Golden Globes after-party scene: chocolate truffles, a kerfuffle and one very busy engraving station

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The Hollywood Foreign Press Assn. and Dick Clark Productions teamed up for their official viewing and after-party to celebrate the 75th Golden Globes. Unlike most of the other Sunday soirees held in various venues throughout the Beverly Hilton, the action at this one started long before the telecast ended.

As the final stop on the "winner's walk," Golden Globe recipients could go for their backstage interview and then stop into this party to have their names engraved on their trophies. So, not surprisingly, stars came streaming in during the telecast.

Having attended this party and then later, the Warner Bros. and InStyle shindig, we offer highlights from both Sunday night affairs.

6:15 p.m. Having won supporting actor in a film, Sam Rockwell is the first to bring in his Golden Globes statue. Photographers surround him.

6:30 p.m. Benj Pasek and Justin Paul arrive next, bringing in their trophies for best original song. How are they feeling? "We're out of our minds," Pasek jokes.

Sam Rockwell getting his statuette engraved! pic.twitter.com/Bd64NDiWiQ

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7:20 p.m. The two actresses who won for best performances in a TV series come next. The first is Elisabeth Moss, a winner in the drama category. About a half-hour later, Rachel Brosnahan, winner in the musical or comedy category, arrives. "I'm *very* happy," she says, emphasizing the word "very."

7:55 p.m. The actors named for best performance in a TV series follow. "I will always feel surprised and honored and flattered to win an award," Sterling K. Brown says, having won in the drama category. He then adds, "This is my first Golden Globe and the first for an African American male in this category — ever. So, I hope it's not another 75 years before another black man gets to hold this same trophy." Twenty minutes later, Aziz Ansari approaches the engraving counter. Victorious in the musical or comedy category, he says he's "very surprised."

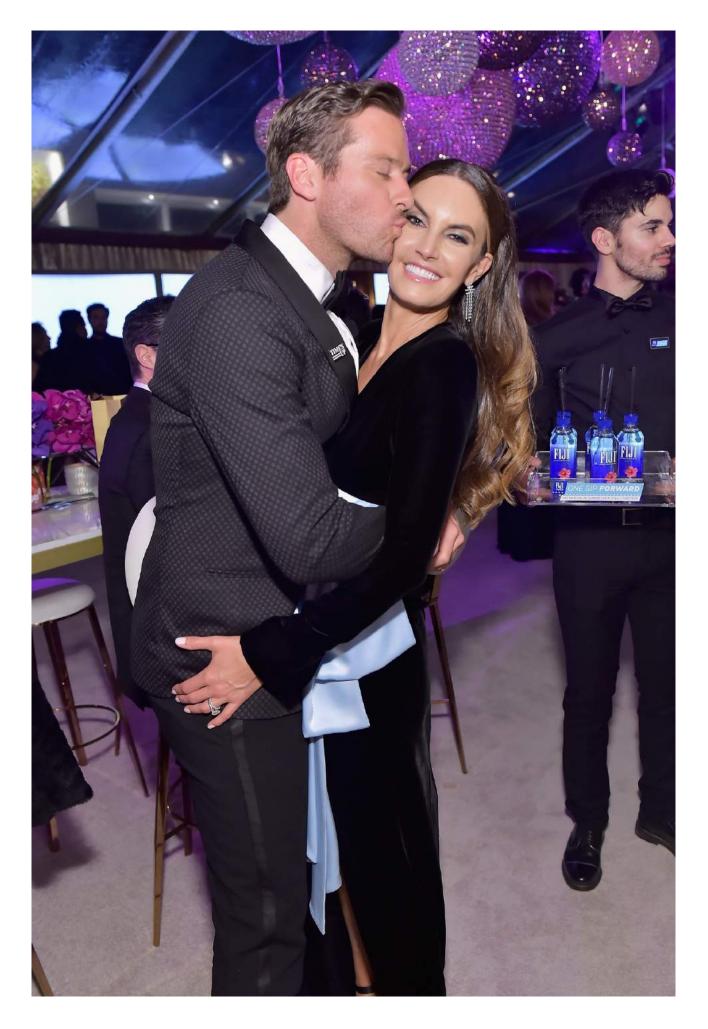
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8 p.m. With the telecast about to end, servers replace the salads and roast beef stations with pizza, sliders and a sushi bar. The staff clears the tables and straightens the chairs to accommodate the soon-to-arrive stars. And not a moment too soon. Matt Damon breezes into the room, stopping to watch Barbra Streisand on one of the TVs, as she presents the night's final award.

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8:15 p.m. In another corner of the room, Pasek and Paul chat with Darren Criss, whileArmie Hammer and his wife, Elizabeth Chambers, smooch for the photographers.



Armie Hammer, left, and Elizabeth Chambers share a moment at the HFPA's viewing and after-party at the Wilshire Garden inside the Beverly Hilton on Sunday. Stefanie Keenan / Getty Images for Fiji Water

8:30 p.m. There's a commotion at the sofa cluster beside the Lindt Chocolate station, where guests have been coming through to pick up complimentary tote bags containing dark, white and milk chocolate truffles. (Lindt is the official chocolate confection of the Golden Globes.)

So what's the cause of the ruckus? Kendall Jenner, Drake and their pals have shown up and taken over the seating area. Photographers rush to this side of the room.



Nick Jonas, left, and Joe Jonas attend the HFPA's after-party on Sunday. Stefanie Keenan / Getty Images for Fiji Water

8:50 p.m. Celebrities now seem to be everywhere. James Franco gets his statue for performance in a movie, comedy or musical engraved; Freddie Highmore of "The Good Doctor" walks in with friends; and Chris Sullivan of "This Is Us" is here.

We decide it's time for a venue change and proceed to the Warner Bros. and InStyle party.

9 p.m. Navigating the corridor to the other end of the hotel, we spot Ansel Elgort and Topher Grace passing us in the other direction.

As we know from past years, this always popular party lasts past midnight. So we're not concerned about our late arrival. And lest we need proof the party is still going strong, we overhear one security guard announce to another, "Jonas brothers, coming in." And sure enough, we see Nick and Joe heading our way.



From top left, Rosa Clemente, Michelle Williams, America Ferrera, Jessica Chastain, Amy Poehler, Meryl Streep and Kerry Washington pose for a photo with Natalie Portman, Ai-jen Poo and Saru Jayaraman at the InStyle and Warner Bros. Golden Globe after-party on Sunday. Tara Ziemba / AFP / Getty Images

9:15 p.m. We ask Allison Janney for her thoughts on the evening. "I think we've had a really positive, powerful moment. Oprah's speech was an appropriate end," she says, holding her trophy for supporting actress in a motion picture.

"Obviously it's a celebratory night for everyone in films and television, but I feel that what's happened tonight means that we're not going back," she adds. "We will not accept the abuses of power that have been going on since the beginning of time."

Then she says, "There will always be abuses of power, but I really choose to be optimistic as now I think there will be repercussions."

9:30 p.m. The ballroom is so jam-packed that it's difficult to move without locking sequins into someone else's black gown. And yet, just before we leave, we see there's still enough space on the designated dance floor for Derek Hough of "Dancing With the Stars" to take Nikki Reed of "Twilight" out for a spin. They end their routine with a dip.



From left, Golden Globes winner James Franco, Seth Rogen and screenwriter Evan Goldberg attend the InStyle and Warner Bros. after-party at the Beverly Hilton on Sunday. Matt Winkelmeyer / Getty Images for InStyle

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