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Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for the 14th Annual VES Awards

Star Wars: The Force Awakens Leads the Feature Film Nominations; The Peanuts Movie is Top Animated Film Contender; Game of Thrones Leads the Broadcast Field and Scores Most Nominations Overall

Los Angeles (January 12, 2016) – Today, the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry’s professional global honorary society, announced the nominees for the 14th 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. Nominees were selected by VES members via events hosted by its nine sections - Australia, Bay Area, London, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York, New Zealand, Toronto and Vancouver. The VES Awards will be held on February 2nd at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

As previously announced, the Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to award-winning director-producer Sir Ridley Scott. The Visionary Award will be presented to acclaimed visual futurist and conceptual artist Syd Mead.

“The artistry, ingenuity and passion of visual effects practitioners around the world have come together to create truly remarkable imagery in a variety of media,” said Mike Chambers, VES Chair. “We are seeing best in field 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!”

The nominees for the 14th Annual VES Awards in 23 categories are as follows:

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature

Furious 7

Mike Wassel
Karen Murphy
Martin Hill
Kevin McIlwain
Dan Sudick

San Andreas

Colin Strause
Randall Starr
Bryan Grill
Nordin Rahhali
Brian Cox

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Roger Guyett
Luke O'Byrne
Patrick Tubach
Paul Kavanagh
Chris Corbould

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Mad Max: Fury Road

Andrew Jackson
Holly Radcliffe
Tom Wood
Dan Oliver
Andy Williams

The Martian

Richard Stammers
Barrie Hemsley
Matt Sloan
Chris Lawrence
Steven Warner

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature

In The Heart of The Sea

Jody Johnson
Leslie Lerman
Sean Stranks
Bryan Hirota
Mark Holt

Bridge of Spies

Sven Martin
Jennifer Meislohn
Charlie Noble
Sean Stranks
Gerd Nefzer

The Walk

Kevin Baillie
Camille Cellucci
Viktor Muller
Sebastien Moreau

Everest

Dadi Einarsson
Roma O'Connor
Matthias Bjarnasson
Glen Pratt
Richard Van Den Bergh

The Revenant

Rich McBride
Ivy Agregan
Jason Smith
Nicolas Chevallier
Cameron Waldbauer

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Outstanding Visual Effects in an Animated Feature

The Peanuts Movie

Steve Martino
Michael J. Travers
Nick Bruno
Scott Carroll

Inside Out

Michael Fong
Jonas Rivera
Victor Navone
Paul Mendoza

Anomalisa

Derek Smith
Rosa Tran
Joe Passarelli
John Joyce

Hotel Transylvania 2

Karl Herbst
Skye Lyons
Alan Hawkins
Genndy Tartakovsky

The Good Dinosaur

Sanjay Bakshi
Denise Ream
Michael Venturini
Jon Reisch

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Real-Time Project

The Order: 1886

Nathan Phail-Liff
Dana Jan
Anthony Vitale
Scot Andreason

Halo 5: Guardians

Nicolas Bouvier
Jon Wood
Brien Goodrich
Matt Aldridge

The Hobbit: A Thief in the Shadows

Alasdair Coull
Daniel Smith
Nick Donaldson
Tim Elek

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Destiny: The Taken King

Michael Zak
Mark Noseworthy
Stephen Scott
Dave Matthews

Assassin's Creed Syndicate

Thierry Dansereau
Francois Pelland
Marc-Andre Clermont
Mathieu Chouinard

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode

Nezlamna; Sea Dogfight

Dmitriy Ovcharenko
Igor Klimovsky
Egor Borschevsky
Vladimir Mikheyenko

Childhood's End; Night Three

Kevin Blank
Adica Manis
Niklas Jacobson
Glenn Melenhorst

Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell; Arabella

Jean-Claude Deguara
Natalie Reid
Nicolas Hernandez
Sara Bennett

The Strain; Identity

Dennis Berardi
Luke Groves
Matt Glover
Trey Harrell
Warren Appleby

Game of Thrones; The Dance of Dragons

Joe Bauer
Steve Kullback
Eric Carney
Derek Spears
Stuart Brisdon

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Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial

Ikea; T-shirts

Diarmid Harrison Murray
Julie Evans
Tom Harding
Tim van Hussen

Halo 5; The Hunt Begins

Benjamin Walsh
Pip Malone
Brian Burke
Ian Holland

Audi; Birth

Andrew Proctor
Gemma Humphries
Mike Chapman
Gianluca Di Marco

SSE; Pier

Neil Davies
Tim Lyall
Hitesh Patel
Jorge Montiel

Game of War; Rooftop Alliance

David Lawson
Erin Hicke
Becky Porter
Krystal Sae Eua

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project

Goosebumps VR Adventure

Jason Schugardt
Mike Wigart
Alex Harding
Daniel Marsh

Nike; The Neymar Jr. Effect

Janelle Croshaw
Ian Markiewicz
Lou Pecora
Aruna Inversin

Kaka's Great Adventure

Neelesh Gore
Rajiv Kessop
Amogh Vaidya
Shaffi Mahammad

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Fast and Furious: Supercharged

