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## OSCAR OUTLIERS: NO HOST AND BLOCKBUSTER NOMINEES

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Although the 91st Oscars are more than a week away, the nominations have been announced and speculations are being made for who will walk away with a famous gold statue. The popular awards show will air on ABC at 7p.m. on Sunday, February 24.

This year the award ceremony will be hostless, as Kevin Hart stepped down from hosting duties following backlash from an old tweet. He posted a video to Instagram saying he was quitting because he did not want to apologize again. This is the first time in thirty years that the Academy Awards will not have a host.

This year's Oscar nominations include films that are much more popular than the obscure films the Academy usually recognizes. Box office powerhouses like *Black Panther*, *A Star is Born*, and *Bohemian Rhapsody* are among the films competing for Best Picture.

Netflix's *Roma* and *The Favourite* are tied for the most nominations, with 10 each.

*Black Panther*, the first superhero movie to ever

be nominated for Best Picture, has seven nominations, including costume design, original score, original song, production design, sound editing, and sound mixing. At the same time, *Black Panther* missed out on a nomination in any acting and directing categories.

Bradley Cooper's fourth retelling of *A Star is Born* earned eight nominations- including Best Picture and acting nominations for Cooper, Lady Gaga, and Sam Elliot. Surprisingly, Cooper did not receive a nomination for Best Director.

The award show will feature musical performances of the five Original Song nominees: *Black Panther's* "All the Stars," *RBG's* "I'll Fight," *Mary Poppins Returns'* "The Place Where the Lost Things Go," *A Star is Born's* "Shallow," and *The Ballad of Buster Scruggs'* "When a Cowboy Trades His Spurs for Wings." Though there was some speculation that all of the songs might not be performed this year due to time constraints, the Academy has confirmed that all five songs will perform a 90-second excerpt during the ceremony.



OAK  
BROU  
OSCAR

BEST  
PICTURE

*Black  
Panther*



LEAD  
ACTOR

Chadwick  
Boseman  
(*Black Panther*)



WORST  
PICTURE

*The Meg*



LEAD  
ACTRESS

Sandra Bullock  
(*Birdbox*)



SUPPORTING  
ACTRESS

Zoe Saldana  
(*Avengers:  
Infinity War*)



SCREENPLAY

*Black Panther*



SUPPORTING  
ACTOR

Micheal B.  
Jordan  
(*Black Panther*)



BEST  
ANIMATED  
FEATURE

*Incredibles 2*



BEST  
SOUNDTRACK

*Spiderman:  
Into the  
Spiderverse*



BEST  
ORIGINAL  
SONG

*Bohemian  
Rhapsody*



COSTUME  
DESIGN

*Black  
Panther*



SPECIAL  
EFFECT

*Avengers:  
Infinity War*

