

Carl Weathers

Carl Weathers will always remain an icon of film and television. For over fifty years, the feature films in which he appeared have grossed well over one billion dollars in box-office revenue worldwide. They include the first four ROCKY films, PREDATOR, ACTION JACKSON and HAPPY GILMORE. Television appearances in *Arrested Development*, where he played a version of himself, and most recently, as the powerful “Greef Karga” in *The Mandalorian*, garnering an Emmy nomination for acting, have become cult favorites.

Mr. Weathers’ artistry expanded to directing, from a critically acclaimed production of the stage play, *Danny and The Deep Blue Sea*, to television, including *The Mandalorian*, *FBI*, *Chicago Med*, *Hawaii 5.0* and *Law & Order*. At the time of his passing in 2024, as a prolific writer, Mr. Weathers had been crafting and developing multiple projects, that he was slated to also produce and direct, many of which are in process of being produced.

He also voiced many memorable characters, including Combat Carl for the *Toy Story* Franchise.

Rare, in show business, to have been a key player in the entertainment industry’s major franchises: ROCKY (for MGM) and TOY STORY (for The Walt Disney Company/Pixar Animation).

Prior to his meteoric rise to stardom, Mr. Weathers, a gifted natural athlete, played professional football with the NFL, with both the Oakland Raiders and the B.C. Lions.

Originally from New Orleans, Mr. Weathers earned a B.A. in Theatre Arts from San Diego State University. Further theatre study at San Francisco State University set the stage for the launch of his acting career in that city and then on to Los Angeles where he studied with Hugh Zetland and at the Charles Conrad Studios.

Never one to deny his passions, Mr. Weathers became a cattle rancher on Whidbey Island, Washington State, where the cattle bred at his “Heaven on Earth Ranch,” and won numerous awards around the country, having personally developed and shown the cattle himself.

Professional Affiliations:

- Director’s Guild Of America member since 1993:
DGA National Board Alternate; Western Director’s Council; 2011 and 2013 DGA/AMPTP Negotiating Committee Member; African American Steering Committee Co-Chair (past); DGA Foundation Secretary 2014 -16 DGA/PAC CO-CHAIR Reality Committee
- SAG / AFTRA
- Past “Women in Film” Board Member
- National Football League Alumni
- Canadian Football League Alumni

Nominee Name: Carl Weathers

Category: Sports Entertainment

Sponsor: Christine Kludjian

Number of Years in Entertainment Industry: 50

Nominee's Qualifications/ Biography

Carl Weathers has been and continues to be a desired brand in both the film and television industries for more than fifty years.

The iconic feature films in which he has performed have grossed well over One Billion Dollars in box-office revenue.

Films include: Rocky and Rocky II-IV, Predator, Action Jackson, Toy Story 4, Force Ten From Navarone, Semi-Tough, Death Hunt, Happy Gilmore, The Sasquatch Dumpling Gang, The Comebacks,

Television acting includes: The Mandalorian, Arrested Development, Chicago Justice (Fire, P.D.), Law & Order, Colony, Magnum P.I., Brothers, The Defiant Ones, In The Heat Of The Night

Director: The Mandalorian, FBI, Law & Order, Chicago Med (x2), The Last O.G.(x2), Strong Medicine, For The People

Awards & Nominations

NOMS:

- NAACP Image Awards: Action Jackson
- The Mandalorian
- Primetime Emmy: Outstanding Guest Actor, Drama
- Black Reel Awards For TV: Outstanding Guest Actor, Drama
- OFTA

Contributions to the Community

- 'Donations: Political Candidates, NPR, HBCUs, DGA PAC
- DGA PAC Committee: Co-Chair (several years)
- Member of DGA, SAG/AFTRA
- Women In Film: Board Member (past)
- NFL and CFL alumnus