Chris Shaw
Alysia Cotter
Ben White
Diego Guerrero

SpongeBob SubPants

Brent Young
John Kokum
Michael Smith
Timothy Williams

Outstanding Created Environment in a Photoreal Feature

The Walk; World Trade Center

Jim Gibbs
Brian Flora
Laurent Taillefer
Pavel Kolar

Star Wars: The Force Awakens; Falcon Chase / Graveyard

Yanick Dusseault
Mike Wood
Justin van der Lek
Quentin Marmier

Ant-Man; The Microverse

Florian Witzel
Taylor Shaw
Alexis Hall
Heath Kraynak

Jurassic World; Jungle Chase

Martyn Culpitt
Joao Sita
Yuta Shimizu
Michael Billette

Tomorrowland; Tomorrowland Center

Barry Williams
Greg Kegel
Quentin Marmier
Thang Le

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode

Vikings; To the Gates

Dominic Remane
Bill Halliday
Paul Wishart
Ovidiu Cinazan
Paul Byrne

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Black Sails; XVIII

Erik Henry
Annemarie Griggs
Kevin Rafferty
Aladino Debert
Paul Stephenson

Penny Dreadful; And They Were Enemies

James Cooper
Bill Halliday
Sarah McMurdo
Mai-Ling Lee

Daredevil; Speak of the Devil

Bryan Godwin
David Van Dyke
Karl Coyner
Julie Long
Johan Kunz

Agent Carter; Now Is Not the End

Sheena Duggal
Addie Manis
Richard Bluff
Jayesh Dalal
Kenneth C. Clark

Outstanding Animated Performance in a Photoreal Feature

Star Wars: The Force Awakens; Maz

Joel Bodin
Arslan Elver
Ian Comley
Stephen Cullingford

The Revenant; The Bear

Matt Shumway
Gaelle Morand
Karin Cooper
Leandro Estebecorena

Avengers: Age of Ultron; Hulk

Jakub Pistecky
Lana Lan
John Walker
Sean Comer

Chappie; Chappie

Earl Fast
Chris Harvey
Mark Wendell
Robert Bourgeault

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Outstanding Animated Performance in an Animated Feature

The Peanuts Movie; Snoopy

Jeff Gabor
Joseph Antonuccio
Ignacio Barrios
Sabine Heller

The Peanuts Movie; Charlie Brown

Matthew Doble
Steve Vanseth
Stephen Gressak
Nikki Tomaino

Inside Out; Joy

Shawn Krause
Tanja Krampfert
Jacob Merrell
Alexis Angelidis

The Good Dinosaur; Spot

Ana Gabriela Lacaze
Jacob Brooks
Lou Hamou-Lhadj
Mark C. Harris

Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature

The Good Dinosaur; The Farm

David Munier
Matthew Webb
Matt Kuruc
Tom Miller

Inside Out; Imagination Land

Amy L. Allen
Steve Karski
Eric Andraos
Jose L. Ramos Serrano

The Peanuts Movie; Charlie Brown's Neighborhood

Jon Townley
Angel Camacho-Torres
Cleveland Hibbert
Ken Lee

Shaun the Sheep Movie; Under the Arches

Matt Perry
Charles Copping
Alfred Llupia Perez
Andy Brown

Outstanding Animated Performance in an Episode, Commercial, or Real-Time Project

Game of Thrones; Mother's Mercy; Wounded Drogon

Florian Friedmann
Jonathan Symmonds
Sven Skoczylas
Sebastian Lauer

Game of Thrones; Dance of Dragons; Drogon Arena Rescue

James Kinnings
Michael Holz
Joseph Hoback
Matt Derksen

SSE; Pier; Orangutan

Jorge Montiel
Sauce Vilas
Philippe Moine
Sam Driscoll

Sainsbury's; Mog

Sebastian Nino
Chris Hurtt
Joseph Henson
Gez Wright

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

Game of Thrones; City of Volantis

Dominic Piche
Christine Leclerc
Patrice Poissant
Thomas Montminy-Brodeur

Vikings; Paris

Paul Wishart
Karol Włodarczyk
Tom Morrison
Matt Ralph

Game of Thrones; Drogon Arena

Rajeev B R.
Loganathan Perumal
Ramesh Shankers
Anders Ericson

Black Sails; Charles Town Harbor

Aladino Debert
Matt Dougan
Greg Teegarden
Ken Jones

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Photoreal Project

Ant-Man; Macro Action

James Baker
Alex Kahn
Thomas Luff
Rebecca Baehler

Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation; Underwater Torus Chamber

