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Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for the 12th Annual VES Awards
Gravity Leads the Feature Film Nominations; Frozen and The Croods are Top Animated Film Contenders; Game of Thrones Leads the Broadcast Field

Los Angeles (January 14, 2014) – Today, the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry’s professional honorary society, announced the nominees for the 12th Annual VES Awards, the prestigious yearly celebration that recognizes outstanding visual effects artistry and innovation in film, animation, television, commercials and video games and the VFX supervisors, VFX producers and hands-on-the-keys artists who bring this work to life. Nominees were selected by VES members via concurrent events in Los Angeles and within the eight Global VES Sections - New York, Bay Area, New Zealand, Sydney, United Kingdom, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. The VES Awards will be held on February 12th at the Beverly Hilton.

As previously announced, the Visionary Award will be presented to Alfonso Cuarón, acclaimed filmmaker and director/producer/co-writer/editor of the film *Gravity*. The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to John Dykstra, award-winning visual effects pioneer and innovator.

“The artistry, ingenuity and passion of visual effects practitioners around the world have come together to tell the most amazing stories imaginable,” said Jeffrey A. Okun, VES Chair. “This year, more than ever, we have seen the fantastic become normal, the unimaginable become reality and the artistry of VFX drive box office. The VES Awards is the only place where this amazing work is showcased and honored. We are extremely proud of our nominees!”

The nominees for the 12th Annual VES Awards are as follows:

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

Gravity

Tim Webber
Nikki Penny
Chris Lawrence
Richard McBride

Iron Man 3

Christopher Townsend
Mark Soper
Guy Williams
Bryan Grill

Pacific Rim

John Knoll
Susan Greenhow
Chris Raimo
Hal Hickel

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Star Trek: Into Darkness

Roger Guyett

Luke O'Byrne

Ron Ames

Ben Grossman

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug

Joe Letteri

Eric Saindon

Kevin Sherwood

David Clayton

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Feature Motion Picture

Rush

Jody Johnson

Moriah Etherington-Sparks

Mark Hodgkins

Antoine Moulinau

The Great Gatsby

Chris Godfrey

Prue Fletcher

Joyce Cox

The Lone Ranger

Tim Alexander

Gary Brozenich

Shari Hanson

Kevin Martel

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

Guillaume Rocheron

Kurt Williams

Monette Dubin

Ivan Moran

The Wolf of Wall Street

Robert Legato

Mark Russell

Joseph Farrell

Lisa Spence

White House Down

Marc Weigert

Volker Engel

Julia Frey

Ollie Rankin

Outstanding Animation in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2

Peter Nash

Michael Ford

Chris Juen

Mandy Tankenson

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Despicable Me 2

Chris Meledandri
Janet Healy
Chris Renaud
Pierre Coffin

Frozen

Chris Buck
Jennifer Lee
Peter Del Vecho
Lino Di Salvo

Monsters University

Kori Rae
Sanjay Bakshi
Jon Reisch
Scott Clark

The Croods

Jane Hartwell
Chris Sanders
Kirk Demicco
Markus Manninen

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Broadcast Program

Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.: Pilot

Mark Kolpack
Sabrina Arnold
David Altenau
H Haden Hammond

Almost Human

Jay Worth
Robert Habros
Michael Cliett
David Beedon

Battlestar Galactica: Blood & Chrome

Gary Hutzel
Michael Gibson
Derek Ledbetter
Heather Mcauliff

Game of Thrones: Valar Dohaeris

Steve Kullback
Joe Bauer
Jörn Großhans
Sven Martin

Inseparable: Chernobyl

Egor Olesov
Egor Borschevsky
Dmitry Ovcharenko
Mykhailo Datsyk

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Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Broadcast Program

