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# THE POWER LIST

In Entertainment Town, USA, everyone is angling for power. But actually getting it (and hanging on to it) is all about relationships. It's the most connected insiders—from party throwers to tweet-happy comedienne—who wield the real influence. Who better to give us a tour of the showbiz power grid than *The Hollywood Reporter* editorial director Janice Min?

## THE SCREEN STARS

### EMMA STONE

MS. VERSATILE

After proving a natural anchor for rom-coms (*Crazy, Stupid, Love*), dramas (*The Help*), and now a superfranchise (*The Amazing Spider-Man*), Stone has become a go-to lead across genres. Next up, Warner Bros. is banking on her to help fill seats for its *Gangster Squad*.

### ANNE HATHAWAY

THE FRESH MAKER

A longtime studio sure bet as the lovable everygirl, Hathaway has recently revealed a talent for updating classic roles: Her turn as an edgy Catwoman was a high note in *The Dark Knight Rises*, and she'll put her spin on Fantine in this winter's *Les Misérables*.

### JENNIFER LAWRENCE

THE GIRL ON FIRE

With two more *Hunger Games* installments in the works, Lawrence is one in-demand actress—and a flush one (she'll earn close to \$10 million for *Catching Fire*). But the onetime indie star is still making time to boost smaller vehicles, too, such as **David O. Russell's** upcoming *Silver Linings Playbook*.

### RACHEL McADAMS

THE ROMANTIC

The *Notebook* star pulled on heartstrings again in this year's *The Vow*, which made \$125 million domestically and more than \$196 million globally. But next she'll play against type, opposite **Noomi Rapace** in **Brian De Palma's** racy thriller *Passion*.

### KRISTEN STEWART

THE WILD CARD

The *Twilight* and *Snow White and the Huntsman* star earned nearly \$35 million last year alone. That said, only time will tell if her summer tabloid scandal will diminish the 22-year-old's box-office mojo.

### MERYL STREEP

THE PERENNIAL

The world's most nominated actress won her third Oscar this year for *The Iron Lady*, but continues to mix up her roles: After crowd-pleaser *Hope Springs*, she'll star opposite **Julia Roberts** in *August: Osage County*.

## THE REIGNING DIRECTOR



### KATHRYN BIGELOW

Academy Awards hawks are holding their breath for Bigelow's follow-up to 2009's Oscar sweeper *The Hurt Locker*. The Osama bin Laden epic *Zero Dark Thirty* scored her access to top secret CIA documents.

## THE NEW-BLOOD PRODUCER



### MEGAN ELLISON

At 26, the daughter of Oracle tech tycoon **Larry Ellison** has already gambled over \$100 million on indie films, this year financing **Paul Thomas Anderson's** Scientology movie, *The Master*, and **Bigelow's** *Zero Dark Thirty*.

## THE GENEROSITY MAGNET



### LISA PAULSEN

As the president and CEO of the Entertainment Industry Foundation, Paulsen has helped raise \$700 million to invest in nonprofits and research groups.

## THE MENTORS



### CHELSEA HANDLER

THE BAD-GIRL CEO

The *Chelsea Lately* host ranked on 2012's "Time 100" list of influencers, championed late-night TV with women 18 to 34, and dominated the *New York Times*' best-seller list (again) with *Lies That Chelsea Handler Told Me*. Meanwhile, Handler's writer and roundtable regular, **Sarah Colonna**, saw her first book, *Life as I Blow It*, debut at No. 5 on the best-seller list and get a TV show deal with NBC.

COLONNA



### JUDD APATOW

THE MAN

The *Bridesmaids* producer continues to serve up girl power. *Girls*, which he executive-produced for HBO, was the cultural phenomenon of the year and catapulted actress-writer-producer-director **Lena Dunham** from indie darling to the unofficial ambassador for generation #whatshouldwecallme.

