



VISUAL EFFECTS SOCIETY (VES) ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR 10th ANNUAL VES AWARDS

“Tintin” leads with most feature nominations; “Boardwalk Empire” for broadcast

Los Angeles, January 9, 2012 - The Visual Effects Society (VES) today announced the nominees for its 10th Annual VES Awards ceremony recognizing outstanding visual effects artistry in 23 categories of film, animation, television, commercials, special venues and video games. Nominees were chosen Saturday, January 7 by distinguished panels of VES members who viewed submissions at the FotoKem screening facilities in Burbank and New York, FotoKem’s Spy in San Francisco, and other facilities in London, Sydney, Vancouver and Wellington, NZ.

“The standard of the creative work that is being considered this year is unbelievably high across all categories,” said Jeffrey A. Okun, Chair of the Visual Effects Society. “The judges faced a huge challenge because all of the work was so far above the norm. We’re honored to have the opportunity to focus the spotlight on the outstanding work that has contributed to some of the highest grossing films and broadcast projects of all time.”

As previously announced, Stan Lee will be honored with the VES 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award and Douglas Trumbull with the Georges Méliès Award.

The 10th Annual VES Awards will take place on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel and will air exclusively on ReelzChannel.

The nominees for the 10th Annual VES Awards are as follows:

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Feature Motion Picture

Captain America: The First Avenger

Charlie Noble
Mark Soper
Christopher Townsend
Edson Williams

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2

Tim Burke
Emma Norton
John Richardson
David Vickery

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides

Gary Brozenich
David Conley
Charlie Gibson
Ben Snow

Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Dan Lemmon
Joe Letteri
Cyndi Ochs
Kurt Williams

Transformers: Dark of the Moon

Scott Benza
Wayne Billheimer
Matthew Butler
Scott Farrar

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Feature Motion Picture

Anonymous

Andre Cantarel
Volker Engel
Rony Soussan
Marc Weigert

Hugo

Ben Grossmann
Alex Henning
Rob Legato
Karen Murphy

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

Laya Armian
Chas Jarrett
Seth Maury
Sirio Quintavalle

Source Code

Annie Godin
Louis Morin

War Horse

Duncan Burbidge
Ben Morris
Mike Mulholland
Chris Zeh

Outstanding Visual Effects in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Arthur Christmas

Doug Ikeler
Chris Juen
Alan Short
Mandy Tankenson

Kung Fu Panda 2

Melissa Cobb
Alex Parkinson
Jennifer Yuh Nelson
Raymond Zibach

Puss In Boots

Joe Aguilar
Guillaume Aretos
Ken Bielenberg
Chris Miller

Rango

Tim Alexander
Hal Hickel
Jacqui Lopez
Katie Lynch

The Adventures of Tintin

Jamie Beard
Joe Letteri
Meredith Meyer-Nichols
Eileen Moran

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Broadcast Miniseries, Movie, or Special

