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Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for 19th Annual VES Awards
***THE MANDALORIAN* Garner Most Nominations and Leads the Broadcast Field**
***SOUL* is Top Animated Contender**
***PROJECT POWER* and *THE WITCHES* Lead Feature Film Nominations**

Los Angeles (March 2, 2021) – Today, the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry’s professional global honorary society, announced the nominees for the 19th 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 artists who bring this work to life.

THE MANDALORIAN garners the most nominations and leads the broadcast field with 13 nominations. *SOUL* is the top animated film contender with five nominations. *PROJECT POWER* and *THE WITCHES* score three feature nominations each. Nominees in 25 categories were selected by VES members via 32 virtual nomination events conducted across the globe.

Given the state of the pandemic and our commitment to health and safety, this year, the VES Awards are being produced virtually. The program will stream worldwide on April 6 or 7, depending on the time zone.

“Traditions find a way to persist,” said Lisa Cooke, VES Board Chair. “With vision and a lot of hard work, we are proud to host our annual celebration of the artistry, ingenuity and passion of visual effects practitioners around the world – virtually. We are seeing best in class work that elevates the art of storytelling and engages the audience in new and innovative ways. The VES Awards is the only venue that showcases and honors these outstanding artists across a wide range of disciplines, and we are extremely proud of all our nominees!”

“Autodesk is proud to sponsor the Visual Effects Society Student Award for a 12th year, supporting incredible up-and-coming talent in the VFX and animation industry,” said Jocelyn Moffatt, Entertainment Industry Marketing Manager, Autodesk. “In a year fraught with disruption and adapting to new ways of learning and collaborating remotely, it is truly inspiring to see the level of creativity and ingenuity in each of every one of this year’s student submissions. Autodesk extends a huge congratulations to this year’s nominees.”

The nominees for the 19th Annual VES Awards in 25 categories are as follow:

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature

JINGLE JANGLE: A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

Brad Parker
Roma Van Den Bergh
Eric Guaglione
Carlos Monzon
Stefano Pepin

PROJECT POWER

Ivan Moran
Leslie Hough
Joao Sita
Matthew Twyford
Yves Debono

TENET

Andrew Jackson
Mike Chambers
Andrew Lockley
David Lee
Scott Fisher

THE MIDNIGHT SKY

Matt Kasmir
Greg Baxter
Chris Lawrence
Max Solomon
David Watkins

THE WITCHES

Kevin Baillie
Sandra Scott
Sean Konrad
Glenn Melenhorst
Mark Holt

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature

DA 5 BLOODS

Randall Balsmeyer
James Cooper
Watcharachai "Sam" Panichsuk

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EXTRACTION

Marko Forker
Lynzi Grant
Craig Wentworth
Olivier Sarda

MANK

Wei Zheng
Peter Mavromates
Simon Carr
James Pastorius

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Roni Rodrigues
Dayaliyah Lopez
Ian Fellows
Andrew Morley
Brandon K. McLaughlin

