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## **Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for 11<sup>th</sup> Annual VES Awards**

### **Warner Bros.' 'The Hobbit,' Paramount's 'The Avengers' and Fox's 'Life of Pi' Lead Feature Nominations**

**Los Angeles** – The Visual Effects Society (VES) is pleased to announce the nominees for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual VES Awards, which recognize outstanding visual effects artistry in 24 categories of film, animation, television, commercials and video games. Nominees were selected Saturday, January 5 by VES members at SPY/ a FotoKem Company in the Bay Area and at FotoKem in Burbank in California; and at Blue Sky Studios in New York, Weta Digital in New Zealand, Fuel VFX in Sydney, Molinare in the UK and Image Engine in Vancouver.

Jeffrey A. Okun, Chair of the Visual Effects Society, comments, "Visual effects have helped define the experience of going to the cinema. Every year, visual effects artists put their technical skill, ingenuity and passion to work in the creation of images that astound and move us. We congratulate all of our nominees on their amazing accomplishments in – and contributions to – the worlds of film, animation, television, special venue and games."

As previously announced, acclaimed director Ang Lee will be honored with the VES Visionary Award. Richard Edlund ASC, VES will be presented the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 11th Annual VES Awards will take place on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

The nominees for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual VES Awards are as follows:

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

#### *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*

Joe Letteri  
Eileen Moran  
Eric Saindon  
Kevin L. Sherwood

#### *Prometheus*

Paul Butterworth  
Charley Henley  
Allen Maris  
Richard Stammers

*Life of Pi*

Thomas Fisher  
Susan Macleod  
Guillaume Rocheron  
Bill Westenhofer

*The Avengers*

Susan Pickett  
Janek Sirrs  
Jeff White  
Guy Williams

*Battleship*

Grady Cofer  
Pablo Helman  
Jeanie King  
Glen Mcintosh

**Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Feature Motion Picture**

*Rust and Bones*

Béatrice Bauwens  
Cédric Fayolle  
Nicolas Rey  
Stéphane Thibert

*The Impossible*

Felix Bergés  
Sandra Hermida  
Pau Costa Moeller

*Argo*

Matt Dessero  
Leslie Hough  
Gregory Mcmurry  
Tom Smith

*Flight*

Kevin Baillie  
Michael Lantieri  
Chris Stoski  
Ryan Tudhope

*Zero Dark Thirty*

Geoff Anderson  
Chris Harvey  
Jeremy Hattingh

**Outstanding Visual Effects in a Broadcast Program**

*Game of Thrones: Volar Morghulis*

Rainer Gombos

Steve Kullback  
Sven Martin  
Juri Stanossek

*Once Upon A Time: The Stranger*

Dale Fay  
Laura Jones  
Nathan Matsuda  
Andrew Orloff

*Falling Skies: Worlds Apart*

James Hattin  
Suzanne MacLennan  
Curt Miller  
Andrew Orloff

*Curiosity*

Nathan Larouche  
Lon Molnar  
Geoff Scott  
Bojan Zoric

*Munsters: Mockingbird Lane*

Leslie Ekker  
Jonah Hall  
Livia Hanich  
Jason Zimmerman

**Outstanding Real-Time Visuals in a Video Game**

*Call of Duty: Black Ops II*

Jason Blundell  
Barry Whitney  
Colin Whitney

*Halo 4*

Mike Cronin  
Brien Goodrich  
Kiki Wolfkill  
Jon Wood

*Dirt Showdown*

Peter Asberg  
Peter Clark  
Nathan Fisher  
Julie McGurren

*Forza Horizon*

Michel Bastien  
Terrance Newell  
Gareth Richards  
Andrew Sage

*Dishonored*

Viktor Antonov  
Sebastien Mitton  
Jean-Luc Monnet  
Julien Roby

**Outstanding Animation in an Animated Feature Motion Picture**

*Brave*

Mark Andrews  
Steve May  
Katherine Sarafian  
Bill Wise

*ParaNorman*

Chris Butler  
Sam Fell  
Travis Knight  
Brad Schiff

*Rise of the Guardians*

Nancy Bernstein  
David Prescott  
Peter Ramsey  
Christina Steinberg

*Wreck-It Ralph*

Sean Jenkins  
Scott Kersavage  
Rich Moore  
Clark Spencer

*Hotel Transylvania*

Lydia Bottegoni  
James Crossley  
Mike Ford  
Daniel Kramer

**Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Broadcast Program**

*Hemingway & Gellhorn*

Nathan Abbot  
Kip Larsen  
Chris Morley  
Christopher Paizis

*Boardwalk Empire: Episode 308*

John Bair  
Parker Chehak  
Paul Graff  
Lesley Robson-Foster

*Men Who Built America: Episode 2*

Glenn Allen  
Matthew Conner  
Eran Dinur  
David Reynolds

*Hell On Wheels: Blood Moon*

Matt Von Brock  
Jason Fotter  
Tim Jacobsen  
