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Dustin Hoffman, Sally Field get Oscar awards

LOS ANGELES, April 16:—Dustin Hoffman last night won a Hollywood Oscar for best actor for his role in 'Kramer vs Kramer' which scooped the pool with five golden statuettes, reports Reuter.

The film, the emotional portrait of a father fighting to keep custody of his young son was voted the best film of the year.

Meryl Streep, who played the ex wife fighting to regain custody, won an Oscar for best supporting actress and Robert Benton collected Oscars for directing the film and for adapting the screenplay.

Sally Field, 34, won the Oscar for best actress for her portrayal of a woman fighting to bring a trade union into a textile mill in the US south in 'Norma Rae'.

Hoffman, 42, who had been nominated three times before for best actor but had never won an Oscar.

Referring to other actors nominated for his award, Hoffman declared: 'I refuse to believe I beat Jack Lemmon, I beat Al Pacino, I beat Peter Sellers. We are part of an artistic family'.

Hoffman's mother, who was in the audience, sobbed silently as her son accepted his Oscar. The winners were chosen by members of the film industry who belong to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

One of the most popular wins of the night was that 79-year-old Melvyn Douglas, the suave leading man of the 1930s and a veteran of more than 40 films, who won the award for best supporting actor for his role as an Ailing Presidential Adviser in 'Being There'.

Douglas kept a promise he would not attend the awards ceremony because of an old saying an actor had 'no chance against children or animals'.

Eight-year-old Justin Henry of 'Kramer vs. Kramer', and another Hollywood oldtimer, Mickey Rooney a star of 'The Black Stallion' were among the nominees for best supporting actor.

The star-studded audience gave a standing ovation to British actor Sir Alec Guinness, 63, who collected an honorary Oscar, awarded last February, for 'memorable and distinguished performances'.

Here is the complete list of winners of the Hollywood Oscar awards, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences last night.

Best actor—Dustin Hoffman (for 'Kramer vs Kramer').

Best actress—Sally Field (for 'Norma Rae').

Best film—"Kramer vs Kramer").

Best supporting actor—Melvyn Douglas (for "Being There").

Best supporting actress—Meryl Streep (for "Kramer vs Kramer").

Best director—Robert Benton (for "Being There").

Best foreign language film—"The Tin Drum" (from West Germany).

Best achievement in art direction—Tony Walton, Philip Rosenberg, Edward Stewart and Gary Brink (for "All That Jazz").

Best adapted musical score—Ralph Burns (for "All That Jazz").

Best costume design—Albert Wolsky (for "All That Jazz").

Best visual effects—Carlo Rambaldi, Brian Johnson, H. R. Giger, Nik Alder and Denys Ayling (for "Alien").

Best documentary feature film—"Best Boy" produced by Ira Wolf.

Best short subject documentary film—"Paul Robeson: Tribute to an Artist", produced by Saul Turell.

Best animated short film—"Every Child", produced by Derek Lamb for the National Film Board of Canada.

Best live action short film—"Board and Car", produced by Sarah Pillsbury and Ron Ellis.

Best achievement in sound—Walter Murch, Mark Berger, Richard Beggs and Nat Boxer for "Apocalypse now".

Best achievement in cinematography—Vittorio Storaro, for "Apocalypse Now".

Best original song—"It goes like it goes" (from the film "Norma Rae" with music by David Shire and lyrics by Norman Gimbel).

Best original musical score—"A little romance", by Georges Delerue.

Best achievement in film editing—Alan Heim (for "All That Jazz").

Best original screenplay—Steve Tesich (for "Breaking away").

Best adapted screenplay—Robert Benton (for "Kramer vs Kramer").