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Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for 15th Annual VES Awards

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story Receives Most Feature Film Nominations

Kubo and the Two Strings is Top Animated Film Contender

Game of Thrones Leads the Broadcast Field and Scores Most Nominations Overall

Los Angeles (January 10, 2017) – Today, the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry’s professional global honorary society, announced the nominees for the 15th 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. *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* received the most feature film nominations with seven; *Doctor Strange* and *The Jungle Book* follow with six each. *Kubo and the Two Strings* is the top animated film contender with six nominations and *Game of Thrones* leads the broadcast field and scores the most nominations overall with 11.

The VES Awards will herald the organization’s milestone 20th anniversary. Nominees in 24 categories were selected by VES members via events hosted by its ten sections, including Australia, Bay Area, London, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York, Toronto and Vancouver. The VES Awards will be held on February 7th at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. As previously announced, the Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to multiple Academy Award®-winning visual effects pioneer Ken Ralston. The Visionary Award will be presented to acclaimed producer and Marvel Studios Executive Vice President of Physical Production Victoria Alonso.

“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 VES Student Award presented by Autodesk spotlights the year's most stellar work from budding VFX artists and innovators around the world, and we're proud to be a sponsor of the award again this year. The nominees' submissions are outstanding, and we look forward to collaborating with this fantastic organization to recognize and celebrate this next generation of filmmakers," said Chris Bradshaw, Autodesk’s Senior Vice President, Media & Entertainment, Education Experiences, and Impact.

The nominees for the 15th Annual VES Awards in 24 categories are as follows:

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature

Doctor Strange

Stephane Ceretti

Susan Pickett

Richard Bluff

Vincent Cirelli

Paul Corbould

15th Annual VES Awards Nominees

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Christian Manz
Olly Young
Tim Burke
Pablo Grillo
David Watkins

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

Frazer Churchill
Hal Couzens
Andrew Lockley
Jelmer Boskma
Hayley Williams

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

John Knoll
Erin Dusseault
Hal Hickel
Nigel Sumner
Neil Corbould

The Jungle Book

Robert Legato
Joyce Cox
Andrew R. Jones
Adam Valdez
JD Schwalm

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature

Allied

Kevin Baillie
Sandra Scott
Brennan Doyle
Viktor Muller
Richard Van Den Bergh

Deepwater Horizon

Craig Hammack
Petra Holtorf-Stratton
Jason Snell
John Galloway
Burt Dalton

Jason Bourne

Charlie Noble
Dan Barrow
Julian Gnass
Huw Evans
Steve Warner

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Silence

Pablo Helman
Brian Barlettani
Ivan Busquets
Juan Jesus Garcia
R. Bruce Steinheimer

Sully

Michael Owens
Tyler Kehl
Mark Curtis
Bryan Litson
Steven Riley

Outstanding Visual Effects in an Animated Feature

Finding Dory

Angus MacLane
Lindsey Collins- p.g.a.
John Halstead
Chris J. Chapman

Kubo and the Two Strings

Travis Knight
Arianne Sutner
Steve Emerson
Brad Schiff

Moana

Kyle Odermatt
Nicole P. Hearon
Hank Driskill
Ian Gooding

The Little Prince

Mark Osborne
Jinko Gotoh
Pascal Bertrand
Jamie Caliri

Zootopia

Scott Kersavage
Bradford S. Simonsen
David Goetz
Ernest J. Petti

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode

Black Mirror; Playtest

Justin Hutchinson-Chatburn
Russell McLean
Grant Walker
Christopher Gray

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Game of Thrones; Battle of the Bastards

