a "Golden Ticket" to The Grand Cinema – good for free movies for a year (for the winner only) in our Predict the Winners contest. Local restaurants will provide delicious food for purchase, and former owner and mixologist from Hilltop Kitchen, Chris Keil, will be serving special cocktails at the event. Beer and local wine will also be available at a no host bar.

Guests can support The Grand by participating in a silent auction. All proceeds will support The Grand's operations and programs.

VIP guests will have full event access between the private VIP seating area and general admission stadium seating to enjoy the costume contest and entire ceremony. Dinner in the VIP room will be catered by the head chef from Europa Bistro.

This event has sold out in the past several years, and those who want to attend are encouraged to reserve tickets early. VIP tickets have already sold out and only half of the tickets in general admission are still available.

Although we'll be watching the Oscars on the big screen, this event is not sponsored by or affiliated with The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

<u>General Admission tickets are \$20</u> (\$15 for Grand members) and include event entry and bottled water. Food is available for purchase.

The Theatre on the Square is located at 915 Broadway, Tacoma, WA, 98402.

Tickets to The Grand Cinema's annual <u>Film Awards Party</u> are on sale now and are available at The Grand's Box Office (606 S Fawcett Ave, Tacoma 98402), online at www.GrandCinema.com, or by calling (253) 593-4474.