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VITAC Providing Live Captions, Audio Description for 94th Academy Awards

Greenwood Village, CO - As part of their ongoing efforts to broaden access for all viewers, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' and ABC Television's presentation of the 94th Academy Awards once again will feature live closed captioning and live audio description during its telecast.

VITAC will provide live closed captioning for this year's Oscars and VITAC accessibility partner **Audio Eyes** will provide live audio description during the broadcast.

Captioning is the art of transcribing the audio portion of a video, program, or event into text and displaying that text on a screen. Captions largely are used by members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community, but have been shown to benefit all viewers and make content inclusive and accessible to all.

Audio description makes video content more accessible by inserting narrated descriptions of a program's key visual elements during natural pauses in the program's dialogue. This ensures that viewers who are blind or with low-vision will be able to take in all of the on-screen action, including wardrobes, visual comedy, dance movements, body language, gestures, and facial expressions.

"Captioning and audio description are key to making sure content – whether it be a TV drama, documentary, or high-profile awards show – is accessible to all viewers," said VITAC General Manager Doug Karlovits.

The 94th Academy Awards will held on Sunday, March 27, at the Dolby Theatre at the Hollywood & Highland Center. The show will air live on ABC at 8 PM ET/5 PM PT and in more than 200 territories worldwide.

Please check with your television manufacturer, cable company, or streaming service for information on how to access the captioning and audio description functions on your televisions and devices.

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About VITAC

VITAC, a Verbit company, is the largest provider of accessible video products and services in North America. Responsible for captioning hundreds of thousands of programming hours each year, its customers include every broadcast company and most cable networks, as well as Fortune 1000 corporations, educational institutions, government agencies, plus stadiums and arenas.

About Audio Eyes

[Audio Eyes](#) is a partnership of audio engineers, producers, accessibility experts, blind professionals, and audio description professionals who are passionate about providing high-quality services in a creative and inclusive work environment. Since 2002, Audio Eyes has consistently provided audio description for broadcast networks, studios, government agencies, universities, cinemas and theaters.

About The Academy

[The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences](#) is a global community of more than 10,000 of the most accomplished artists, filmmakers and executives working in film. In addition to celebrating and recognizing excellence in filmmaking through the Oscars, the Academy supports a wide range of initiatives to promote the art and science of the movies, including public programming, educational outreach and the upcoming Academy Museum of Motion Pictures.