Joe Bauer
Steve Kullback
Glenn Melenhorst
Matthew Rouleau
Sam Conway

Stranger Things; Demogorgon

Marc Kolbe
Aaron Sims
Olcun Tan

The Expanse; Salvage

Robert Munroe
Clint Green
Kyle Menzies
Tom Turnbull

Westworld; The Bicameral Mind

Jay Worth
Elizabeth Castro
Bobo Skipper
Gustav Ahrén

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode

Black Sails; XX

Erik Henry
Terron Pratt
Aladino Debert
Yafei Wu
Paul Stephenson

Penny Dreadful; The Day Tennyson Died

James Cooper
Bill Halliday
Sarah McMurdo
Mai-Ling Lee

Roots; Night One

Simon Hansen
Paul Kalil
Theo le Roux-Preis
Wicus Labuschagne
Max Poolman

The Man in the High Castle; Fallout

Lawson Deming
Cory Jamieson
Casi Blume
Nick Chamberlain

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Vikings; The Last Ship

Dominic Remane
Mike Borrett
Ovidiu Cinazan
Paul Wishart
Paul Byrne

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Real-Time Project

Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare

Brian Horton
Keith Pope
David Johnson
Tobias Stromvall

Dishonored 2; Crack in the Slab

Sébastien Mitton
Guillaume Curt
Damien Laurent
Jean-Luc Monnet

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them; Virtual Reality

Karen Czukerberg
John Montefusco
Corrina Wilson
Resh Sidhu

Gears of War 4

Kirk Gibbons
Zoe Curnoe
Aryan Hanbeck
Colin Penty

Quantum Break

Janne Pulkkinen
Elmeri Raitanen
Matti Hamalainen
Ville Assinen

Uncharted 4

Bruce Straley
Eben Cook
Iki Ikram

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial

Coke Mini; A Mini Marvel

Vincent Cirelli
Michael Perdew
Brendan Seals
Jared Simeth

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For Honor

Maxime Luère
Léon Bérelle
Dominique Boidin
Rémi Kozyra

John Lewis; Buster the Boxer

Diarmid Harrison-Murray
Hannah Ruddleston
Fabian Frank
William Laban

Titanfall 2; Become One

Dan Akers
Tiffany Webber
Chris Bedrosian

Waitrose; Coming Home

Jonathan Westley -Wes-
Alex Fitzgerald
Jorge Montiel
Adam Droy

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project

Dream of Anhui

Chris Morley
Lee Hahn
Alex Hessler
Kent Matheson

Pirates of the Caribbean; Battle for the Sunken Treasure

Bill George
Amy Jupiter
Hayden Landis
David Lester

Soarin' Over the Horizon

Marianne McLean
Bill George
Hayden Landis
Dorne Huebler
Thomas Tait

Skull Island: Reign of Kong

John Gibson
Arish Fyzee
Sachin Shrestha
Anshul Mathuria

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Voyage of Time: The IMAX Experience

Dan Glass
Brett Harding
Tom Debenham
Brian Delmonico
Matt Pulliam

Outstanding Animated Performance in a Photoreal Feature

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them; Niffler

Laurent Laban
Andras Ormos
Luc Girard
Romain Rico

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story; Grand Moff Tarkin

Sven Jensen
Jee Young Park
Steve Walton
Cyrus Jam

The Jungle Book; King Louie

Paul Story
Dennis Yoo
Jack Tema
Andrei Coval

The Jungle Book; Shere Khan

Benjamin Jones
Julio Del Rio Hernandez
Jake Harrell
James Hood

Warcraft; Durotan

Sunny Wei
Brian Cantwell
Brian Paik
Jee Young Park

Outstanding Animated Performance in an Animated Feature

Finding Dory; Hank

Jonathan Hoffman
Steven Clay Hunter
Mark Piretti
Audrey Wong

Kubo and the Two Strings; Kubo

Jeff Riley
Ian Whitlock
Adam Lawthers
Jeremy Spake

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Kubo and the Two Strings; Monkey

