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**Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual VES Awards**

*Dawn of the Planet of the Apes Leads the Feature Film Nominations; Big Hero 6 and The Boxtrolls are Top Animated Film Contenders; Game of Thrones Leads the Broadcast Field*

Los Angeles (January 13, 2015) – Today, the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry’s professional global honorary society, announced the nominees for the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 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 4<sup>th</sup> at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

As previously announced, the Visionary Award will be presented to J.J. Abrams, award-winning director-producer-writer. *(Note: Due to a change in his production schedule, Ridley Scott will unfortunately not be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at this time; we look forward to honoring him in the future for his enormous contributions to filmed entertainment).*

“Visual effects in and by themselves are nothing unless they serve the story,” said Jeffrey A. Okun, VES Chair. “This year, more than ever, we are seeing amazing work that not only serves the story but tells the story in a manner never before seen. The VES Awards is proud that we are the only organization that showcases and honors these amazing artists in depth and across a wide range of fields. We are extremely proud of our nominees!”

The nominees for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual VES Awards are as follows:

**Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture**

**Dawn of the Planet of the Apes**

Joe Letteri  
Ryan Stafford  
Matt Kutcher  
Dan Lemmon  
Hannah Blanchini

**Guardians of the Galaxy**

Stephane Ceretti  
Susan Pickett  
Jonathan Fawkner  
Nicolas Aithadi  
Paul Corbould

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### **Interstellar**

Paul Franklin  
Kevin Elam  
Ann Podlozny  
Andrew Lockley  
Scott Fisher

### **Maleficent**

Carey Villegas  
Barrie Hemsley  
Adam Valdez  
Kelly Port  
Michael Dawson

### **The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies**

Joe Letteri  
David Conley  
Eric Saindon  
Kevin Sherwood  
Steve Ingram

### **X-Men: Days of Future Past**

Richard Stammers  
Blondel Aidoo  
Lou Pecora  
Anders Langlands  
Cameron Waldbauer

## **Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture**

### **Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)**

Ara Khanikian  
Ivy Agregan  
Sebastien Moreau  
Isabelle Langlois

### **Divergent**

Jim Berney  
Greg Baxter  
Matt Dessero

### **The Grand Budapest Hotel**

Gabriel Sanchez  
Jenny Foster  
Simon Weisse  
Jan Burda

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**The Imitation Game**

Stuart Bullen  
Lucy Ainsworth-Taylor  
Simon Rowe

**Unbroken**

Bill George  
Steve Gaub  
Erin Dusseault  
Dave Morley  
Brian Cox

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

**Big Hero 6**

Don Hall  
Chris Williams  
Roy Conli  
Zach Parrish

**How to Train Your Dragon 2**

Bonnie Arnold  
Dean DeBlois  
Dave Walvoord  
Simon Otto

**Rio 2**

Carlos Saldanha  
Bruce Anderson  
John C. Donkin  
Kirk Garfield

**The Boxtrolls**

Travis Knight  
Anthony Stacchi  
Graham Annable  
Brad Schiff

**The Lego Movie**

Chris McKay  
Amber Naismith  
Jim Dodd  
David Williams

**Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Photoreal/Live Action Broadcast Program**

**Constantine; A Feast of Friends**

Kevin Blank  
Elizabeth Castro  
Yafei Wu  
Chris LeDoux

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**Game of Thrones; The Children**

Joe Bauer  
Steve Kullback  
Stuart Brisdon  
Thomas Schelesny  
Sven Martin

**Hemlock Grove**

Matt Whelan  
Chris Brown  
Todd Masters  
Johnathan Banta  
Eric McAvoy

**Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.**

Mark Kolpack  
Sabrina Arnold  
Gary D Amico  
Kevin Lingenfelser  
David Beedon

**The Flash**

Armen Kevorkian  
James Baldanzi  
Jeremy Jozwick  
Andranik Taranyan

**Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Photoreal/Live Action Broadcast Program**

**American Horror Story; Freak Show; Edward Mordrake, Part 2**

Jason Piccioni  
Jason Spratt  
Mike Kirylo  
Justin Ball  
Eric Roberts

**Black Sails, Episode 1**

Erik Henry  
Annemarie Griggs  
Paul Graff  
George Murphy

**Crossbones**

Kevin Blank  
Ron Pogue  
Andy Weder  
Niklas Jacobson  
Mans Bjorklund

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### **Penny Dreadful; Séance**