Bill Kent

*Hawaii Five-O: La O Na Makuahine*

Gevork Babityan  
Jon Howard  
Armen Kevorkian  
Ricardo Ramirez

**Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial**

Pepsi: *Crowd Surfing*

Martin Aufinger  
Russell Dodgson  
Abby Orchard  
Chris Redding

Nike: *Biomorph*

Rafael Colon  
Aladino Debert  
David Liu  
Nicola Wiseman

Lady Gaga: *Fame*

Kait Boehm  
Juan Gomez  
Kurt Lawson  
Greg Teegarden

Norfolk Southern: *City of Possibilities*

Chris Bernier  
Kyle Cody  
Jeff Lopez  
Boo Wong

Call of Duty: *Surprise*

Steve Beck  
Chris Knight  
Robert Sethi  
Christina Thompson

**Outstanding Animated Character in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture**

*The Hobbit: Goblin King*

Jung Min Chan

James Jacobs  
David Clayton  
Guillaume Francois

*The Hobbit: Gollum*  
Gino Acevedo  
Alessandro Bonora  
Jeff Capogreco  
Kevin Estey

*The Avengers: The Hulk*  
Marc Chu  
John Doublestein  
Cyrus Jam  
Jason Smith

*Life of Pi: Richard Parker*  
Erik De Boer  
Sean Comer  
Betsy Asher Hall  
Kai-Hua Lan

### **Outstanding Animated Character in an Animated Feature Motion Picture**

*Brave: Argument*  
Travis Hathaway  
Olivier Soares  
Peter Sumanaseni  
Brian Tindall

*Hotel Transylvania: Dracula*  
Bill Haller  
Tim Pixton  
Jorge Vigara

*Wreck-It Ralph: Vanellope*  
John Kahwaty  
Suzan Kim  
Michelle Robinson  
Tony Smeed

*The Pirates: Band of Misfits*  
Will Becher  
Jay Grace  
Loyd Price

### **Outstanding Animated Character in a Commercial or Broadcast Program**

*Ted: Jimmy Kimmel Live!*  
James W. Brown  
Brad Fox  
Ross Nakamura  
Jeff Woo

*Sinbad: Episode 1*

Andy Guest  
James Moxon  
James Reid  
Greg Spencer

Hallmark: *Motherbird*

Vince Baertsoen  
Kevin Ives  
Laurent Makowski  
Joshua Merck

*Game of Thrones: Training the Dragons*

Irfan Celik  
Florian Friedmann  
Ingo Schachner  
Chris Stenner

### **Outstanding Created Environment in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture**

*The Hobbit: Goblin Caverns*

Ryan Arcus  
Simon Jung  
Alastair Maher  
Anthony M. Patti

*Prometheus: LV-233*

Julien Bolbach  
Marco Genovesi  
Martin Riedel  
Marco Rolandi

*The Avengers: Midtown Manhattan*

Richard Bluff  
Giles Hancock  
David Meny  
Andy Proctor

*Life of Pi: Open Ocean*

Jason Bayever  
Sho Hasegawa  
Jimmy Jewell  
Walt Jones

### **Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature Motion Picture**

*Brave: The Forest*

Tim Best  
Steve Pilcher  
Inigo Quilez  
Andy Whittock

*ParaNorman: Graveyard*

Phil Brotherton  
Robert Desue  
Oliver Jones  
Nick Mariana

*ParaNorman: Main Street*

Alice Bird  
Matt Delue  
Caitlin Pashalek

*Rise of the Guardians: The North Pole*

Eric Bouffard  
Sonja Burchard  
Andy Harbeck  
Peter Maynez

**Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture**

*The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*

Matt Aitken  
Victor Huang  
Christian Rivers  
R. Christopher White

*The Avengers: Downtown Manhattan*

Colin Benoit  
Jeremy Goldman  
Tory Mercer  
Anthony Rispoli

*Total Recall: Hover Car Chase*

Daniel Baldwin  
Mattias Forsstrom  
Sam Schwier  
Joshua Wassung

*The Amazing Spider-Man*

Rob Engle  
David Schaub  
Cosku Turhan  
Max Tyrie

**Outstanding Models in a Feature Motion Picture**

*The Avengers: Helicarrier*

Rene Garcia  
Bruce Holcomb  
Polly Ing  
Aaron Wilson

*The Impossible: Orchid Hotel*

Markus Donhauser



Patrick Lehn  
Angel Martinez  
Juergen Pirman

*Men in Black 3: Cape Canaveral/ Apollo Launch*

Craig Feifarek  
Hee-Chel Nam  
Erik Neill  
Taehyun Park

*The Dark Knight Rises: Airplane Heist*

Scott Beverly  
Alan Faucher  
Ian Hunter  
Steve Newburn

**Outstanding FX and Simulation Animation in an Animated Feature Motion Picture**

*Brave*

Chris Chapman  
Dave Hale  
Michael K. O'Brien  
Bill Watral

*ParaNorman: Practical Volumetrics*

Aidan Fraser  
Joe Gorski  
Eric Kuehne  
Andrew Nawrot

*ParaNorman: Angry Aggie Ink-Blot Electricity*

Michael Cordova  
Grant Laker  
Susanna Luck  
Peter Vickery

*Rise of the Guardians: Last Stand*

Andy Hayes  
Carl Hooper  
Andrew Wheeler  
Stephen Wood

**Outstanding Created Environment in a Commercial or Broadcast Program**

*Sinbad*

James Moxon  
Lyndall Spagnoletti  
Greg Spencer  
Simon Wicker

*Pyke*

Rene Borst  
Thilo Ewers

Adam Figielski  
Jonas Stuckenbrock

*Call of Duty: Eclipse - Surprise*  
Chris Bayol  
Steve Beck  
Chris Knight  
Robert Sethi