WELCOME TO CHECHNYA

Ryan Laney
Eugen Bräunig
Maxwell Anderson
Johnny Han
Piers Dennis

Outstanding Visual Effects in an Animated Feature

ONWARD

Dan Scanlon
Kori Rae
Sanjay Bakshi
Vincent Serritella

OVER THE MOON

Glen Keane
Gennie Rim
Céline Desrumaux
David Alexander Smith

SOUL

Pete Docter
Dana Murray
Michael Fong
Bill Watral

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THE CROODS: A NEW AGE

Joel Crawford
Mark Swift, PGA
Betsy Nofsinger
Jakob Hjort Jensen

TROLLS WORLD TOUR

Walt Dohrn
Gina Shay, PGA
Kendal Cronkhite-Shaindlin
Matt Baer

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode

LOVECRAFT COUNTRY; Jig-A-Bobo

Kevin Blank
Robin Griffin
Pietro Ponti
Francois Dumoulin

STAR TREK: DISCOVERY; Su'Kal

Jason Michael Zimmerman
Aleksandra Kochoska
Ante Dekovic
Ivan Kondrup Jensen

THE MANDALORIAN, The Marshal

Joe Bauer
Abbigail Keller
Hal Hickel
Richard Bluff
Roy Cancino

TIMMY FAILURE

Rich McBride
Leslie Lerman
Nicolas Chevallier
Anders Beer
Tony Lazarowich

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WESTWORLD; Crisis Theory

Jay Worth
Elizabeth Castro
Bruce Branit
Joe Wehmeyer
Mark Byers

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode

I KNOW THIS MUCH IS TRUE; Episode 1

Eric Pascarelli
Keith Kolder
Ariel Altman

MRS. AMERICA; Shirley

Janelle Croshaw
Kaylie Witcher
Leonardo Silva
Zena Bielewicz
Michael Innanen

SURVIVE

Ariel Altman
Rae Welty
Caius Wong
Carl Fong

THE CROWN; Gold Stick

Ben Turner
Reece Ewing
Andrew Scrase
Jonathan Wood

VIKINGS; Best Laid Plans

Dominic Remane
Bill Halliday
Tom Morrison
Ovidiu Cinazan
Paul Byrne

WARRIOR; Learn to Endure, Or Hire a Bodyguard

Jonathan Alenskas
Leah Orsini
Nate Overstrom
David Eschrich

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Real-Time Project

ASSASSIN'S CREED VALHALLA

Raphael Lacoste
Jean-Sebastien Guay
Virginie Cinq-Mars
Thierry Beaumont

CYBERPUNK 2077

Jakub Knapik
Małgorzata Mitreęga
Piotr Suchodolski
Krzysztof Krzyściń

GHOST OF TSUSHIMA

Jason Connell
Matt Vainio
Jasmin Patry
Joanna Wang

SPIDER-MAN: MILES MORALES; REACTOR FINALE

Gavin Goulden
Jess Reed
Bryanna Lindsey
Mike Yosh

THE LAST OF US PART II

Neil Druckmann
Eben Cook
Erick Pangilinan
John Sweeney

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial

ARM & HAMMER; Once Upon a Time

Kiril Mirkov
Solomon Tiigah
Vanessa Duquesnay
Prashanth Paramasivam

BURBERRY; Singin' In The Rain

Fabian Frank
Ryan Hancocks
Rob Richardson
Alex Lovejoy

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HORNBACH; It Seems Impossible Until You Do It

Ben Cronin
Tomek Zietkiewicz
Amir Bazzazi
Bruno Fukumothi

PLAYSTATION; The Edge

Diarmid Harrison-Murray
Tom Igglesden
Alex Gabucci
Tom Raynor

WALMART; Famous Visitors

Chris "Badger" Knight
Lori Talley
Yarin Mares
Matt Fuller

XBOX; Us Dreamers

Dan Seddon
Elexis Stearn
Fabian Frank
Zhenya Vladi

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project

ASTEROID HUNTERS

Antoine Durr
Jini Durr
Bert Poole
Neishaw Ali

THE BOURNE STUNTACULAR

Salvador Zalvidea
Tracey Gibbons
George Allan
Matthías Bjarnason
Scott Smith

MICKEY & MINNIE'S RUNAWAY RAILWAY

Ryan Donoghue
Becky Train
Blaine Kennison
Nick da Silva
Corban Prim

THE MARCH

Aruna Inversin
Peter Nelson
Kevin Williams
Sean Kealey

Outstanding Animated Character in a Photoreal Feature

DIE KÄNGURU-CHRONIKEN; Kangaroo

Claudius Urban
Sebastian Badea
Dorian Knapp
Ruth Wiegand

JINGLE JANGLE: A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY; Don Juan Diego

Eric Guaglione
Shuchi Singhal
Adrien Annesley
Mahmoud Ellithy

THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN; Ivan

Valentina Rosselli
Thomas Huizer
Andrea De Martis
William Bell

THE WITCHES; Daisy

Jye Skinn
Sarah Fuller
Marco Iannaccone
Fredrik Sundqvist

Outstanding Animated Character in an Animated Feature

ONWARD; Dad Pants

Kristopher Campbell
Jonas Jarvers
Rob Jensen
Jacob Kuenzel

OVER THE MOON; Chang'e

Siggi Orri Thorhannesson
Hyesook Kim
Javier Solsona
Alan Chen

SOUL; Terry

Jonathan Hoffman
Jonathan Page
Peter Tieryas
Ron Zorman

THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SPONGE ON THE RUN; SpongeBob