James Cooper  
Bill Halliday  
Sarah McMurdo  
Lorne Kwechansky

### **Ripper Street; Whitechapel Terminus**

Ed Bruce  
Alan Collins  
Joe Curtis  
John O'Connell

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

### **Alien: Isolation**

Jude Bond  
Al Hope  
Howard Rayner  
Oriol Sans Gomez

### **Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare**

Yi-chao Sandy Lin-Chiang  
Joseph Salud  
Demetrius Leal  
Dave Blizzard

### **inFAMOUS: Second Son**

Matt Vainio  
Horia Dociu  
Jason Connell  
Bill Rockenbeck

### **Sunset Overdrive**

Jacinda Chew  
Bryan Intihar  
Grant Hollis

## **Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial**

### **Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare; Discover Your Power**

Paul O'Shea  
Michael Wigart  
Andy Boyd  
Jacob Montgomery  
Benoit Mannequin

### **Destiny; Become Legend**

Eric Barba  
Carla Attanasio  
Greg Teegarden  
Dan Akers

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### **ESA; Ambition**

Jakub Knapik  
Tomasz Wachnik  
Lukasz Sobisz  
Michal Skrzypiec

### **General Electric; Childlike Imagination**

Benjamin Walsh  
Jennie Burnett  
Brian Burke  
Dominik Bauch

### **SSE; Maya**

Neil Davies  
Alex Hammond  
Jorge Montiel  
Beth Vander

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

### **Hubei in the Air**

Andrew Roberts  
Claudia Lachnitt  
Yas Takata  
Boris Schmidt  
Sebastian Butenberg

