

The Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for VES Awards

Iron Man Leads with 5 Noms. Awards Ceremony Scheduled for February 21, 2009

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The Visual Effects Society (VES) announced the nominees for the 7th Annual VES Awards ceremony recognizing outstanding visual effects in over a dozen categories of film, animation, television, commercials and video games. Nominees were chosen Saturday, January 17, 2009, by numerous panels of VES members who viewed submissions at the FotoKem screening facilities in Burbank.

In making the announcement, Jeffrey A. Okun, Chair of the Visual Effects Awards Committee said, "Because visual effects continue to grow in complexity and intensity, touching every aspect of the entertainment industry, we are proud to announce the nominees and their work, which have been deemed by the judges as the best of the best. I congratulate all the artists on their achievements."

The nominees for the 7th Annual VES Awards are the following:

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A VISUAL EFFECTS DRIVEN MOTION PICTURE

â€¢ The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

Wendy Rogers, Dean Wright, Andrew Fowler, Greg Butler

â€¢ The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Eric Barba, Edson Williams, Nathan McGuinness, Lisa Beroud

â€¢ Hellboy II: The Golden Army

Michael J. Wassel, Lucy Killick, Adrian de Wet, Eamonn Butler

â€¢ Cloverfield

Kevin Blank, Chantal Feghali, Michael Ellis, Eric Leven

â€¢ Iron Man

Ben Snow, Hal Hickel, Victoria Alonso, John Nelson

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A MOTION PICTURE

â€¢ Changeling

Michael Owens, Geoffrey Hancock, Jinnie Pak, Dennis Hoffman

â€¢ Eagle Eye

Jim Rygiel, Jim Berney, Crys Forsyth-Smith, David Smith

â€¢ Valkyrie

Richard R. Hoover, Maricel Pagulayan, Peter Nofz, Daniel Eaton

â€¢ Nim's Island

Camille Cellucci, Scott Gordon, Fred Pienkos, James Straus

â€¢ Synecdoche, New York

Mark Russell, Richard Friedlander, Eric Robertson, Brett Miller

OUTSTANDING ANIMATION IN AN ANIMATED MOTION PICTURE

â€¢ Bolt - The Chase

Chris Williams, Byron Howard, John Murreh, Doug Bennett

â€¢ Kung Fu Panda - Everybody was Kung Fu Fighting - The Animation of Kung Fu Panda

Markus Manninen, Dan Wagner, Alex Parkinson, Raymond Zibach

â€¢ A Matter of Loaf and Death - Piella's Mansion

Nick Park, Steve Pegram, Dave Alex Riddett, David McCormick

â€¢ WALL-E

Andrew Stanton, Jim Morris, Lindsey Collins, Nigel Hardwidge

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A BROADCAST MINISERIES, MOVIE OR SPECIAL

â€¢ Â Doctor Who - The Next Doctor - Cyber King

Dave Houghton, Marie Jones, Matt McKinney, Murray Barber

â€¢ Â Generation Kill - Episode 2

Adam McInnes, Anthony Bluff, Stephane Paris, David Sewell

â€¢ Â John Adams - Join or Die

Steve Kullback, Erik Henry, Robert Stromberg, Jeff Goldman

â€¢ Â Knight Rider - Prometheus

Sam Nicholson, Scott Ramsey, Chris Martin, Mike Enriquez

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A BROADCAST SERIES

â€¢ Â Battlestar Galactica: The Resistance Season Four - BSG Space Battle

Gary Hutzel, Michael Gibson, Doug Drexler, Kyle Toucher

â€¢ Â Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles - Episode 108

James Lima, Raoul Bolognini, Andrew Orloff, Steve Meyer

â€¢ Â Ghost Whisperer - Ghost in the Machine

Armen Kevorkian, Arthur J. Codron, Matt Scharf, Stefan Brederock

â€¢ Â Heroes - The Second Coming

Eric Grenaudier, Mark Spatny, Diego Galtieri, Michael Cook

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A BROADCAST PROGRAM

â€¢ Â Fringe - Episode 101 - Pilot

Kevin Blank, Jay Worth, Andrew Orloff, Barbara Genicoff

â€¢ Â Jericho - Episode 7 - Patriots and Tyrants

Andrew Orloff, Blyth Dalton, Chris Jones, Michael Cliett

â€¢ Â Life - Frozen Solid

Max Ivins, Jenny Foster, Danny Kim, Shawn Lipowski

â€¢ Â Pushing Daisies - The Legend of Merle McQuoddy

William Powloski, Elizabeth Castro, Melanie Tucker, Eric Chauvin

BEST SINGLE VISUAL EFFECT OF THE YEAR

â€¢ Â Cloverfield - Statue of Liberty Crash and Woolworth Tower Collapse

Michael Ellis, Chantal Feghali, David Vickery, Ben Taylor

â€¢ Â The Curious Case of Benjamin Button - Benjamin's Secret

Eric Barba, Lisa Beroud, Steve Preeg, Jonathan Litt

â€¢ Â The Day the Earth Stood Still - Newborn Klaatu

Jeffrey A. Okun, R. Christopher White, Thomas M. Boland, Ben Thompson

â€¢ Â Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull - Valley Destruction

