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MICHAEL DE LUCA AND JENNIFER TODD TO PRODUCE THE 89TH OSCARS

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'Mike and Jennifer have an intimate knowledge of the art of filmmaking. Their celebrated successes in storytelling will enhance the Oscar ceremony and capture the magic that sets the medium apart from any other,' said Channing Dungey, President, ABC Entertainment.

Michael De Luca earned Best Picture Oscar nominations for producing 'Captain Phillips,' 'Moneyball' and 'The Social Network.' He is credited on more than 60 films, including such features as 'Fifty Shades of Grey,' 'Blow,' 'Magnolia,' 'American History X' and 'Boogie Nights.' A former president of production at Sony Pictures, DreamWorks and New Line Cinema, De Luca is currently producing the last two films of the 'Fifty Shades' trilogy for Universal, 'Fifty Shades Darker' and 'Fifty Shades Freed,' which will be released in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Jennifer Todd is currently president of Pearl Street Films, the production company founded by Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, where she produced the upcoming film 'Live by Night,' due out December 25, and executive produced this year's 'Jason Bourne.' Her other credits include such films as 'Alice through the Looking Glass,' 'Celeste and Jesse Forever,' 'Alice in Wonderland,' 'Across the Universe,' 'Prime,' 'Memento,' 'Boiler Room,' and the 'Austin Powers' films. Jennifer Todd earned an Emmy nomination for her work on the HBO television movie 'If These Walls Could Talk 2.'

The 89th Oscars will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2017, at the Dolby Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center in Hollywood, and will be televised live on the ABC Television Network at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT. The Oscars also will be televised live in more than 225 countries and territories worldwide.

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