### **Ratatouille: L'Aventure Totalement Torquee de Remy**

Tony Apodaca  
Marianne McLean  
Gilles Martin  
Edwin Chang  
Mark Mine

### **Star Journey**

Adam Watkins  
Viktorija Ogureckaja  
Thilo Ewers  
Omid Arzhang  
Yas Takata

### **The Hogwarts Express**

Chris Shaw  
Rich Yeomans  
Steven Godfrey  
Peter Jopling  
John Richardson

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**The Lost Temple**

John Hughes  
Walt Jones  
Brent Young  
Michael Smith

**Outstanding Performance of an Animated Character in a Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture**

**Dawn of the Planet of the Apes; Caesar**

Paul Story  
Eteuati Tema  
Andrea Merlo  
Emiliano Padovani

**Dawn of the Planet of the Apes; Koba**

Daniel Barrett  
Alessandro Bonora  
Mark Edward Allen  
Masaya Suzuki

**Guardians of the Galaxy; Rocket**

Kevin Spruce  
Rachel Williams  
Laurie Brugger  
Mark Wilson

**Maleficent; Thistlewit**

Darren Hendler  
Matthias Wittmann  
Jeremy Buttell  
Elliot Rosenstein

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

**Big Hero 6; Baymax**

Colin Eckart  
John Kahwaty  
Zach Parrish  
Zack Petroc

**How to Train Your Dragon 2; Hiccup**

Jakob Hjort Jensen  
Fabio Lignini  
Stephen Candell  
Hongseo Park

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**Rio 2; Gabi**

Jason Sadler  
Ignacio Barrios  
Drew Winey  
Diana Diriwaechter

**The Boxtrolls; Archibald Snatcher**

Travis Knight  
Jason Stalman  
Michael Laubach  
Kyle Williams

**Outstanding Performance of an Animated Character in a Commercial, Broadcast Program, or Video Game**

**Freesat Freetime; Sheldon**

Russell Dodgson  
Grant Walker  
Juan Sebastian Nino  
Amar Chundavadra

**Game of Thrones; Drogon**

Philip Meyer  
Thomas Kutschera  
Igor Majdandzic  
Mark Spindler

**John Lewis; Monty the Penguin**

Diarmid Harrison Murray  
Tim Van Hussen  
Amir Bazazi  
Georgios Kyparissous

**SSE; Maya**

Jorge Montiel  
Alex Hammond  
Daniel Kmet  
Philippe Moine

**Outstanding Created Environment in a Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture**

**Captain America: The Winter Soldier; Triskelion Headquarters**

Johan Thorngren  
Greg Kegel  
Quentin Marmier  
Luis Calero



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**Interstellar; Tesseract**

Tom Bracht  
Graham Page  
Thomas Døhlen  
Kirsty Clark

**Lucy; Times Square**

Richard Bluff  
Steve Bevins  
Steve DeLuca  
Tiffany Yung

**Noah; Antediluvian Earth**

Grady Cofer  
Dan Wheaton  
Susumu Yukuhiro  
Ben O'Brien

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

**Big Hero 6; Into the Portal**

Ralf Habel  
David Hutchins  
Michael Kaschalk  
Olun Riley

**How to Train Your Dragon 2; Oasis**

Sun Yoon  
Liang-Yuan Wang  
Ted Davis  
Shannon Thomas

**The Book of Life; Magical Land of the Remembered**

Glo Minaya  
Amy Chen  
Sean McEwan  
Jeff Masters

**The Boxtrolls; Boxtroll Cavern**

Curt Enderle  
Rob DeSue  
Emily Greene  
Jesse Gregg

**Outstanding Created Environment in a Commercial, Broadcast Program, or Video Game**

**Coca-Cola; Snowy Forest**

Tom Bardwell  
Kevin Ives  
Kyle Cody  
Jimmy Gass

**Game of Thrones; Braavos Establisher**

Rene Borst  
Christian Zilliken  
Jan Burda  
Steffen Metzner

**Penny Dreadful; Séance**

Mathew Borrett  
Lorne Kwechansky  
Graham Day  
Jason Gougeon

**War Thunder; Battlefield**

Andrey Bogdanov  
Mikhail Daticik  
Dmitriy Ovcharenko  
Ekaterina Bogdanova

**Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Photoreal/Live Action Motion Media Project**

**Dawn of the Planet of the Apes**

Keith Miller  
Jonathan Paquin  
Alessandro Saponi  
David Houghton Williams

**Edge of Tomorrow; Beach and Paris Attacks**

Albert Cheng  
Jose Enrique Astacio Jr.  
Michael Havart  
Dion Beebe

**Interstellar; Tesseract**

Faraz Hameed  
Stephen Painter  
Hoyte van Hoytema  
Dorian Knapp

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**X-Men: Days of Future Past; Kitchen Scene**

Austin Bonang  
Casey Schatz  
Dennis Jones  
Newton Thomas Sigel

**Outstanding Models in any Motion Media Project**

**Big Hero 6; City of San Fransokyo**

Brett Achorn  
Minh Duong  
Scott Watanabe  
Larry Wu

**The Boxtrolls; Mecha-Drill**

Tom McClure  
Oliver Jones  
Raul Martinez

**The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies; Laketown**

Leslie Chan  
Alastair Mayer  
Niklas Preston  
Justin Stockton

**Transformers: Age of Extinction; Knightship**

Landis Fields  
John Goodson  
Anthony Rispoli  
Dae Han

**Outstanding Effects Simulations in a Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture**

**Captain America: The Winter Soldier; Helicarrier Broadside and Crash**

Dan Pearson  
Sheldon Serrao  
Jose Burgos  
Eric Jennings

**Edge of Tomorrow; Destruction and Sand**

Steve Avoujageli  
Pawel Grochola  
Atsushi Ikarashi  
Paul Waggoner

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**The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies**