Banshee: Pilot

Armen Kevorkian
Mark Skowronski
Jeremy Jozwik
Ricardo Ramirez

Da Vinci's Demons: The Lovers

Kevin Blank
Simon Frame
Ante Dekovic
Oliver Arnold

Hawaii 5-0: Ho'onani Makuakane

Armen Kevorkian
Alexander Soltes
Jane Sharvina
Andranik Taranyan

Mob City: A Guy Walks in to A Bar

Jason Sperling
Michael Morreale
Valeri Pfahning
Mike Enriquez

Moonfleet: Episode 2

Ed Bruce
Alan Collins
John O'Connell
Joe Curtis

The Borgias: Relics

Wojciech Zielinski
Neishaw Ali
Bill Halliday
Jp Giamos

Outstanding Real-Time Visuals in a Video Game

Call of Duty: Ghosts

Mark Rubin
Richard Kriegler
David Johnson
Alessandro Nardini

Crysis 3

Magnus Larbrant
Tiago Sousa
Steven Bender
Cevat Yerli

Killzone Shadow Fall

Marijn Giesbertz
Jan-Bart Van Beek
Angie Smets

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NBA 2K14

Heather Marshall
Joseph Clark
Jeff Thomas
Anton Dawson

Ryse: Son of Rome

Cevat Yerli
Peter Gornstein
Chris Evans
Brian Chambers

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial

Call of Duty: Epic Night Out

Leighton Greer
Robert Sethi
Felix Urquiza
Chris Knight

Galaxy Chauffeur

Helen Hughes
Simon French
William Bartlett
Stephen Cullingford

Liberty Group Limited: Answer

James Atkinson
Rachel Mariscal
Scott Meadows
David Liu

PETA: 98% Human

Angus Kneale
Vince Baertsoen
Colin Blaney
Kyle Cody

Sony PlayStation: Perfect Day

Charlotte Arnold
Joji Tsuruga
Gavin Wellsman
Olivier Mitonneau

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project

Hayden Planetarium's Dark Universe

Vivian Trakinski
Jon Parker
Carter Emmart
Andreas Wetteborn

Mysteries of the Unseen World

Sean Phillips
Andy Yamada
Fred Pienkos
Matthew Sugars

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Mystic Manor

Tim Landry
John Guerra
Mark Schirmer
Ken Horii

Space Shuttle Atlantis

Daren Ulmer
John Gross
Cedar Connor
Christian Bloch

SpongeBob SquarePants 4D: The Great Jelly Rescue!

Kate Crandall
Brent Young
Michael "Oz" Smith
Andrei Brovcenco

Outstanding Animated Character in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Gravity: Ryan

Max Solomon
Mathieu Vig
Michael Brunet
David Shirk

Oz the Great and Powerful: China Girl

Troy Saliba
In-Ah Roediger
Carolyn Vale
Kevin Souls

Pacific Rim: Kaiju - Leatherback

Jakub Pistecky
Frank Gravatt
Cyrus Jam
Chris Havreberg

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug: Smaug

Eric Reynolds
David Clayton
Myriam Catrin
Guillaume Francois

Outstanding Animated Character in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Epic: Bomba

Thom Roberts
Haven Gordon Cousins
Tim Bower
Daniel Lima

Epic: Mary Katherine

Jeff Gabor
Dylan C. Maxwell
Sang Jun Lee
Chris Pagoria

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Frozen: Bringing the Snow Queen to Life

Alexander Alvarado

Joy Johnson

Chad Stubblefield

Wayne Unten

The Croods: Eep

Line Andersen

Won Young Byun

Koji Morihoro

Chris De St. Jeor

Outstanding Animated Character in a Commercial or Broadcast Program

Game of Thrones: Raising the Dragons

Philip Meyer

Ingo Schachner

Travis Nobles

Florian Friedmann

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Vince Baertsoen

Alex Allain

Henning Koczy

Smithwick's: Squirrel

Tom Bussell

Jorge Montiel

Tom Raynor

Leonardo Costa

Three, The Pony

Carsten Keller

Jake Mengers

Tim Van Hussen

Toy Story of Terror

Paul Aichele

Kiki Mei Kee Poh

Andrew Coats

Outstanding Created Environment in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Elysium: Torus

Votch Levi

Joshua Ong

Barry Poon

Gravity: Interior

Harry Bardak

Nathan Walster

Jonathan Fawkner

Claire Michaud

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Gravity: Exterior

Paul Beilby
Kyle Mcculloch
Stuart Penn
Ian Comley

Iron Man 3: Shipyard

John Stevenson-Galvin
Greg Notzelman
Paul Harris
Justin Stockton

Pacific Rim: Virtual Hong Kong

Johan Thorngren
Jeremy Bloch
David Meny
Polly Ing

Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Epic: Pod Patch

Aaron Ross
Travis Price
Jake Panian
Antelmo Villarreal

Frozen: Elsa's Ice Palace

Virgilio John Aquino
Alessandro Jacomini
Lance Summers
David Womersley

Monsters University: Campus

Robert Kondo
Eric Andraos
Dale Ruffolo
Peter Sumanaseni

The Croods: The Maze

Jonathan Harman
Violette Sacre-Shaik
Benjamin Venancie
Philippe Brochu

Outstanding Created Environment in a Commercial or Broadcast Program

Game of Thrones: The Climb

Patrick Zentis
Mayur Patel
Nitin Singh
Tim Alexander

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Hell On Wheels: Big Bad Wolf

Steve Meyer

Matt Von Brock

Mitch Gates

Antonio Chang

Inseparable: Chernobyl

Dmitry Ovcharenko

Igor Chopenko

Dmitry Eremenko

Andrey Bogdanov

Liberty Group Limited: Answer

Greg Teegarden

Kevin Bouchez

Brian Creasey

Kurt Lawson

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Gravity

Tim Webber

Emmanuel Lubezki

Richard McBride

Dale Newton

Iron Man 3

Mark Smith

Aaron Gilman

Thelvin Cabezas

Gerardo Ramirez

Man of Steel

Daniel Paulsson

Edmund Kolloen

Joel Prager

David Stripinis

Pacific Rim: Hong Kong Ocean Brawl

Colin Benoit

Nick Walker

Adam Schnitzer

Victor Schutz

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug

Christian Rivers

Phil Barrenger

Mark Gee

Thelvin Tico Cabezas

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Live Action Commercial or Broadcast Program

