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How To Mingle With the Stars: Volunteer!

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Last night, at the 84th Annual Academy Awards, **Tom Hanks** paid tribute to "Carl", a veteran seat-filler who's become a familiar face in the audience, as he has performed this duty for 59 years. As you watched, did you think, "Wow, I wish I could have his job and sit in a star-packed house rubbing shoulders with the best in Hollywood"? Well, you can! Many awards shows, including the SAG Awards, American Music Awards, and the People's Choice Awards, use seat-fillers to fill empty seats when a star is either on stage or elsewhere in the building, so when TV cameras show audience shots, there are no empty seats. For more information on how you can be a seat-filler, visit www.seatfiller.com.

If you want to participate and be hands-on in the entertainment industry, but being a seat-filler is not your thing, here are other great opportunities for you to mingle with the stars:

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week

Top-notch fashion designers take over New York City in February and September each year for the country's biggest fashion extravaganza, Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week. To put on this huge spectacle, it requires hundreds of volunteers working in various departments to ensure a smooth experience for designers and attendees. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Runway Venue Preparation
- Designer Guest Ushers
- Backstage Assistance and Set Up
- Assemble Gift Bags and Press Kits
- Help maintain the main event Information Desk
- Assist in the Volunteer Center

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2013 Collections will take place in September in the Big Apple. To sign up for volunteer opportunities, visit: <http://www.mbfashionweek.com/volunteer>.

Tribeca Film Festival

The Tribeca Film Festival is an annual event in New York City, helping filmmakers reach the broadest possible audience while enabling the international film community and general public to experience the power of cinema. This year will be the twelfth anniversary for the film festival and will be held April 18–29. The festival generally accepts between 1,500 and 1,800 volunteers each season, with opportunities ranging from line captains and door greeters to web and video production.

To apply for a position, visit the festival's website at <http://www.tribecafilmm.com/get-involved/tribecacrew.html>.

Hollywood Bowl

The Hollywood Bowl is a world-class venue that presents nearly seventy concerts annually, and each summer brings the finest talent from around the world to Los Angeles.

With the huge productions right around the corner, the venue is looking for volunteers. Perks of volunteering include earning tickets to the Hollywood Bowl as you log volunteer hours, a 10% discount at the Bowl Store, and the opportunity to meet and converse with other music lovers.

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To complete an application to become a volunteer, click here:
http://www.laphil.com/pdfs/give/hb11_volunteer_application.pdf

Los Angeles Film Festival

The Los Angeles Film Festival is an annual event designed to connect the movie-loving public to critically-acclaimed filmmakers, film industry professionals, and emerging talent in the heart of Los Angeles. This year's festival will run from June 14-24 and will take place at the premiere entertainment complex, L.A. LIVE. The Film Festival relies heavily on hundreds of hard-working volunteers to lend their talent and efforts to ensure a smooth event. If you want to be a volunteer, visit the festival's website beginning April 23 for details and sign-up.

Los Angeles Film Festival Website: <http://2011.lafilmfest.com/2012-lafilmfest-info/>

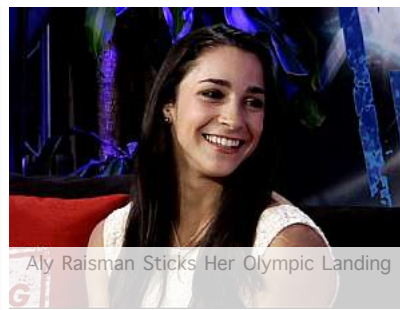
These are just a few of the opportunities available for those of you wanting to take part in some of the industry's biggest events. Let us know if you get to go, we'd love to hear about it!

- Audrey Cook, YH Staff

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