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Oscars 2022: The good, the bad, and the well deserved

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In light of the recently announced Oscar's nominations, there is a debate on the most deserved nominations and snubs. The 94th Oscars Academy Award Ceremony are set to take place Mar. 27 and will have three hosts, who were just announced on Feb. 14. The hosts, Wanda Sykes, Regina Hall and Amy Schumer, will each host an hour of the show.



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aware of this and have criticized her online including in Reddit forums, it is interesting to see this decision made.

Though what most viewers really focus on besides the hosts and celebrity guests is if their favorites received nominations and who will win. Here, musical theatre fans are in a tough spot with this year's awards. *West Side Story*, the classic that was remade and released in back in December, has received Best Picture nomination. However, the only cast member nominated for their role is Ariana DeBose. This leaves many fans happy for the actress, but those online pondered why its lead Rachel Zegler or side actor Mike Faist were not nominated.

But the main loss for musical fans was the lack of nominations for *Tick, Tick, Boom!* Which followed Jonathan Larson and his autobiographical musical. Though its Lead Andrew Garfield was nominated, the movie was only nominated for Film Editing.

This upset fans with some on Twitter feeling it deserved more recognition. However, it is good to see Garfield get a nomination after portraying a real person so well with viewers on TikTok posting edits of performance clips of Larson and Garfield while comparing the accurate details.

In the Oscar's decisions, a big critique on my Twitter feed was in response to zero nominations for the film *Passing*, which follows two black women in the 1920s. It is filmed in black and white, although the story and its character's situations are not.

There were also superhero fans like Kevin Smith saying that *Spider-Man: No Way Home* was snubbed, as it was one of the largest grossing movies and received many positive reviews. However, this isn't much of a shocker, as I feel like I grew up hardly seeing movies like that nominated by the Academy aside from a digital effects or sound nomination.

To look at the positives, the Best Animated Picture category is the most exciting for me. I was riding the Oscar campaign for family comedy *The Mitchells vs. the Machines*, which received the nomination. However, its competitor *Encanto* is more than likely to be a hit with its song "We Don't Talk about Bruno" charting for the last several weeks. There is also *Luca*, about sea monsters who can transform as humans on land that could be a close competitor as well and enjoyable.



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Dune, which has gotten the second most nominations, ten. It was a well-received film when released with fans excited by the sequel, and it appears the Academy enjoyed several aspects of it including its nomination of Best Picture with fans having no complaints about its nominations. All 23 award categories and nominations can be viewed, [here](#).

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