Jacques Daigle
Guillaume Dufief
Adrien Montero
Liam Hill

Outstanding Animated Character in an Episode or Real-Time Project

THE CROWN; The Balmoral test; Imperial Stag

Ahmed Gharraph
Ross Burgess
Gabriela Ruch Salmeron
Joel Best

THE MANDALORIAN; The Jedi; The Child

John Rosengrant
Peter Clarke
Scott Patton
Hal Hickel

THE MANDALORIAN; The Marshal; Krayt Dragon

Paul Kavanagh
Zaini Mohamed Jalani
Michal Kriukow
Nihal Friedel

TIMMY FAILURE; Mistakes Were Made; Total

Maxime Masse
Hennadii Prykhodko
Luc Girard
Sophie Burie

Outstanding Animated Character in a Commercial

AFK ARENA; Toilet; Uzgahk

Chloe Dawe
Brad Noble
Tim van Hussen
Simon Legrand

ARM & HAMMER; Once Upon a Time; Tuxedo Tom

Shiny Rajan
Silvia Bartoli
Matias Heker
Tiago Dias Mota

FAR CRY; Legacy; Anton

Maxime Luere
Leon Berelle
Rémi Kozyra
Dominique Boidin

LEGENDS OF RUNETERRA; Breathe; Darius

Maxime Luere
Leon Berelle
Rémi Kozyra
Dominique Boidin

TK MAXX; The Lil Goat

Kiril Mirkov
Silvia Bartoli
Chris Welsby
David Bryan

Outstanding Created Environment in a Photoreal Feature

BLOODSHOT: NeuralSpace

Arnaud Brisebois
Patrick Bacon
Dawid Borkiewicz
Gérôme Viavant

MULAN; Imperial City

Jeremy Fort
Matt Fitzgerald
Ben Walker
Adrian Vercoe

THE EIGHT HUNDRED; 1937 Shanghai Downtown

Stefano Cieri
Aaron Auty
Simon Carlile
Patrick Zentis

THE EIGHT HUNDRED; Shanghai Warehouse District

Jamie Macdougall
Julian Hutchens
Mark Honer
David Pekarek

Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature

ONWARD; Swamp Gas

Eric Andraos
Laura Grieve
Nick Pitera
Michael Rutter

SOUL; You Seminar

Hosuk Chang
Sungyeon Joh
Peter Roe
Frank Tai

TROLLS WORLD TOUR; Techno Reef

Luke Heathcock
Zachary Glynn
Marina Ilic
Michael Trull

TROLLS WORLD TOUR; Volcano Rock City

Brian LaFrance
Sara Cembalisty
Christopher Sprunger
Ruben Perez

Outstanding Created Environment in an Episode, Commercial, or Real-Time Project

BRAVE NEW WORLD: New London

Guy Williams
Justin Gros-Désir
Markus Sterner
Ryan Clarke

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CYBERPUNK 2077; Night City

Jakub Knapik
Lucjan Więcek

LOVECRAFT COUNTRY; Tulsa 1921

Patrice Poissant
Pauline Lavelle
Mohamed Abdou Elhakim
Alan Lam

THE MANDALORIAN; The Believer; Morak Jungle

Enrico Damm
Johanes Kurnia
Phi Tran
Tong Tran

THE MANDALORIAN; The Siege; Nevarro Canyon

Kevin George
Aaron Barr
Piotr Tatar
Abel Milanés Betancourt

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a CG Project

GHOST OF TSUSHIMA; A Storm is Coming

Aladino Debert
Matt Dougan
Eric Beaver
David Liu

SOUL

Matt Aspbury
Ian Megibben

THE MANDALORIAN; The Believer

Richard Bluff
Matt Jensen
Chris Williams
Landis Fields IV

THE MANDALORIAN; The Siege

Dave Crispino
Kyle Winkelman
Paul Kavanagh
Jose Burgos

Outstanding Model in a Photoreal or Animated Project

THE MANDALORIAN; Boba Fett's Ship

Jay Machado
Enrico Damm
Gerald Blaise
Ryan Church

THE MANDALORIAN; The Rescue; Light Cruiser

John Knoll
John Goodson
Dan Patrascu
Rene Garcia

THE MIDNIGHT SKY; Aether

Michael Balthazart
Jonathan Opgenhaffen
John-Peter Li
Simon Aluze

THE WITCHES; Rollercoaster

Jared Michael
Peter Dominik
Sylvain Lesaint
Emily Tilson

Outstanding Effects Simulations in a Photoreal Feature

