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OSCARs ONLINE: COMPUSERVE® GOES TO THE ACADEMY AWARDS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 16, 1994 -- Ever wonder what really goes on backstage at the Oscars? The 66th Annual Academy Awards are Monday, March 21 at 9:00 p.m. ET -- and CompuServe members will be part of the first interactive, backstage, online coverage of the Oscars.

With nearly 1.8 million members, CompuServe is the leading worldwide online information service for personal computer users.

Syndicated entertainment columnist Stacy Jenel Smith and Entertainment Drive's Michael Bolanos will be live online from the press room at L.A.'s Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, providing continuous coverage of the happenings, the gossip, the quotable quotes -- what TV viewers aren't seeing and hearing at home. CompuServe members can follow the commentary online in CompuServe's Convention Center (GO CONVENTION).

Members can also send questions in advance to potential winners. Questions can be posted for nominees in the Entertainment Drive Forum™ (GO EDRIVE™), the first global entertainment forum, in Section 13, Beck/Smith's Hollywood. Smith and reporters Stephanie DuBois and Monika Guttman will ask new Academy Award winners as many questions as possible.

Together with Marilyn Beck, Stacy Jenel Smith provides a daily entertainment news item on CompuServe's Beck/Smith Hollywood Exclusive (GO BECK). Beck and Smith also convey members' questions to stars such as Dean Cain, Marisa Tomei and Leslie Nielsen and post their answers on Entertainment Drive™. Other entertainment products on

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