Andy Bailey
Dobrin Yanev
Kim Slate
Jessica Lynn

Moana; The Mighty Maui

Mack Kablan
Nikki Mull
Matthew Schiller
Marc Thyng

Outstanding Animated Performance in an Episode or Real-Time Project

Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare; Omar

Bernardo Antoniazzi
Aaron Beck
Jason Greenberg
Chris Barnes

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them; Graphorn

John Montefusco
Michael Cable
Shayne Ryan
Andy Rowan-Robinson

Game of Thrones; Battle of the Bastards; Drogon

James Kinnings
Michael Holzl
Matt Derksen
Joseph Hoback

Game of Thrones; Home; Emaciated Dragon

Sebastian Lauer
Jonathan Symmonds
Thomas Kutschera
Anthony Sieben

Outstanding Animated Performance in a Commercial

John Lewis; Buster the Boxer

Tim van Hussen
David Bryan
Chloe Dawe
Maximilian Mallmann

Opel Motorsport; Racing Faces; Lion

Jorge Montiel
Jacob Gonzales
Sauce Vilas
Alberto Lara

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SSE; Neon House; Baby Pixel

Jorge Montiel
Daniel Kmet
Sauce Vilas
Peter Agg

Waitrose; Coming Home

Jorge Montiel
Nick Smalley
Andreas Graichen
Alberto Lara

Outstanding Created Environment in a Photoreal Feature

Deadpool; Freeway Assault

Seth Hill
Jedediah Smith
Laurent Taillefer
Marc-Antoine Paquin

Doctor Strange; London

Brendan Seals
Raphael A. Pimentel
Andrew Zink
Gregory Ng

Doctor Strange; New York City

Adam Watkins
Martijn van Herk
Tim Belsher
Jon Mitchell

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story; Scarif Complex

Enrico Damm
Kevin George
Olivier Vernay-Kim
Yanick Dusseault

Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature

Finding Dory; Open Ocean Exhibit

Stephen Gustafson
Jack Hattori
Jesse Hollander
Michael Rutter

Kubo and the Two Strings; Hanzo's Fortress

Phil Brotherton
Nick Mariana
Emily Greene
Joe Strasser

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Kubo and the Two Strings; Waves

David Horsley
Eric Wachtman
Daniel Leatherdale
Takashi Kubota

Moana; Motonui Island

Rob Dressel
Andy Harkness
Brien Hindman
Larry Wu

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

Black Sails; XXVIII; Maroon Island

Thomas Montminy Brodeur
Deak Ferrand
Pierre Rousseau
Mathieu Lapierre

Dishonored 2; Clockwork Mansion

Sebastien Mitton
Guillaume Curt
Damien Laurent
Jean-Luc Monnet

Game of Thrones; Battle of the Bastards; Meereen City

Deak Ferrand
Dominic Daigle
François Croteau
Alexandru Banuta

Game of Thrones; The Winds of Winter; Citadel

Edmond Engelbrecht
Tomoka Matsumura
Edwin Holdsworth
Cheri Fojtik

The Man in the High Castle; Fallout; Volkshalle

Casi Blume
David Andrade
Nick Chamberlain
Lawson Deming

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Photoreal Project

Doctor Strange; New York Mirror Dimension

Landis Fields
Mathew Cowie
Frederic Medioni
Faraz Hameed

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Game of Thrones; Battle of the Bastards

Patrick Tiberius Gehlen
Michelle Blok
Christopher Baird
Drew Wood-Davies

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story; Space Battle

John Levin
Euisung Lee
Steve Ellis
Barry Howell

The Jungle Book

Bill Pope
Robert Legato
Gary Roberts
John Brennan

Outstanding Model in a Photoreal or Animated Project

Deepwater Horizon; Deepwater Horizon Rig

Kelvin Lau
Jean Bolte
Kevin Sprout
Kim Vongbunyong

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story; Princess Leia

Paul Giacoppo
Gareth Jensen
Todd Vaziri
James Tooley

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story; Star Destroyer

Jay Machado
Marko Chulev
Akira Orikasa
Steven Knipping

Star Trek Beyond; Enterprise

Daniel Nicholson
Rhys Salcombe
Chris Elmer
Andreas Maaninka

Outstanding Effects Simulations in a Photoreal Feature

Alice Through the Looking Glass; Rust

Klaus Seitschek
Joseph Pepper
Jacob Clark
Cosku Turhan

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Doctor Strange; Hong Kong Reverse Destruction