DUNHAM

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THE CONNECTOR IN CHIEF

KATIE McGRATH

McGrath, wife of Hollywood multihyphenate **J. J. Abrams**, may not be a household name, but she's become a political, philanthropic, and social dynamo in showbiz circles. How, you ask?

1. SHE SUPPORTS WOMEN IN POLITICS

McGrath, with Abrams, regularly rallies support for new political talent such as California Attorney General **Kamala Harris** and Massachusetts Democratic Senate candidate **Elizabeth Warren**. McGrath also serves on the board of the Children's Defense Fund.

2. SHE KNOWS HOW TO PAIR UP

McGrath and Abrams keep the company of the industry's most established power couples: CAA ultra-agent **Kevin Huvane** and former agent **Ruth-Ann Huvane**; Diane von **Furstenberg** and media mogul **Barry Diller**; DreamWorks Animation CEO **Jeffrey Katzenberg** and **Marilyn Katzenberg**; Sony Corporation of America CEO **Michael Lynton** and **Jamie Lynton**; Universal Studios president and COO **Ron Meyer** and **Kelly Meyer**, a founder of the Women's Cancer Research Fund.

3. SHE DRAWS NEW BLOOD

McGrath and Abrams' events frequently bring in Hollywood's new guard, including **Scarlett Johansson**, **Mindy Kaling**, and **Olivia Munn**.

THE BICOASTAL POLITICOS



NICOLE AVANT

THE AMBASSADOR

Before serving two years as U.S. ambassador to the Bahamas, she helped kindle \$21 million for Obama's 2008 campaign. Now she and her husband, Netflix chief content officer **Ted Sarandos**, are again rallying Hollywood luminaries for Obama's reelection, which could lead to her being named his official DC-L.A. liaison.



MARGERY TABANKIN

THE GRANDE DAME

The political adviser to the stars and West Coast sounding board for DC's most influential (**Nancy Pelosi** meets with her when in town) has helped raise more than \$500 million in support of the environment, civil rights, and women's issues as executive director of both **Barbra Streisand's** and **Steven Spielberg's** foundations.



THE EXECUTIVES

AMY PASCAL

THE STUDIO SUPERHEROINE

It's been another banner year for the cochairman of Sony Pictures Entertainment and chairman of its Motion Picture Group: Buddy-cop comedy *21 Jump Street* and *The Amazing Spider-Man* raked in \$202 million and upward of \$735 million, respectively, worldwide; and Sony just acquired the red-hot distribution rights to **Kathryn Bigelow's** *Zero Dark Thirty*.

KATHLEEN KENNEDY

THE CHOSEN ONE

As **George Lucas** segues into retirement, this year Kennedy was trusted to co-helm the multi-billion-dollar Lucasfilm, Ltd. (Who wouldn't trust a producer whose résumé spans from the *Bourne*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Indiana Jones* franchises to indies such as *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* and *Persepolis*?)

STACEY SNIDER

THE DREAM GIRL

Six years into her reign as **Steven Spielberg's** right-hand woman and CEO of DreamWorks Studios, Snider remains one of the most sought-after businesswomen in Hollywood. Her alma mater, Universal Pictures, recently tried to woo her back to head Universal Studios, but Snider is staying put—for now.

DAWN HUDSON

THE ACADEMY BRASS

Formerly head of Film Independent (producer of the Independent Spirit Awards), the CEO of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences was hired to bring indie-studio elbow grease to the venerable institution.

NINA TASSLER

THE NETWORK MUSCLE

With Tassler as its entertainment president, CBS boasts 12 of the 15 most-watched scripted shows, including Emmy perennial *The Good Wife* and 2011's No. 1 comedy, *2 Broke Girls*.

NANCY DUBUC

THE SUBCULTURE QUEEN

The president and general manager of the Lifetime and History channels has struck gold by zeroing in on quirky subcultures with *Dance Moms*, *Pawn Stars*, and *Swamp People*.

