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On 25 November the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry's professional global honorary society, named award-winning director/producer Ridley Scott as the recipient of the VES Lifetime Achievement Award. The award will be presented at the 13th Annual VES Awards on 4 February 2015 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in recognition of his outstanding work which has significantly contributed to the art and/or science of the visual effects industry.

Jeffrey A. Okun, VES board chair commented, "Ridley Scott is a defining voice of the feature, broadcast and commercial forms. His vision and contribution to the art is incomparable and his impact upon the visual effects and technical form is unparalleled. Ridley has given us a body of ground-breaking work to aspire to, and for this we are honoured to award him with the prestigious Visual Effects Society Lifetime Achievement Award."

Previous winners of the VES Lifetime Achievement Award have included James Cameron, Steven Spielberg, Ray Harryhausen, George Lucas, Robert Zemeckis, John Dykstra and Frank Marshall & Kathleen Kennedy.

Scott remarked, "The best filmmaking has always been the result of collaboration between artists, craftspeople and technicians, both in front and behind the camera. Over the years I have been very fortunate to work on films that are visual at their core and thus I have always been immensely reliant on the expertise of our visual effects teams. To be honoured by the Visual Effects Society with this Lifetime Achievement Award is indeed extremely gratifying."

Scott recently directed *Prometheus*, *The Counselor* and the much-anticipated *Exodus: Gods and Kings* and *The Martian*. He also executive produces the Emmy, Peabody, and Golden Globe winning TV show *The Good Wife*.