Vincent Aupetit
Margaux Durand-Rival
Christopher Anciaume
Robert Elswit

Star Wars: The Force Awakens; Falcon Chase / Graveyard

Paul Kavanagh
Colin Benoit
Susumu Yukuhiro
Greg Salter

The Walk; Towers Walk

Shawn Hull
Suzanne Cipolletti
Laurent Taillefer
Dariusz Wolski

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

SSE; Pier

Peter Agg
Sam Driscoll
Matthew Fuller

Halo 5: The Hunt Begins

Vladislav Tushevskiy
Tomas Zaveckas
Sho Hasegawa
Sergey Kosareff

Lipton; The Revolution in Tea

Jonathan -Wes- Westley
Tom Raynor
Christos Parliaros

Game of Thrones; Hardhome

David Ramos
Antonio Lado
Piotr Weiss
Félix Bergés

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Feature

San Andreas; Los Angeles Destruction

Sandro Blattner
Hamish Schumacher
Nicholas Kim
Mario Rokicki

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Jay Cooper
Marian Mavrovic
Jean Lapointe
Alex Prichard

Tomorrowland

Francois Lambert
Jean Lapointe
Peter Demarest
Conny Fauser

Mad Max: Fury Road

Lindsay Adams
Matthew Wynne
Chris Davies
Phil Outen

The Revenant; Bear Attack

Donny Rausch
Alan Travis
Charles Lai
TC Harrison

Outstanding Models in a Photoreal or Animated Project

Star Wars: The Force Awakens; BB-8

Joshua Lee
Matthew Denton
Landis Fields
Cyrus Jam

Avengers: Age of Ultron; Hulkbuster

Howie Weed
Robert Marinic
Daniel Gonzalez
Myriam Catrin

Everest; Mt. Everest

Matthias Bjarnasson
Olafur Haraldsson
Kjartan Hardarson
Petur Arnorsson

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Jurassic World; Indominus Rex

Steve Jubinville
Martin Murphy
Aaron Grey
Kevin Reuter

Outstanding Effects Simulations in a Photoreal Feature

Mad Max: Fury Road; Toxic Storm

Dan Bethell
Clinton Downs
Chris Young

Avengers: Age of Ultron; Hulk vs Hulkbuster

Michael Balog
Jim Van Allen
Florent Andorra
Georg Kaltenbrunner

San Andreas; Hoover Dam / San Francisco Tsunami

Joe Scarr
Lukas Lepicovsky
Yves D-Incau
Marcel Kern

San Andreas; Los Angels Destruction

Remy Torre
Marc Horsfield
Niall Flinn
Victor Grant

Star Wars: The Force Awakens; Starkiller Base

Rick Hankins
Dan Bornstein
John Doublestein
Gary Wu

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Episode

Vikings; To the Gates

Ovidiu Cinazan
Olivia Yapp
Greg Lamar
Meng Angel Li

Game of Thrones; Hardhome

Eduardo Díaz
Guillermo Orbe
Oscar Perea
Inmaculada Nadela

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Game of Thrones; Drogon Arena

Michael Crane
Travis Nelson
Joe Salazar
Beverly Bernacki

Game of Thrones; Drogon Lair

Travis Nobles
Mark Spindler
Max Riess
Nadja Ding

Outstanding Effects Simulations in an Animated Feature

Inside Out

Amit Baadkar
Dave Hale
Vincent Serritella
Paul Mendoza

The Peanuts Movie

Alen Lai
Ilan Gabai
Chris Chapman
Douglas Seiden

The Good Dinosaur

Stephen Marshall
Magnus Wrenninge
Michael Hall
Hemagiri Arumugam

Home

Greg Gladstone
Michael Losure
Chris De St Jeor
Alex Timchenko

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Commercial

SSE; Pier

Gary Driver
Greg Spencer
Grant Connor

Game of War; Rooftop Alliance

Becky Porter
Jeannie Huynh
Patrick Heinen
Don Kim

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Halo 5; The Hunt Begins

Ian Holland
Brian Delmonico
Brandon Nelson
Nicholas Kim

Under Armour; Rule Yourself

Gavin Wellsman
Nathan Kane
Michael Smith
Ilia Mokhtareizadeh

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project

Skål

Marco Hakenjos
Christian Zehetmeier
Timm Wagener
Manuel Seifert

Jagon

Julian Weiss
Vincent Ullmann
Fabian Fricke
Yafes Sahin

Citipati

Andreas Feix
Francesco Faranna

Korser

Guillaume Menard
Vincent Desgrippes
Jessie Hereng
Tangj Vaillant

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 3,000 members in 30+ 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. Go Social: follow us on Twitter @VFXSociety.