BLOODSHOT

Omar Meradi
Jeremy Poupin
Sylvain Robert
Deak Ferrand

GREYHOUND

Mike Nixon
Nicholas Papworth
Jeremy Smith
Yashdeep Sawant

MONSTER HUNTER

Vimal Mallireddy
Warren Lawtey
Tom O'Bready
Dominik Haase

MULAN

Theo Vandernoot
Sandra Balej
James Carson
Yuri Rudakov

PROJECT POWER

Yin Lai Jimmy Leung
Jonathan Edward Lyddon-Towl
Pierpaolo Navarini
Michelle Lee

Outstanding Effects Simulations in an Animated Feature

ONWARD

Dave Hale
Jonah Blue Laird
Stephen Marshall
Ricardo Nadu

OVER THE MOON

Ian Farnsworth
Brian Casper
Reinhold Rittinger
Jennifer Lasrado

SOUL

Alexis Angelidis
Keith Daniel Klohn
Aimei Kutt
Melissa Tseng

TROLLS WORLD TOUR

Stephen Wood
Carl Hooper
Spencer Knapp
Nick Augello

THE WILLOUGHBYS

Helén Ahlberg
Kyle McQueen
Russell Smith
Raehyeon Kim

Outstanding Effects Simulations in an Episode, Commercial, or Real-Time Project

LOVECRAFT COUNTRY; Strange Case; Chrysalis

Federica Foresti
Johan Gabrielsson
Hugo Medda
Andreas Krieg

PLAYSTATION; The Edge

Tom Raynor
Andreu Lucio
Martin Aufinger
Platon Filimonov

TALES FROM THE LOOP; Loretta's House

Dominik Kirouac
Gaël Chopin
Sylvain Nouveau
Laurent Pancaccini

THE MANDALORIAN; The Marshal; Krayt Dragon

HuaiYuan Teh
Don Wong
Mathieu Chardonnet
Prashanth Bhagavan

Outstanding Compositing in a Feature

GREYHOUND

Chris Gooch
Tiago Santos
Stu Bruzek
Sneha Amin

MULAN

Christoph Salzmann
Beck Veitch
Joerg Bruemmer
Indah Maretha

PROJECT POWER

Russell Horth
Matthew Patience
Julien Rousseau

UNDERWATER

Sreejith Venugopalan
Ruslan Borysov
Susil Sabat
Andreas Andersson

Outstanding Compositing in an Episode

LOVECRAFT COUNTRY; Strange Case; Chrysalis

Viktor Andersson
Linus Lindblom
Mattias Sandelius
Crawford Reilly

THE MANDALORIAN; The Believer

Peter Demarest
Christopher Balog
Shawn Mason
David Wahlberg

THE MANDALORIAN; The Marshal

Nicolas Caillier
Simon Rafin
SiangKee Poh
Simon Marinof

THE MANDALORIAN; The Passenger

TC Harrison
Tami Carter
Jaume Creus Costabella
Shane Davidson

Outstanding Compositing in a Commercial

BURBERRY; Singin' In the Rain

Alex Lovejoy
Mithun Alex
David Filipe
Amresh Kumar

PERRIER; Heat

Stéphane Pivron
Franck Lambertz
Harry Bardak
Christophe Courgeau

PLAYSTATION; The Edge

Alex Gabucci
Rebecca Clay
Alex Grey
Alex Kulikov

WALMART; Famous Visitors

Chris “Badger” Knight
Ben Smith
Jake Albers
Franz Kol

Outstanding Special (Practical) Effects in a Photoreal or Animated Project

FEAR THE WALKING DEAD; Bury Her Next to Jasper’s Leg

Frank Iudica
Scott Roark
Daniel J. Yates

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project

TIME’S DOWN

Valentin Soulard
François Brugalières
Nils Lemonnier
Yan Weitlauff

ARAL

Cédric Moens de Hase
Benoit Paya
Charles Morhain
Mathilde Dallamaggiore

STRANDS OF MIND

Adrian Meyer
Laura Messner

MIGRANTS

Antoine Dupriez
Hugo Caby
Lucas Lermytte
Zoé Devise

About the Visual Effects Society

The Visual Effects Society is a professional global 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' more than 4,000 members in over 40 countries worldwide contribute to all areas of entertainment – film, television, commercials, animation, music videos, games, new media and special venues.

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