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## THE COUNTDOWN TO HOLLYWOOD'S BIGGEST NIGHT IS ON!

## JULIANNE HOUGH AND JESSE PALMER SET TO HOST 'THE 97th OSCARS® RED CARPET SHOW'

The Primetime Oscars® Special, 'Countdown to the Oscars with Robin Roberts: A Special Edition of 20/20' Airs Friday, Feb. 28

'Good Morning America' to Air Special Coverage of the Academy Awards® Led by Lara Spencer Live on 'GMA' From Los Angeles Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Ahead of 'The Oscars'

> ABC News 'On The Red Carpet at the Oscars' Coverage Kicks Off Five-Plus Hours of Coverage Sunday, March 2

'Live with Kelly and Mark' Returns for Fan-Favorite Special 'After the Oscars' Live Monday, March 3

'The Oscars' Set To Air Live March 2 at 7 p.m. EST/4 p.m. PST on ABC and Hulu



Julianne Hough (Getty Images) and Jesse Palmer (Disney Entertainment Television/Brian Bowen Smith)

The stars are assembling for Hollywood's Biggest Night with exciting programming leading up to "The Oscars<sup>®</sup>."

Multihyphenate Julianne Hough and television personality Jesse Palmer will host "The Oscars Red Carpet Show," the official lead-in to the 97th Oscars on Sunday, March 2, airing at 6:30 p.m. EST/3:30 p.m. PST on ABC. This marks Jesse Palmer's inaugural year and Hough's second consecutive year hosting the official pre-show. The 30-minute special will highlight Oscar<sup>®</sup> nominees, performers and presenters, and provide a multiview experience of the red-carpet arrivals, giving the audience every can't-miss moment from Hollywood's biggest celebration.

"The 97th Oscars Red Carpet Show" is executive produced by David Chamberlin, Full Day Productions.

ABC News' live coverage of "The Oscars" kicks off on "Good Morning America," Wednesday, Feb. 26, with Lara Spencer in Los Angeles. On Friday, Feb. 28, Spencer will be joined by ABC News chief international correspondent James Longman as well as other special guests throughout the morning broadcast. Coverage continues that afternoon on "GMA3: What You Need to Know." That evening, "GMA" co-anchor Robin Roberts hosts the primetime special "Countdown to the Oscars with Robin Roberts: A Special Edition of "20/20" featuring interviews with Oscar nominees as well as first-time host Conan O'Brien. ABC News Live picks up coverage of the 97<sup>th</sup> Oscars throughout the weekend; and on Sunday, March 2, ABC News Live "Prime" anchor and "World News Tonight" Sunday anchor Linsey Davis and "Good Morning America" Saturday and Sunday co-anchor and "World News Tonight" Saturday anchor Whit Johnson, joined by ABC News correspondent Chris Connelly, KABC-TV entertainment reporter George Pennacchio, and Variety's chief awards editor Clayton Davis will co-host "On the Red Carpet at The Oscars" on ABC and ABC News Live, the 24/7 award-winning streaming news channel.

Once the curtain falls on the Oscar stage, "Live with Kelly and Mark" takes over and will broadcast LIVE from the renowned Dolby<sup>®</sup> Theatre at Ovation Hollywood to celebrate Hollywood' biggest night with the fan-favorite "After the Oscars Show," Monday, March 3, (check local listings). The Emmy<sup>®</sup> Award-winning hosts will showcase the best moments and biggest winners from backstage at the 97th Academy Awards, as well as welcome huge guests live on stage, and highlight the evening's fabulous fashion.

Hosted by Conan O'Brien, "The Oscars" will air live from the Dolby Theatre at Ovation Hollywood, and will air live on ABC and stream live on <u>Hulu</u>, Sunday, March 2, at 7 p.m. EST/4 p.m. PST, with the official live red-carpet show airing at 6:30 p.m. EST/3:30 p.m. PST.

## About The Academy

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is home to a global membership of more than 10,500 of the most accomplished film industry artists and leaders. The Academy recognizes and celebrates all aspects of the arts and sciences of moviemaking through renowned awards for cinematic achievement, including the Oscars<sup>®</sup>. With the largest film-related collection in the world, the Academy is a leader in the fields of conservation, preservation and exhibition of film-related objects and materials. Through its Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, the Academy presents powerful exhibitions, screenings and programs about cinema's past, present, and future. The Academy also inspires young artists and creates opportunities for underrepresented communities to engage with the film world. Across all initiatives, the Academy connects global audiences – its members, the film industry, and film fans – through their shared passion for making and watching films.

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