Jon Allitt  
David Caeiro  
Ronnie Menahem

**X-Men: Days of Future Past; Quicksilver Pentagon Kitchen**

Adam Paschke  
Premamurti Paetsch  
Sam Hancock  
Timmy Lundin

**Outstanding Effects Simulations in an Animated Feature Motion Picture**

**Big Hero 6**

Henrik Falt  
David Hutchins  
Michael Kaschalk  
John Kosnik

**How to Train Your Dragon 2; The Battle**

Spencer Knapp  
Baptiste Van Opstal  
Lucas Janin  
Jason Mayer

**The Boxtrolls**

Kent Estep  
Peter Stuart  
Ralph Procida  
Timur Khodzhaev

**The Lego Movie**

Carsten Kolve  
Jayandera Danappal  
Matt Ebb  
Miles Green

**Outstanding Effects Simulations in a Commercial, Broadcast Program, or Video Game**

**Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey**

Dominique Vidal  
Isabelle Perin-Leduc  
Sandrine Lurde  
Alexandre Lerouge

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**DirecTV; Landing**

Jeffrey Dates  
Jimmy Gass  
Iwan Zwarts  
Ryan Coster

**SSE; Maya**

Alex Hammond  
Peter Agg  
Sam Driscoll  
Jimmy Gass

**Vikings; Invasion Storm Sequence**

Jeremy Dineen  
Eric Lacroix  
Kyle Yoneda  
Norman Ran

**Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture**

**Dawn of the Planet of the Apes**

Christoph Salzmann  
Florian Schroeder  
Quentin Hema  
Simone Riginelli

**Edge of Tomorrow; Beach**

Craig Wentworth  
Matthew Welford  
Marie Victoria Denoga  
Frank Fieser

**Interstellar; Water**

Raphael Hamm  
Isaac Layish  
Sebastian Von Overheidt  
Tristan Myles

**The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies**

Simon Jung  
Ben Roberts  
Matthew Adams  
Jordan Schilling

**Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal/Live Action Broadcast Program**

**American Horror Story: Freak Show; Edward Mordrake, Part 2**

Tommy Tran  
JV Pike  
Rob Lutz  
Matt Lefferts

**Game of Thrones; Wight Attack**

Keegan Douglas  
Okan Ataman  
Brian Fortune  
David Lopez

**Game of Thrones; The Watchers on the Wall**

Dan Breckwoldt  
Martin Furman  
Sophie Marfleet  
Eric Andrusyszyn

**The Knick; Abigail's Nose**

Vance Miller  
Aaron Raff  
John Bair  
Rebecca Dunn

**Vikings; Invasion**

Ovidiu Cinazan  
Gary Couto  
Doug Cook  
Angel Li

**Outstanding Compositing in a in a Photoreal/Live Action Commercial**

**Destiny Become Legend**

Dan Akers  
Nitant Karnik  
Matt Smith  
Kym Olsen

**Kia The Truth**

Paul Lambert  
Dan Akers  
Carlos Morales  
Holly Horter

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### **Nike Hypervenom "Mirrors ft. Neymar Jr."**

Dan Williams  
Daniel Morris  
Ilia Mokhtareizadeh  
Greg Spencer

### **SSE**

Neil Davies  
Leonardo Costa  
Gianluca DiMarco

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

### **Deep Dance**

Marco Erbrich  
Christoph Westphal  
Vincent Langer

### **Dragon Clan**

Yahui Fan  
Sheng Xu

### **Murphy**

Bruno LeVeque  
Xavier Lafarge

### **Wrapped**

Roman Kaelin  
Falko Paeper  
Florian Wittmann  
Paolo Tamburrino

## **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' almost 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](http://www.visualeffectssociety.com). Go Social: follow us on Twitter @VFXSociety.

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