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**WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE
18th COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD AWARDS
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LOS ANGELES, CA —February 23, 2016 – The winners of the **18th Costume Designers Guild Awards (CDGA)** were announced tonight at the annual Gala, hosted by actress Betsy Brandt (“Life in Pieces,” “Breaking Bad,” “Masters of Sex”). The Guild handed out competitive awards for Costume Design Excellence in seven categories for film, television, and short-form design. LACOSTE has been a supporter of the CDGA for more than a decade and returned as Presenting Sponsor for the sixth consecutive year.

The Guild honored two-time Academy Award® winning actress **Cate Blanchett** with the **LACOSTE Spotlight Award**, which was presented to her by three-time Academy Award® winning Costume Designer Sandy Powell. A double Academy Award® and CDGA nominee this year, Powell worked with Blanchett on three films: “The Aviator,” “Cinderella,” and “Carol.”

The **Distinguished Collaborator Award** was presented to award-winning film director, screenwriter, producer, and actor **Quentin Tarantino** in recognition of his creative partnerships with Costume Designers. The award was presented to Tarantino by “The Hateful Eight” co-stars, **Kurt Russell** and Academy Award® nominee **Jennifer Jason Leigh**.

Andy Garcia, André Holland, and Lili Mirojnick presented acclaimed Costume Designer **Ellen Mirojnick** with this year’s **Career Achievement Award** for her outstanding work in film and television. Mirojnick has worked on 61 films and numerous TV projects during her 40-year career in Costume Design. Her Costume Design credits include, “Wall Street,” “Basic Instinct,” “Behind the Candelabra,” and “The Knick.” Mirojnick is currently working with Director Angelina Jolie Pitt on her next feature film.

The 2016 **Distinguished Service Award** was presented to **Edwina Pellikka** for her dedication to the craft and art of design. Edwina has worked as a dyer, painter, and ager for every major studio since 1983. The award was presented to Pellikka by **Salvador Perez**, President of the Costume Designers Guild Local 892.

Additional presenters included **Mindy Kaling, Kate Beckinsale, Emily Ratajkowski, Krysten Ritter, Kiernan Shipka, Constance Zimmer, Lamorne Morris, Jaime Camil, and Adam Rodriguez**.

18th COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD AWARD WINNERS

Excellence in Contemporary Film

Jenny Eagan - Beasts of No Nation

Excellence in Period Film

Paco Delgado - The Danish Girl

Excellence in Fantasy Film

Jenny Beavan - Mad Max: Fury Road

Outstanding Contemporary Television Series

Lou Eyrich - American Horror Story: Hotel

Outstanding Period Television Series

Ellen Mirojnick -The Knick

Outstanding Fantasy Television Series

Michele Clapton - Game of Thrones

Excellence in Short Form Design

Julie Vogel - Most Interesting Man in the World Wins on Land, Sea & Air, Dos Equis

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ABOUT THE COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD:

The Costume Designers Guild, IATSE local 892, is a proud member of the international alliance of theatrical stage employees. In addition to our union services, we promote the artistry, technical expertise, and creative vision of our members who design authentic fictional characters with accuracy and integrity. The Guild's membership includes over 900 costume designers and illustrators working in motion pictures, television, commercials, music videos, and new media programs throughout the world.

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