The 88th Academy Awards ceremony, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS), honored the best films of 2015 and took place on February 28, 2016, at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles, beginning at 5:30 p.m. PST. During the ceremony, AMPAS presented Academy Awards (commonly referred to as Oscars) in 24 categories. The ceremony was televised in the United States by ABC, and produced by David Hill and Reginald Hudlin and directed by Glenn Weiss. Actor Chris Rock hosted the show for the second time, having previously hosted the 77th ceremony held in 2005.

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Nominations	Film
12	The Revenant
10	Mad Max: Fury Road
7	The Martian
6	Spotlight
5	Star Wars: The Force Awakens
4	Room

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Nominations	Film
3	The Hateful Eight
2	Ex Machina

The nominees for the 88th Academy Awards were announced on January 14, 2016, at 5:30 a.m. PST (13:30 UTC), at the Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Beverly Hills, California, by directors Guillermo del Toro and Ang Lee, Academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs, and actor John Krasinski. The Revenant received the most nominations with twelve total, with Mad Max: Fury Road coming in second with ten. For the second consecutive year, a film directed by Alejandro G. Iñárritu received the most nominations. Composer Anohni became the second transgender person to be nominated for an Oscar. (Angela Morley was the first, in 1974 and 1976.) Sylvester Stallone became the sixth person to be nominated for playing the same role in two different films.The winners were announced during the awards ceremony on February 28, 2016. With two Oscars, Spotlight was the first film since The Greatest Show on Earth in 1952 to win Best Picture with only one other award. Alejandro G. Iñárritu became the only Mexican and third director to win two consecutive Oscars for Best Director after John Ford in 1940–1941 and Joseph L. Mankiewicz in 1949–1950, respectively. At the age of 87, Ennio Morricone became the oldest winner in Oscar history for a competitive award. Having previously won for Gravity and Birdman, Emmanuel Lubezki became the first person to win three consecutive Best Cinematography awards. Bear Story became the first ever Chilean film to win an Oscar.

Awards	Film
6	Mad Max: Fury Road
3	The Revenant
2	Spotlight

Table 2, winners

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