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Tobey Maguire stars as Red Pollard in the Oscar-nominated film, *Seabiscuit*

The winners' circle



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Get ready for the upcoming Academy Awards by celebrating the best films of recent years with **Oscar Greats Month**

HIS BODY IS Hollywood's most recognised and coveted. It's golden and rock hard, but he doesn't work out. And every woman and man in the entertainment industry lusts to hold him. His name? Oscar.

Rumours vary as to how Oscar got his name, but we do know the Academy Awards represent the world's best-quality movies. Now you can celebrate the race to the 84th Academy Awards, hosted by Billy Crystal on Monday 27, as MOVIE GREATS screens previous winners and nominees every night in Oscar Greats Month.

Oscar doesn't seem to have a type. In recent years, he's flirted with black comedies (1996 film *Fargo* won Best Writing, Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen; and Best Actress in a Leading Role) and lavish 1920s-set musicals (*Chicago* won Best Actress in a Supporting Role and five Oscar Awards for Technical Achievement in 2003), to epic battlefields teeming with orcs and hobbits (*The Lord Of The Rings* trilogy won 17 Oscars) and a shattered suburbia (five-time award winner *American Beauty* from 1999).

However, winners aren't everything in Oscar Greats Month. The 2003 racehorse drama *Seabiscuit* was nominated for seven Academy Awards; and Sean Penn was nominated for Best Actor for *I Am Sam* (2001). And it's not just about actors and directors. *The Talented Mr Ripley* (1999, five nominations) is just as memorable for its stunning 1950s outfits and lavish settings as for its gorgeous stars.

Leave some space for popcorn – that's just a taste of what's to come in Oscar Greats Month. ✕

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