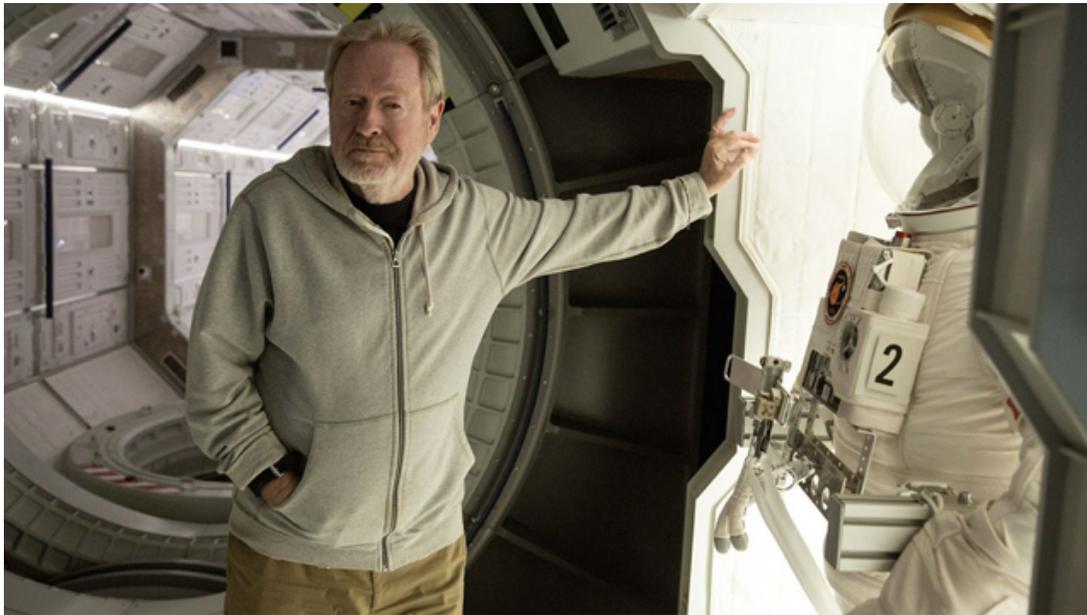


Ridley Scott Tapped for Visual Effects Society's Lifetime Achievement Award

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With “[The Martian](http://variety.com/t/the-martian/)” still raking in big box office receipts in theatrical release, the [Visual Effects Society](http://variety.com/t/visual-effects-society/) has announced that director [Ridley Scott](http://variety.com/t/ridley-scott/) will receive the organization’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

“Scott’s fiercely innovative direction of groundbreaking films, including science fiction classics ‘Blade Runner’ and ‘Alien’ and the sweeping chronicle ‘Gladiator,’ has given rise to a new era of storytelling and had a profound impact on future generations of filmmakers,” the organization said.

Scott’s dedication to native [3D](http://variety411.com/us/los-angeles/high-def-3d-digital-cinema/) in particular has bolstered the effects footprint of films like “Prometheus,” “Exodus: Gods and Kings” and “The Martian” in recent years. “To me it looks like eyesight,” he said in an interview with *Variety*. “We see 3D and people forget that. You’ve got two eyes separated by about an inch and a bit. That is 3D. The brain has kind of neutralized that spectacular capability. So what happens when you watch a movie is you’re reminded of that.”

Scott was originally tapped for the VES honor last year, presumably tied to the release of “Exodus: Gods and Kings,” but a scheduling conflict prevented him from attending.

“Ridley Scott is a defining voice of the feature, broadcast and commercial forms, and a true master of his craft,” said VES Board Chair Mike Chambers. “His vision and contribution to the art is incomparable and his impact upon the visual effects and technical fields is unparalleled. Ridley’s iconic films have entertained and inspired millions, and his oeuvre of groundbreaking work has been immensely influential.”

The 14th annual VES Awards will be held on Feb. 2 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

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