Finding Life Beyond Earth

Simon Clarke
Hasraf Dulull
Vikas Gandhi
Francisco Lima

Gettysburg

J. David Everhart
Kent Johnson
Jon Rhinehardt
Jon Rosenthal

Inside the Human Body

Phil Dobree
Sophie Orde
Dan Upton

Prep & Landing: Naughty vs. Nice

Kevin Deters
Dorothy McKim
John Murrah
Stevie Wermers

The Bomber

Igor Gotsulyak
Dmitriy Kolesnik
Egor Olesov
Dmitriy Ovcharenko

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Broadcast Series

Falling Skies

Rob Biagi
Curt Miller
Andrew Orloff
Sean Tompkins

Fringe

Robert Habros
Andrew Orloff
Jay Worth
Chris Wright

Planet Dinosaur

Phil Dobree
Luke Dodd
Haz Dulull
Mark Sherwood

Terra Nova

Kevin Blank
Colin Brady
Adica Manis
Jason Zimmerman

Once Upon A Time

Nate Overstrom
Laura Jones
Andrew Orloff
Douglas Charles Ludwig

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Broadcast Program

Boardwalk Empire - Georgia Peaches

Richard Friedlander
Robert Stromberg
David Taritero

Bones - Tornado Case

Christian Cardona
Buddy Gheen
Beau Janzen
Andy Simonson

Breaking Bad - Face Off

Bruce Branit
Werner Hahnlein
Gregory Nicotero
William Powloski

Game of Thrones - Winter is Coming

Lucy Ainsworth-Taylor
Angela Barson
Ed Bruce
Adam McInnes

Pan Am - Pilot

Tavis Larkham
Chris Martin
Sam Nicholson
Matt Robken

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Live Action Commercial

Dior J'adore

Pascal Giroux
Julien Meesters
Stephane Pivron
Manuel Souillac

Jameson: Fire

Chris Bankoff
Dan Glass
Sascha M. Flick
Jeff Willette

Johnnie Walker: Rock Giant

Vincent Baertsoen
Camila de Biagi
Angus Kneale
Rob Petrie

Kia: Share Some Soul

Charles Abou Aad
Andy Boyd
Nordin Rahhali
Mike Wigart

Volkswagen: Hedgehog

Mhamed Elmezoued
Stephane Montel
Emilie Nicodex

Outstanding Visual Effects in an Animated Commercial or Video Game Trailer

Audi A6 Avant - Hummingbird

Tom Bussell
Hugo Guerra
Rahel Makonnen
Jorge Montiel

Coca-Cola Siege

Russell Dodgson
Simon French
Diarmid Harrison-Murray
Sarah Hiddlestone

Diablo III: The Black Soulstone

Nicholas S. Carpenter
Graham Cunningham
Chris Thunig
Taka Yasuda

Prey 2

Heikki Anttila
Brandon Riza
Al Shier
Dave Wilson

Sony: 2 Worlds

Melanie Larue
David Liu
Richard Morton

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project

Amazin'

Marc Rienzo
Eric Sanford
Lisa Zusmer Delprete

Humbugged! Rockettes to the Rescue

Troy Griffin
Jasmine Johnson
Greg Lyons
Glo Minaya

Star Tours: The Adventure Continues

Bill George
Jeanie King
Glen McIntosh
Marianne McLean

Transformers the Ride: The Ultimate 3D Battle

Lori Arnold
Yanick Dusseault
Delio Tramontozzi
Jeff White

Typhoon 360

Peter Crosman
Seungyong Lee
Michael "oz" Smith
Brent Young

Outstanding Animated Character in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 - Ukranian Ironbelly

Yasunobu Arahori
Tom Bracht
Gavin Harrison
Chris Lentz

Paul - Paul

Anders Beer
Julian Foddy
Jody Johnson
David Lowry

Rise of the Planet of the Apes - Caesar

Daniel Barrett
Florian Fernandez
Matthew Muntean
Eric Reynolds

The Thing - Edvard/Adam

Lyndon Barrois
Fred Chapman
Greg Massie
Marco Menco

Outstanding Animated Character in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Puss In Boots - Puss

Antonio Banderas
Ludovic Bouancheau
Laurent Caneiro
Olivier Staphylas

Rango - Rango

Frank Gravatt
Kevin Martel
Brian Paik
Steve Walton

Rio - Nigel

Diana Diriwaechter
Sang Jun Lee
Sergio Pablos
Aamir Tarin

The Adventures of Tintin - Tintin

Gino Acevedo
Gustav Ahren
Jamie Beard
Simon Clutterbuck

Outstanding Animated Character in a Broadcast Program or Commercial

Audi A6 Avant - Hummingbird

Tom Bussell
Jorge Montiel

Canal + - The Bear

Laurent Creusot
Guillaume Ho
Olivier Mitonneau
Michal Nauzin

Carls Jr. - Robot

Matt Heimlich
Fredd Hopp
Philip Ineno
Rob Ramsdell

Game of Thrones - Fire and Blood

Henry Badgett
Mark Brown
Rafael Morant
James Sutton

Outstanding Created Environment in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Anonymous - London

Andre Cantarel
Robert Freitag
Rony Soussan
Greg Strasz

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2: Hogwarts

Keziah Bailey
Stephen Ellis
Clement Gerard
Pietro Ponti

Thor - Heimdall's Observatory

Pierre Buffin
Audrey Ferrara
Yoel Godo
Dominique Vidal

Transformers: Dark of the Moon - 155 Wacker Drive

Giles Hancock
John Hanson
Tom Martinek
Scott Younkin

Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Puss In Boots - The Cloud World

Guillaume Aretos
Greg Lev
Brett Miller
Peter Zaslav

Rango - Main Street Dirt

John Bell
Polly Ing
Martin Murphy
Russell Paul

The Adventures of Tintin - Bagghar

Hamish Beachman
Adam King
Wayne Stables
Mark Tait

The Adventures of Tintin - Docks

Matt Aitken
Jeff Capogreco
Jason Lazaroff
Alessandro Mozzato

The Adventures of Tintin - Pirate Battle

Phil Barrenger
Keith F. Miller
Alessandro Saponi
Christoph Sprenger

Outstanding Created Environment in a Broadcast Program or Commercial

Audi A6 Avant - Hummingbird

Amaan Akram
Tom Bussell
Alex Hammond

Boardwalk Empire - Two Boats and a Lifeguard

Matthew Conner
Robert Stromberg

Game of Thrones - The Icewall

Markus Kuha
Dante Harbridge Robinson
Damien Mac
Fani Vassiadi

Pan Am - Pilot Worldport Terminal

Bill Arance
Martin Hilke
Diego Galtieri
Anthony Ocampo

Terra Nova – Terra Nova

Michael Bozulich
Eric Hance
Kevin Kipper
David Morton

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Hugo

Martin Chamney
Rob Legato
Adam Watkins
Fabio Zangla

Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Thelvin Cabezas
Mike Perry
R. Christopher White
Erik Winquist

