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Honors-Awards

2015: Academy Award for Best
Picture: Selma: Nominated

2013: Presidential Medal of Freedom

2011: Jean Hersholt Humanitarian
Award

1986: Academy Award for Best
Supporting Actress: The Color
Purple: Nominated

Oprah Winfrey

CEO, Producer, Publisher, Actress and Innovator
Los Angeles

Summary

Oprah Winfrey is a global media leader, philanthropist, producer and actress.

She has created an unparalleled connection with people around the world, making her one of the most respected and admired people today.

As Chairman and CEO, she's guiding her successful cable network, OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network, and is the founder of O, The Oprah Magazine and Harpo Films. This December, Winfrey will embark on a multi-city speaking tour in Australia and New Zealand, on the heels of her eight-city U.S. arena tour and transformational weekend in 2014.

Winfrey is an Academy Award-nominated actress for her role in "The Color Purple" and earned critical acclaim in "Lee Daniels' The Butler." Most recently, she produced and acted in the Academy Award-winning film "Selma." For 25 years, Winfrey was host of the award-winning talk show "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

One of the world's leading philanthropists, Winfrey has long believed that education is the door to freedom. In April of 2014, Winfrey partnered with Starbucks to create the Teavana Oprah Chai tea, which is sold in Starbucks and Teavana stores across the U.S. and Canada. A donation from each purchase is made from Starbucks to the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy Foundation to benefit educational opportunities for youth, which in turn provides funding to national charity organizations including Girls Inc., National CARES Mentoring Movement, Pathways to College and U.S. Dream Academy.

In October 2015, The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa will be graduating its fifth class. Winfrey established the school in 2007 to provide education for academically gifted girls

from disadvantaged backgrounds. Graduates of the school have continued on to higher education both in South Africa and at colleges and universities around the world. In 2013, Winfrey was awarded the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Experience

OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network

Chairman and CEO

January 2011 - Present (9 years 8 months)

OWN has nearly doubled its prime-time viewership since it launched four years ago, and is now available in 82 million homes. On Sunday, October 18 at 8 p.m. ET/PT on OWN will premiere Belief, a seven-part "docuseries" that explores faith and spirituality.

O, The Oprah Magazine

Founder and Publisher

January 2000 - Present (20 years 8 months)

Oversees a magazine devoted to helping people better their lives. Average circulation: 2.5 million

The Oprah Winfrey Show

Host

January 1986 - December 2011 (26 years)

Hosted a nationally syndicated award-winning talk show that aired for 25 seasons.