*5 Gum RPM: Choose Your Energy*  
Kaan Atilla  
Kevin Gillen  
Isaac Irvin  
Brandon Lester

**Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Commercial or Broadcast Program**

*Toyota: Real Deal*  
Adam Berg  
Niles Heckman  
Ronald Herbst  
Vernon Wilbert

*Halo 4: Forward Unto Dawn*  
Steven Chen  
Phil Dakin  
Paul Stodolny

*Call of Duty: Eclipse - Surprise*  
Chris Bayol  
Steve Beck  
Chris Knight  
Robert Sethi

*ZombiU*  
Dominique Boidin  
Léon Bérelle  
Rémi Kozyra  
Maxime Luère

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

*The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*  
Areito Echevarria  
Chet Leavai  
Garry Runke  
Francois Sugny

*Life of Pi: Storm of God*  
Harry Mukhopadhyay  
David Stopford  
Mark Williams  
Derek Wolfe

*Battleship*

Florent Andorra  
Willi Geiger  
Rick Hankins  
Florian Witzel

*Life of Pi: Ocean*

Jason Bayever  
David Horsley  
Scott Townsend  
Miles Vignol

**Outstanding FX and Simulation Animation in a Commercial or Broadcast Program**

Nike: *Biomorph*

Aladino Debert  
Eric Ebling  
Ken Mitchel Jones  
Jason Mortimer

*Last Resort: Captain*

Matt Von Brock  
Bruce Coy  
Junaid Farooq  
Aldo Ruggiero

Guinness: *Cloud*

Tom Bussell  
Neil Davies

Nissan Altima: *Wouldn't it be Cool*

Tim Borgmann  
David Forcada  
Aron Hjartarson  
Shayne Ryan

**Outstanding Compositing in a Feature Motion Picture**

*The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*

Jean-Luc Azzis  
Steven McGillen  
Christoph Salzmann  
Charles Tait

*Life of Pi: Storm of God*

Ryan Clarke  
Jose Fernandez  
Sean Oharas  
Hamish Schumacher

*The Avengers: Hulk Punch*

Chris Balog

Peter Demarest  
Nelson Sepulveda  
Alan Travis

*Prometheus: Engineers & the Orrery*

Xavier Bourque  
Sam Cole  
Simone Riginelli  
Denis Scoln

**Outstanding Compositing in a Broadcast Program**

*Hemingway & Gellhorn*

Nathan Abbot  
Shelley Campbell  
Chris Morley  
Christopher Paizis

*Last Resort: Captain*

Matt Von Brock  
Jason Fotter  
Aldo Ruggiero  
Brian Williams

*White Walker Army*

Falk Boje  
Esther Engel  
Alexey Kuchinsky  
Klaus Wuchta

*Hell On Wheels: Blood Moon*

Antonio Chang  
Jason Fotter  
Eric Hayden  
Josh Miyaji

**Outstanding Compositing in a Commercial**

*Chevy 2012 Silverado*

Dominik Bauch  
Nicholas Kim  
Benjamin Walsh

*Norfolk Southern: City of Possibilities*

Tom Bardwell  
Chris Bernier  
Kyle Cody  
Jeff Lopez

*Call of Duty: Eclipse - Surprise*

Chris Bayol  
Steve Beck  
Chris Knight

Robert Sethi

Nike: *Game On, World*

Daniel Marsh

Paul O'Shea

### **Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project**

*Despicable Me: Minion Mayhem*

Heather Drummons

Joel Friesch

Troy Griffin

Chris Hummel

SeaWorld: *Turtle Trek 3D/ 360*

Timur "Taron" Baysal

Jae Choel Hong

Cecil Magpuri

Michael Roderick

*Earthquake: Evidence of a Restless Planet*

Matthew Blackwell

Tom Kennedy

Jeroen Lapré

Mike Schmitt

*The Ball Unleashed*

Gianni Aliotti

Lisa Zusmer Delprete

Marc Dominic Rienzo

Eric Sanford

### **Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project**

*Voile Noir*

Michael Balthazart

Raphaël Gaudin

Clément Granjon De Lepinay

Quentin Sauvinet

*Globosome*

Sascha Geddert

Johannes Peter

Patrick Schuler

Philipp Wolf

*Rollin' Safari*

Kyra Buschor

Anna Habermehl

Constantin Pöpplow

*Natalis*

Daniel Brkovic

David Kirchner  
Jan-Marcel Kuehn

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**About the Visual Effects Society**

The Visual Effects Society (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. It 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. VES's more than 2,700 global members contribute to all areas of entertainment – film, television, commercials, 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.

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