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# Tom Hanks to Receive Palm Springs Film Festival Icon Award

## Description

The 28th annual **Palm Springs International Film Festival** (PSIFF) will present **Tom Hanks** with the **Icon Award** at its annual FilmAwards Gala for his performance in *Sully.* The Film Awards Gala will be held Monday, January 2 at the Palm Springs Convention Center and hosted by Mary Hart. The Festival runs January 2-16.

â??Tom Hanks delivers yet another career-defining performance bringing to life the heroism of airline pilot Captain Chesley â??Sullyâ?? Sullenberger,â?• said Festival Chairman Harold Matzner. â??This is sure to be remembered in his long list of iconic character roles, including those in *Forrest Gump*, *Captain Phillips*, *Castaway*, *Philadelphia*, *Saving Private Ryan*, the *Toy Story* films and so many others. The Palm Springs International Film Festival is honored to present this yearâ??s Icon Award to Tom Hanks.â?•

Past recipients of the Icon Award include Michael Douglas, Robert Duvall and Meryl Streep. In 2014, Hanks received the Festivalâ??s Chairmanâ??s Award.

The film *Sully* is from Oscar-winning director Clint Eastwood, starring Oscar winner Tom Hanks as Captain Chesley â??Sullyâ?• Sullenberger. On January 15, 2009, the world witnessed the â??Miracle on the Hudsonâ?• when Sullenberger glided his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. However, even as he was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career. The film also stars Aaron Eckhart and Laura Linney.



Tom Hanks is an award-winning actor, producer and director.  He won back-to-back Best Actor Academy AwardsÂ® for his work in Jonathan Demmeâ??s *Philadelphia* and the title role in Robert Zemeckisâ?? *Forrest Gump*.  He also won Golden Globe Awards for both films, as well as a Screen Actors Guild (SAG) AwardÂ® for the latter. His other feature credits include *Bridge of Spies, A Hologram for the King, Captain Phillips, Saving Mr. Banks, Cloud Atlas, Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close, Larry Crowne, The Ladykillers, The Terminal, Catch Me If You Can, Saving Private Ryan, Road to Perdition, That Thing You Do, The Green Mile, Youâ??ve Got Mail, Sleepless in Seattle, A League of Their Own, Apollo 13, The Da Vinci Code, Angels & Demons, Inferno, Splash* and the animated *Toy Story, Toy Story 2, Toy Story 3, Cars* and *The Polar Express*.  His next film will be James Ponsoldtâ??s *The Circle*.

**About The Palm Springs International Film Festival**
The Palm Springs International Film Festival (PSIFF) is one of the largest film festivals in North America, welcoming 135,000 attendees last year for its lineup of new and celebrated international features and documentaries. The Festival is also known for its annual Film Awards Gala, an upscale black-tie event attended by 2,500, honoring the best achievements of the filmic year by a celebrated list of talents who, in recent years, have included Ben Affleck, Javier Bardem, Cate Blanchett, Sandra Bullock, Bradley Cooper, George Clooney, Daniel Day-Lewis, Leonardo DiCaprio, Clint Eastwood, Tom Hanks, Matthew McConaughey, Julianne Moore, Brad Pitt, Eddie Redmayne, Julia Roberts, David O. Russell, Meryl Streep, and Reese Witherspoon.

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