Florian Witzel
Georges Nakhle
Azul Mohamed
David Kirchner

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story; Jedha Destruction

Miguel Perez Senent
Matt Puchala
Ciaran Moloney
Luca Mignardi

The Jungle Book; Nature Effects

Oliver Winwood
Fabian Nowak
David Schneider
Ludovic Ramisandraina

Outstanding Effects Simulations in an Animated Feature

Finding Dory

Stephen Gustafson
Allen Hemberger
Joshua Jenny
Matthew Kiyoshi Wong

Kubo and the Two Strings; Water

David Horsley
Peter Stuart
Timur Khodzhaev
Terrance Tornberg

Moana

Marc Henry Bryant
David Hutchins
Ben Frost
Dale Mayeda

Zootopia

Nicholas Burkard
Moe El-Ali
Claudia Chung Sanii
Thom Wickes

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

Game of Thrones; Battle of the Bastards

Kevin Blom
Sasmit Ranadive
Wanghua Huang
Ben Andersen

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Game of Thrones; Battle of the Bastards; Meereen City

Thomas Hullin
Dominik Kirouac
James Dong
Xavier Fourmond

John Lewis; Buster the Boxer

Diarmid Harrison-Murray
Tushar Kewlani
Radu Ciubotariu
Ben Thomas

Sky; Q

Michael Hunault
Gareth Bell
Paul Donnellan
Joshua Curtis

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Feature

Doctor Strange; New York City

Matthew Lane
Jose Fernandez de Castro
Ziad Shureih
Amy Shepard

Independence Day: Resurgence; Under The Mothership

Mathew Giampa
Adrian Sutherland
Daniel Lee
Ed Wilkie

The Jungle Book

Christoph Salzmann
Masaki Mitchell
Matthew Adams
Max Stummer

X-Men: Apocalypse; Quicksilver Rescue

Jess Burnheim
Alana Newell
Andy Peel
Matthew Shaw

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Episode

Black Sails; XX; Sailing Ships

Michael Melchiorre
Kevin Bouchez
Heather Hoyland
John Brennick

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Game of Thrones; Battle of the Bastards; Meereen City

Thomas Montminy-Brodeur
Patrick David
Michael Crane
Joe Salazar

Game of Thrones; Battle of the Bastards; Retaking Winterfell

Dominic Hellier
Morgan Jones
Thijs Noij
Caleb Thompson

Game of Thrones; The Door; Land of Always Winter

Eduardo Díaz
Aníbal Del Busto
Angel Rico
Sonsoles López-Aranguren

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Commercial

Canal; Kitchen

Dominique Boidin
Léon Bérelle
Maxime Luère
Rémi Kozyra

John Lewis; Buster the Boxer

Tom Harding
Alex Snookes
David Filipe
Andreas Feix

Kenzo; Kenzo World

Evan Langley
Benjamin Nowak
Rob Fitzsimmons
Phylcia Feldman

LG; World of Play

Jay Bandlish
Udesh Chetty
Carl Norton

Waitrose; Coming Home

Jonathan Westley -Wes-
Gary Driver
Milo Paterson
Nina Mosand

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project

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Breaking Point

Johannes Franz
Nicole Rothermel
Thomas Sali
Alexander Richter

Elemental

Adrian Meyer
Lena-Carolin Lohfink
Denis Krez
David Bellenbaum

Garden Party

Victor Caire
Gabriel Grapperon
Théophile Dufresne
Lucas Navarro

Shine

Mareike Keller
Dennis Mueller
Meike Mueller

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 3,400 members in 35 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 and follow us on Twitter @VFX Society.