

America for best director of 1991.

Streisand became only the third woman in the 44-year history of the guild to receive a nomination. She received the nod for directing the psychological drama "The Prince of Tides," in which she co-stars with Nick Nolte. Stone was nominated for one of the year's most controversial movies, "JFK," which revives conspiracy theories on the assassination of President John Kennedy.

They will compete with:

■ Jonathan Demme for directing the thriller "The Silence of the Lambs," which stars Jodie Foster and Anthony Hopkins.

■ Barry Levinson for "Bugsy," the biographical film about mobster Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel starring Warren Beatty and Annette Bening.

■ Ridley Scott for "Thelma & Louise," the controversial female "buddy" story starring Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon as women rebelling against male chauvinism.



Barbra Streisand: a nod for 'Prince of Tides'

Wide attention is given the Directors Guild nominations because they, like the Golden Globe Awards handed out by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association in January, are often barometers of the annual race for the Oscars — Hollywood's top prize.

But this year's batch of Globe winners and guild nominees do little to narrow the possibilities of what appears to be the most wide-open Oscar race in years.

Directors not nominated by the guild but often mentioned as Oscar contenders include Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise for the animated feature "Beauty and the Beast," Martha Coolidge for "Rambling Rose," John Singleton for "Boyz n the Hood" and Steve Terry Gilliam for "The Fisher King."

The guild will announce winners at a dinner work March 14, while the Academy of Motion Picture Arts

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ter for "Latterman Rates" and Agnieszka Holland for "Europa, Europa."

Stone in Paris

Stone heard the news of his nomination while traveling in Europe, where "JFK" opened last week in Germany and last night in France. He was reached by telephone in Paris just after he had received the French government's medal as Commander of Arts and Letters for his directing and writing career.

Reacting to the guild nomination, Stone said, "Not only am I honored, especially with this nomination from my peers, but I feel, to a certain degree, vindicated."

Scott, speaking from Haco, Costa Rica, where he is filming "Columbus" with Gerard Depardieu, expressed surprise over his nomination for "Thelma & Louise."



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