LISA BERGER

THE REALITY-TV MATRIARCH

The mastermind behind the *Kardashians'* superstardom, E! entertainment programming president Berger revisited famous-family matters this year with *Mrs. Eastwood & Company* and *Married to Jonas*, the network's most-watched pilot in years.

@ZoeyDeschanel: Loved hanging out with amindykaling today at the fox upfronts. It's nice doing business with your pals!



THE PRIME-TIME TWEETERS

MINDY KALING & ZOEY DESCHANEL

This fall, Fox is banking on Kaling's Twitter influence (her following is now 1.9 million strong) to make her new show, *The Mindy Project*, a hit. It worked with *New Girl's* Deschanel, whose tweets promoting her show now reach 3 million followers. Kaling and Deschanel share an RT circle that also includes **Lena Dunham** and adorable Twitter It Girl **Maude Apatow**.

THE DIVORCE ATTORNEY



**Laura Wasser**

L.A.'s "disso queen" (as in "marriage dissolution"), **Wasser** charges north of \$750 per hour and is currently working to spring **Kim Kardashian** and **Heidi Klum**.

THE BILLIONAIRE'S BROKER



**Joyce Rey**

The veteran real-estate agent pulled in at least \$150 million last year. Her sales record includes \$50 million Bel Air megamansion **Le Belvédère**; on her Rolodex: **Donald Trump**, **Jennifer Lopez**, and **Renée Zellweger**.

THE SOCIAL CHAIR



**Ashley Lent**

At her Soho House screenings, luncheons, and benefits, the club's member-event planner creates a safe space for the glitterati (**Harvey Weinstein**, **Leonardo DiCaprio**, **Olivia Wilde**, the **Mulleavy sisters**, **Quentin Tarantino**) by banning cameras, entourages, and, generally, agents. Plus, she knows everyone.

THE NEGOTIATOR



**Hylida Queally**

Talent agency CAA's superagent, **Queally** presciently signed **Jessica Chastain** and **Bérénice Bejo** when they were relative unknowns, and she counts **Michelle Williams** and **Kate Winslet** among the eight-figure stars on her client list.

THE ART MAVENS

**Thao Nguyen**

THE AGENT

In her new post at Hollywood talent agency CAA, ace hobnobber **Nguyen** curates the firm's contemporary art collection and represents an eclectic array of creatives, from architect **Rem Koolhaas** to designers **Dror Benshetrit** and **Yves Béhar**.

**Honor Fraser**

THE DEALER

The former fashion model brings buzzed-about artists such as painter **Annie Lapin** and fashion plate **Rosson Crow** to her eponymous contemporary art gallery.



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THE STYLE ENVOY



**Margaret Maldonado**

Maldonado's agency represents an unrivaled roster of high-powered beauty wizards, and—of course—stylists such as...

**Cristina Ehrlich**

Loyalists: **Julianna Margulies**, **Penélope Cruz**, **Amy Adams**

**Petra Flannery**

Loyalists: **Emma Stone**, **Zoe Saldana**, **Mila Kunis**

**Anna Bingemann**

Loyalists: **Tina Fey**, **Claire Danes**, **Gwyneth Paltrow**

THE GODMOTHER

**Sherry Lansing**

When **Lansing** was named president at 20th Century Fox in 1980, she became the first woman to helm a major movie studio and then became the chairman and CEO of Paramount Pictures in 1992.

She retired in 2005, but not before seeing—and often facilitating—the rise of countless female execs and producers after her: cochairman of Sony Pictures

Entertainment **Amy Pascal**, DreamWorks CEO **Stacey Snider**, Disney/ABC Television group president **Anne Sweeney**, and sci-fi power producer **Gale Anne Hurd**.

When **Lansing** left the lot, she reinvented the Hollywood second act, too: She is now known for her many do-gooder organizations, including Stand Up to Cancer, which has raised over \$260 million in pledges for cancer research since 2008.