Stephanie Hornish, Pablo Helman, Jeff White, Craig Hammack

â€¢ Â Iron Man

Ben Snow, Wayne Billheimer, Victoria Alonso, John Nelson

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A COMMERCIAL

â€¢ Â Bacardi - Sundance

Alex Thiesen, Nikos Kalaitzidis, Jay Barton, Zsolt Kalaitzidis

â€¢ Â Coke - It's Mine

Angus Kneale, Asher Edwards, Ben Smith, Dan Williams

â€¢ Â Fedex 'Pigeon'

Satoko Inuma, Murray Butler, David Hulin, Spencer Lueders

â€¢ Â Monster 'Stork' - Stork

William Bartlett, Helen Stanley, Dan Seddon, David Mellor

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A SPECIAL VENUE PROJECT

â€¢Â Â Grand Canyon Adventure - River at Risk - Main Title Sequence

Mark Freund, Alan Markowitz, Lee Nelson, Josh Mossotti

â€¢Â Â U2 3D - Selected Shots

Peter Anderson, Jon Shapiro, David Franks, Jeremy Nicolaidis

OUTSTANDING REAL TIME VISUALS IN A VIDEO GAME

â€¢Â Â Crysis Warhead

Zoltan Pocza, Gabor Mogyorosi, Tamas Schlagl

â€¢Â Â Dead Space

Ian Milham, Ben Wanat, Christopher Stone

â€¢Â Â Need For Speed Undercover - Xbox 360

Henry LaBounta, Steve Barcia, Dave Taylor, Carl Jarrett

OUTSTANDING PRE-RENDERED VISUALS IN A VIDEO GAME

â€¢Â Â Command and Conquer - Red Alert 3 - Chrono-Lab, Empire and Allied Scenes

Richard Taylor, Benjamin Hopkins, KaTai Tang, Mical Pedriana

â€¢Â Â Need For Speed Undercover - Cinematics

Henry LaBounta, Steve Barcia, Dave Taylor, Mark Raham

â€¢Â Â World of Warcraft- Wrath of The Lich King - Intro Cinematic

Jeff Chamberlain, Phillip Hillenbrand

OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN A LIVE ACTION MOTION PICTURE

â€¢Â Â The Curious Case of Benjamin Button - Benjamin Button

Steve Preeg, Matthias Wittmann, Tom St. Amand, David McLean

â€¢Â Â Hellboy II: The Golden Army - Elemental Sequence

Colin McEvoy, Christoph Ammann

â€¢Â Â Iron Man

Hal Hickel, Bruce Holcomb, James Tooley, John Walker

â€¢Â Â The Spiderwick Chronicles - Hogsqueal

Todd Labonte, Michael Brunet, Nathan Fredenburg, Aharon Bourland

OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN AN ANIMATED MOTION PICTURE

â€¢Â Â Bolt - Various Sequences - Bolt

Becky Bresee, Bob Davies, Renato Dos Anjos, Wayne Unten Jr.

â€¢Â Â Bolt - Various Sequences - Rhino

Adam Dykstra, Dave Gottlieb, Clay Kaytis, Hyrum Osmond

â€¢Â Â Kung Fu Panda - This Kung Fu Stuff is Hard Work - The Animation of Po

Jack Black, Dan Wagner, Nico Marlet, Peter Farson

â€¢Â Â WALL-E - WALL-E and Eve Truck Sequence

Ben Burt, Victor Navone, Austin Lee, Jay Shuster

OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN A LIVE ACTION BROADCAST PROGRAM OR COMMERCIAL

â€¢Â Â Bacardi - Sundance

James Atkinson, John Cooper, Phillip Prael, Charles Felix Chabert

â€¢Â Â Brains Dance

James Sindle, Jesus Parra, Josh Fournells

â€¢Â Â Coke - Stewie

Ben Smith, Andrew Proctor, Jong Jim Choi, Keith Kim

â€¢Â Â Who's Gonna Save My Soul

Thomas Tannenberger, Olcun Tan

OUTSTANDING EFFECTS ANIMATION IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE MOTION PICTURE

â€¢Â Â Bolt - Various Sequences

John Murrah, Michael Kaschalk, Dale Mayeda, Adolph Lusinsky
 â€¢ Kung Fu Panda - The Secret Ingredient - Visual Effects of Kung Fu Panda

Markus Manninen, Alex Parkinson, Amaury Aubel, Lawrence Lee
 â€¢ Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa - Effects in Africa

Scott Peterson, Laurent Kermel, Andrew Wheeler, Greg Gladstone
 â€¢ WALL-E - Effects in WALL-E

Jason Johnston, Keith Daniel Klohn, Enrique Vila, Bill Watral
 OUTSTANDING MATTE PAINTINGS IN A FEATURE MOTION PICTURE

â€¢ Changeling - 1928 Downtown L.A.