Mad Max: Ethos

Aladino Debert

Neil Huxley

David Liu

Michael Harbour

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Murdered: Soul Suspect

Vernon Wilbert
Tim Jones
Rafael Colon
April Warren

Qualcomm Snapdragon: A Dragon is Coming

Joshua Wassung
Shannon Justison
Shayne Ryan
Seth Gollub

The Crew

Dominique Boidin
Rémi Kozyra
Léon Bérelle
Maxime Luère

Outstanding Models in a Feature Motion Picture

Gravity: ISS Exterior

Ben Lambert
Paul Beilby
Chris Lawrence
Andy Nicholson

Pacific Rim

David Fogler
Alex Jaeger
Aaron Wilson
David Behrens

Star Trek: Into Darkness

Bruce Holcomb
Ron Woodall
John Goodson
Thomas Fejes

The Lone Ranger: Colby Locomotive

Rene Garcia
Steve Walton
Brian Paik
Gerald Gutschmidt

Outstanding FX and Simulation Animation in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Gravity: Parachute and ISS Destruction

Alexis Wajsbrot
Sylvain Degrotte
Horacio Mendoza
Juan-Luis Sanchez

Man of Steel

Brian Goodwin
Gray Horsfield
Mathieu Chardonnet
Adrien Toupet

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Pacific Rim: Fluid Simulation & Destruction

Ryan Hopkins
Michael Balog
Patrick Conran
Rick Hankins

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug

Areito Echevarria
Andreas Soderstrom
Ronnie Menahem
Christoph Sprenger

Outstanding FX and Simulation Animation in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2

Andrew Hofman
Alex Moaveni

Epic: Boggan Crowds

Thierry Dervieux-Lecocq
David Gatenby
Mark Adams
Matthew D. Simmons

Frozen: Elsa's Blizzard

Eric W. Araujo
Marc Bryant
Dong Joo Byun
Tim Molinder

The Croods

Jeff Budsberg
Andre Le Blanc
Jason Mayer
Michael Losure

Outstanding FX and Simulation Animation in a Commercial or Broadcast Program

PETA: 98% Human

Vince Baertsoen
Jimmy Gass
Dave Barosin

Sony PlayStation: Perfect Day

Joji Tsuruga
Gavin Wellsman
Nick Couret
Hassan Taimur

Toyota Avalon: Formula

Ed Laag
Eugene Gauran
Josh Hatton

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Toy Story of Terror

Jane Yen
Rogan Griffin
Amit Baadkar
Keith Daniel Klohn

Outstanding Compositing in a Feature Motion Picture

Elysium

Jean Lapointe
Jordan Benwick
Robin Hackl
Janeen Elliott

Gravity

Mark Bakowski
Anthony Smith
Theodor Groeneboom
Adrian Metzelaar

Iron Man 3: Barrel of Monkeys

Michael Maloney
Francis Puthanangadi
Justin Van Der Lek
Howard Cabalfin

Iron Man 3: House Attack

Darren Poe
Stefano Trivelli
Josiah Howison
Zach Zaubi

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug

Charles Tait
Robin Hollander
Giuseppe Tagliavini
Sean Heuston

Outstanding Compositing in a Broadcast Program

Banshee: Pilot

Gevork Babityan
Andranik Taranyan
Matt Kelly
Matthieu Perin

Game of Thrones: The Climb

Kirk Brillon
Steve Gordon
Geoff Sayer
Winston Lee

The Conquering of Yunkai

Sean Faden
Greg Szafranski
Florian Friedmann
Travis Nobles

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Vikings: Dispossessed
Ovidiu Cinazan
Gary Couto
Marco Lee
Maria Gordon

Outstanding Compositing in a Commercial

Call of Duty: Epic Night Out
Chris Knight
Daniel Thuresson
Nick Tayler
Dag Ivarsory

Jean-Paul Gaultier: The Sailor
Jerome Billet
Arnaud Leviez

Mercedes Sensations
Laurent Creusot
Pierre Emmanuel Genin
David Roubah
Damien Canameras

Sony PlayStation : Greatness Awaits
Kyle Cody
Dan Difelice

Sony PlayStation: Perfect Day
Gavin Wellsman
John Mangia
Leonardo Costa
Kristen Johnson

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project

Initium
Alexandre Dechel
Adrien Lambert
Larochette Emeric
James Ross-Greetham

Morphium
Linus Stetter

Rugbybugs
Alexandra Stautmeister

Runaway
Ludovic Fregé
Quentin Medda
Romain Chauliac
Yoann Gouraud

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Where the Dream Begins

Dun Ma

Dan Wen Lei

Xuan Xia

About the Visual Effects Society

The Visual Effects Society is a professional honorary society dedicated to advancing the arts, sciences and applications of visual effects and to upholding the highest standards and procedures for the visual effects profession. It is the entertainment industry's only official organization representing the extended global community of visual effects practitioners, including supervisors, artists, producers, technology developers, educators and studio executives. VES' almost 3,000 members in 32 countries worldwide contribute to all areas of entertainment – film, television, commercials, animation, music videos, games and new media. To learn more about the VES, visit www.visualeffectssociety.com.

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