

## GETTING CREDIT

I am writing to start a dialogue about the role of a stand-in being listed in a film's closing credits. As someone who earns the majority of her SAG income from working as a permanent stand-in in movies, I am often confounded by the reasoning of why stand-ins are not always listed along with the entire crew who helped bring the movie to fruition. Our job as "second team" is imperative to all departments, from camera to electric to the "first team" itself, and we are there every single day from call to wrap.

There are times I watch the list of names at the end of a film and see a mention of every single person all the way down to a single-day intern production assistant receiving a credit, while the stand-ins remain unacknowledged. Is there a legitimate reason for this and is there anything that can be done to give credit where *all* credit is due?

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*Editor's Note: While there are requirements in the Screen Actors Guild Basic Agreement to list a minimum number of performers in the closing credits of a theatrical motion picture, screen credit for any performer is always a matter of individual bargaining. The Guild has attempted to negotiate better provisions regarding screen credits but the Producers are very resistant to additional obligations when it comes to this matter.*

## REMEMBERING TRESA

The recent death of my dear friend, the great character actress Tresa Hughes, brought many things to mind in addition to my own sorrow. When we met doing a show, I was 11 and she was a "grown-up," and we remained friends for all the decades since then.

One of the greatest gifts that an acting career gives us is one we don't often think about: getting to work on a regular basis with people of different generations. Tresa always said that if you want to live a long life, "cultivate younger friends." So glad she did, and so glad that the life of an actor encourages knowing and respecting people of all ages. Tresa, you will be missed on screen and off.

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*Editor's Note: For a listing of members who have recently passed away, please see In Memoriam on page 76.*



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