

## Oscar, the Golden Statuette

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Do you like to see the movies? What interests you more when you decide to see a movie? What impresses you much after seeing a movie? Most of us talk about the handsome actors(男演員) or pretty actresses(女演員) in the movies. Some of us think of the stories of the movies. But still some experts have to discuss the winners of those who did well for the movies. The most famous awards in the world are Academy Awards, also called the Oscar. Every winner feel proud to get the golden statuette(小雕像).

How the statuette got the nickname isn't clear. A popular story has been that Academy librarian(圖書館管理員) Margaret Herrick said that it looked like her Uncle Oscar. A reporter(新聞記者) next to the office overheard her and helped brand the golden guy. In any case, by the sixth Awards Presentation in 1934, Hollywood columnist(專欄作家) Sidney Skolsky used the name to mean Katharine Hepburn's first Best Actress win. The Academy itself used the nickname officially in 1939.

Because of the war, the Academy handed out plaster (石膏) Oscar statuettes during WWII. After the war, winners exchanged (交換) the plaster awards for golden statuettes.

In the earlier times, the ceremony (典禮) was only a simple party. When the first Academy Awards were handed out, movies had just begun to talk. Today, interests in the Oscar have always run high. It makes the movie fans excited for almost a month since the nominees (入圍者) are presented (公佈). This year, the 76th Annual Academy Awards took place on February 29. Did your favorite stars and movies win the Oscar?

- Who can win the Oscar ?  
(A) The newspaper reporters.                      (B) The movie workers.  
(C) The librarians.                                      (D) The magazine columnists.
- According to the story, who surely used the name of the statuette "Oscar"?  
(A) Margaret Herrick.                                      (B) Margaret Herrick's uncle.  
(C) Sidney Skolsky.                                      (D) Katharine Hepburn.
- When was the Academy officially called "the Oscar"?  
(A) 1929                      (B) During World War II.                      (C) 1934.                      (D) 1939.
- What year did the Awards Presentation start in?  
(A) 1929.    (B) 1934.    (C) 1939.    (D) 1976.
- Which is true?  
(A) The nominees of the Academy Awards are also the winners.  
(B) The Awards stopped during the World War II.  
(C) The ceremony in 2004 is on February 29.  
(D) The statuette is made of plaster.

Ans: 1. **B**      2. **C**      3. **D**      4. **A**      5. **C**