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Critics Choice Awards red carpet in 10 looks

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Elle Fanning attends the Critics Choice Awards in Santa Monica, California, on January 4. Adam ...



Just four days into the new year, Hollywood's 2026 awards season kicked off in chic but relatively pared-back style at the 31st Critics Choice Awards on Sunday evening.

The annual ceremony is considered a bellwether for the Oscars, with the industry

closely monitoring how hotly tipped movies like “Sinners” and “Hamnet” perform among the Critics Choice Association’s (CCA) hundreds of members. The star-studded awards show also offers a glimpse at the fashion trends that may unfold between now and the Academy Awards in mid-March.

If that is the case, we may be in for two months of sleek dark gowns, neutral palettes and womenswear spins on classic men’s tailoring.

Organizers’ decision to line the entrance to Santa Monica’s Barker Hangar with a black carpet, rather than a red one, set a somewhat somber tone — one that was matched by an abundance of black suits and dresses. Playfulness was expressed in other ways, however.

The voice cast of “**KPop Demon Hunters**” showed how to put an adventurous spin on the monochromatic trend, particularly Audrey Nuna in a voluminous Marc Jacobs circle shift dress. The likes of Teyana Taylor and Keri Russell, meanwhile, turned to sharp suiting, with the latter among several attendees opting for reworked tuxedos, her perfectly cropped jacket adorned with a statement brooch.

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Elsewhere, “Marty Supreme” star Odessa A’zion oozed old-school goddess glamour in a gown by Dubai-based label OTT; Chase Infiniti, nominated for her performance in “One Battle After Another,” stunned in a sleeveless, pale yellow Louis Vuitton two-piece; and Elle Fanning went archival in a shimmering vintage dress by Ralph Lauren.

Below are 10 looks from the red carpet.



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Ariana Grande continues to embrace her “Wicked” character Glinda’s signature pink — this time in a custom cape gown by Alberta Ferretti. (*Savion Washington/WireImage/Getty Images*)

Jacob Elordi arrived in an all-black Bottega Veneta ensemble with shades. (*Frazer Harrison/Getty Images*)





Chase Infiniti brightened up the black carpet in a crêpe georgette two-piece by Louis Vuitton. (*Adam Jason Finmann/Getty Images*)

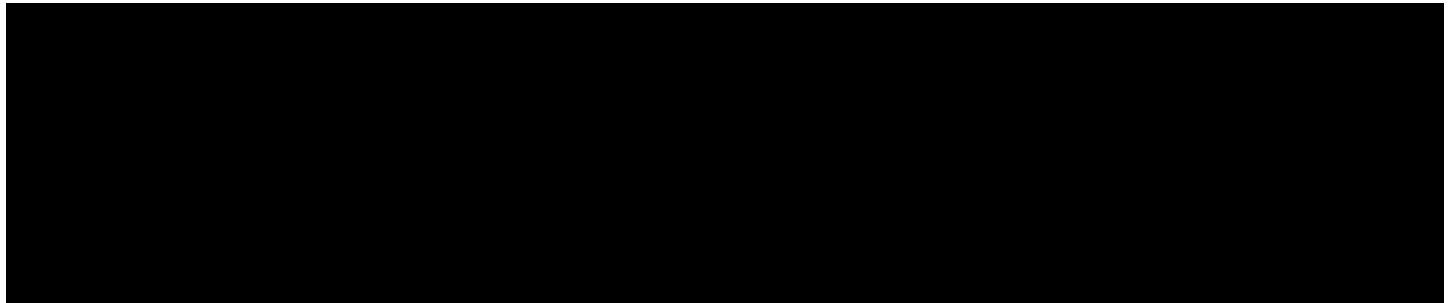
Best Actor nominee Michael B. Jordan in a burgundy double breasted Louis Vuitton suit. (*Gilbert Flores/Variety/Getty Images*)

On a night of muted colors and understated styling, “Marty Supreme” star Odessa A’zion broke the mold in a sparkling, maximalist gown by OTT. (*Corine Solberg/Sipa USA*)

Elle Fanning shimmered in a gold archival Ralph Lauren gown. (*Jordan Strauss/Invision/AP*)

Nominated for “The Diplomat,” Keri Russell offered a standout example of the ceremony’s women’s tux trend. (*Monica Schipper/Getty Images*)

Complete with leather gloves, thigh-high boots and striped necktie, Teyana Taylor's feathery suit was adapted from Saint Laurent's Fall-Winter 2025 menswear line. (*JC Olivera/WWD/Getty Images*)



Audrey Nuna, the singing voice of Mira in "KPop Demon Hunters," put a fun spin on black dresses in Marc Jacobs. (*Adam Jason Finmann/Getty Images*)

"Hacks" co-stars Paul W. Downs and Megan Stalter made a tongue-in-cheek nod to Timothée Chalamet and Kylie Jenner's matching all-orange looks at last month's "Marty Supreme" premiere. *(Mike Blake/Reuters)*



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