Thor

Xavier Allard
Pierre Buffin
Nicolas Chevallier

Transformers: Dark of the Moon

Michael Balog
Richard Bluff
Shawn Kelly
Jeff White

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Arthur Christmas

Michael Ford
David Morehead
Emi Tahira

Cars 2

Mahyar Abousaeedi
Sharon Calahan
Jeremy Lasky
Jonathan Pytko

Rango

Colin Benoit
Philippe Rebours
Nelson Sepulveda
Nick Walker

The Adventures of Tintin

Matt Aitken
Matthias Menz
Keith F. Miller
Wayne Stables

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Broadcast Program or Commercial

Gears of War 3 - Dust to Dust

Niles Heckman
Richard Morton
Vernon Wilbert Jr.

Ghost Recon - Future Soldier "Camo Up"

David Liu

Mattel: Hot Wheels

Steve Beck
Robert Sethi
Feliz Urquiza

Once Upon A Time - Cinderella's Courtyard

Stephen Jackson
Salyanne Massimini
Nathan Matsuda
Kevin Struckman

Outstanding Models in a Feature Motion Picture

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 - Hogwarts School Buildings

Steven Godfrey
Pietro Ponti
Tania Marie Richard
Andy Warren

Hugo - Train Crash

Scott Beverly
Allan Faucher
Forest P. Fischer
Matthew Gratzner

Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol - Parking Garage

John Goodson
Russell Paul
Kristian Pedlow
Vick Schutz

Transformers: Dark of the Moon - Driller

Tim Brakensiek
Kelvin Chu
David Fogler
Rene Garcia

Outstanding Models in a Broadcast Program or Commercial

Arrowhead Nature's Fix

Carl Horner
Ian Hunter
Miyo Nakamura
Hayley O'Neil

Boardwalk Empire

Matthew Conner
Eran Dinur
David Reynolds
Szymon Weglarski

Falling Skies

Jon Chesson
Steve Graves
Michael Kirylo
Renaud Talon

Once Upon A Time

Michael Kirylo
Jeremy Michael Melton
Jason O. Monroe
Chris Strauss

Outstanding Compositing in a Feature Motion Picture

Captain America: The First Avenger

Casey Allen
Trent Claus
Brian Hajek
Cliff Welsh

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2

Michele Benigna
Martin Ciastko
Thomas Dyg
Andy Robinson

Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Jean Luc Azzis
Quentin Hema
Simon Jung
Christoph Salzmann

Transformers: Dark of the Moon

Chris Balog
Ben O'Brien
Amy Shepard
Jeff Sutherland

Outstanding Compositing in a Broadcast Program or Commercial

Any World: Jeep Call of Duty MWF3

Jason Bergman
Steve Meyer
Peter Sidoriak

Boardwalk Empire - Gimcrack & Bunkum

Anton Dawson
Eran Dinur
Austin Meyers
David Reynolds

Channel 4 - Street Summer

Stirling Archibald
Anthony Bloor
Michael Gregory
Giacomo Mineo

DirectTV - Hot House

Franck Lambertz

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project

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Roman Kaelin
Falko Paeper
Florian Wittmann

Aquatic Bloom

Susie Hong
Bokyeong Kim

Defective Detective

Avner Geller
Stevie Lewis

Hai Hase

Florian Greth
Julia Reck

Renee the Movie

Syrena Edmonds
Zack Heimbegner
Brian Mullen
Nathaniel Skinner

We Miss You

Jann Doeppert Hannah
Tonio Freitag
Hannah Maria Heidrich
Sebastian Nozon

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About the VES

The VES is a professional, honorary society, dedicated to advancing the arts, sciences, and applications of visual effects and to upholding the highest uniform standards and procedures for the visual effects profession. The VES is the entertainment industry's only official organization representing the extended community of visual effects practitioners including supervisors, artists, producers, technology developers, educators and studio executives.

Its over 2,500 global members contribute to all areas of entertainment from film, animation, television and commercials to music videos, games and new media. VES strives to enrich and educate its members and the entertainment community at large through many domestic and international events, screenings and programs. Visual effects professionals constitute a vital creative force in content creation and are literally shaping the future of entertainment.

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