



POZ Awards 2017 / Best Actor or Actress in Film and Television

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Welcome to the 2nd Annual POZ Awards, which spotlight the best representations of HIV/AIDS in media and culture.

The POZ editorial staff selects the nominees, but POZ readers choose the winners.

Eligible nominees were active or were presented, published or produced between October 1, 2016, and September 30, 2017.

Be sure to vote for your favorite nominees by the World AIDS Day deadline: Friday, December 1, 2017.

Here are the nominees:

Guy Pearce, *When We Rise*

Pearce [portrays](#) gay icon Cleve Jones in his adult years in the ABC miniseries.

Alan Cumming, *After Louie*

Cumming fiercely commits to the [role](#) of Sam, a haunted activist searching for meaning.

Ivory Aquino, *When We Rise*

In a welcome and rare occurrence, trans actor Aquino [portrays](#) trans activist Cecilia Chung.

François Nambot, *Paris 05:59: Théo & Hugo*

Nambot is endearing perfection as an HIV-positive Parisian [courting](#) a negative man.

Michael Kenneth Williams, *When We Rise*

No one sizzled in the miniseries like Williams, [playing](#) HIV-positive vet Ken Jones.

VOTING IS NOW CLOSED!