Romain Bayle, Abel Milanés, Allan Lee, Debor Dunphy
 â€¢ Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

Richard Bluff, Barry Williams, Yanick Dusseault, Yusei Uesugi
 â€¢ Synecdoche, New York - Matte Paintings

Brett Miller, Garrett Eaton, Matthew Conner
 â€¢ Speed Racer - Overall Matte Painting Presentation

Lubo Hristov, Dennis Martin, Ron Crabb
 OUTSTANDING MATTE PAINTINGS IN A BROADCAST PROGRAM OR COMMERCIAL

â€¢ Doctor Who - SERIES 4 - Silence in the Library

Simon Wickers, Charlie Bennett, Tim Barter, Arianna Lago
 â€¢ Generation Kill - Episode 2

Christian Irles, Yannick Bourgie
 â€¢ Merlin The Mark of Nimueh Series 1 - The Mark of Nimueh

Dave Early, Simon Wickers, Bryan Bartlett, Sara Bennet
 OUTSTANDING MODELS AND MINIATURES IN A FEATURE MOTION PICTURE

â€¢ The Dark Knight - Garbage Truck Crash Models and Miniatures

Ian Hunter, Forest Fischer, Branden Seifert, Adam Gelbart
 â€¢ Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

David Fogler, Craig Hammack, Brian Gernand, Geoff Heron
 â€¢ Iron Man - Suit Up Machine

Aaron McBride, Russell Paul, Gerald Gutschmidt, Keiji Yamaguchi
 â€¢ My Darling of the Mountains - Hot Springs

Taro Kiba, Kenji Nagatani, Yuki Minagawa, Hideo Udo
 OUTSTANDING MODELS AND MINIATURES IN A BROADCAST PROGRAM OR COMMERCIAL

â€¢ New Balance - Anthem

Ian Hunter, Jon Warren, Matt Burlingame, Raymond Moore
 â€¢ Ghost Whisperer - Episode 404 - 'Claridon Ship Shots'

Eric Hance
 OUTSTANDING CREATED ENVIRONMENT IN A FEATURE MOTION PICTURE

â€¢ Cloverfield - Brooklyn Bridge Sequence

David Vickery, Phil Johnson, Victor Wade, Sean Stranks
 â€¢ The Dark Knight - IMAX Gotham City Scapes

Peter Bebb, David Vickery, Philippe Leprince, Andrew Lockley
 â€¢ Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull - Temple Heart

Michael Halsted, David Fogler, Steve Walton, David Weitzberg
 â€¢ The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor - Avalanche Sequence

Mike Meaker, Rich Mahon, Jason Iverson, Sho Hasegawa
 â€¢ Synecdoche, New York - Created Environment

Brett Miller, Garrett Eaton, Matthew Conner

OUTSTANDING CREATED ENVIRONMENT IN A BROADCAST PROGRAM OR COMMERCIAL

â€¢ Audi - Living Room - Living Room

Jack Zaloga, Jake Montgomery, Andy Boyd, Sean Durnan

â€¢ Heroes - Tokyo

Meliza Fermin, Michael Cook, Daniel Kumiega, Anthony Ocampo

â€¢ John Adams - Join or Die - Episode 1 - The Boston Harbor

Paul Graff, Robert Stromberg, Adam Watkins

â€¢ Wrigley's 5 - Fruit Shredder

Ludo Fealy, Dean Robinson, Adam Leary, Michael Gregory

OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING IN A FEATURE MOTION PICTURE

â€¢ The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

Stuart Lashley, Arundi Asregadoo, Mark Curtis, Richard Baker

â€¢ The Curious Case of Benjamin Button - Benjamin Comes Together

Janelle Croshaw, Paul Lambert, Sonja Burchard, Sarahjane Javelo

â€¢ Iron Man - Head Under Display - HUD Compositing

Jonathan Rothbart, Dav Rauch, Kyle McCulloch, Kent Seki

â€¢ Quantum of Solace - Sienna Chase and Fight Sequence

Anthony Smith, Christian Kaestner, Adrian Metzelaar, Jon Thum

OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING IN A BROADCAST PROGRAM OR COMMERCIAL

â€¢ Coke - It's Mine - 'Balloons'

Angus Kneale, Dan Williams, Andrew Proctor

â€¢ Fedex 'Pigeon' - Pigeon

Andy Walker, Spencer Lueders, Maryanne Butler, Murray Butler

â€¢ John Adams - Join or Die - Episode 1 - The Boston Harbor

Paul Graff, Joshua LaCross, Matt Collorafice

â€¢ Time Sculpture

Richard de Carteret, Paul Downes, Oliver Dadswell, John Price

OUTSTANDING SPECIAL EFFECTS IN A MOTION PICTURE

â€¢ The Dark Knight

Chris Corbould, Peter Notley, Ian Lowe

â€¢ The Dark Knight - Garbage Truck Crash Mechanical Effects

Scott Beverly, Robert Spurlock, Jon Warren, Brian Kelly Hahn

â€¢ Defiance - Special Effects

Neil Corbould, Steve Warner, Anne Maria Walters, Alan Young

OUTSTANDING EFFECTS IN A STUDENT PROJECT

â€¢ Hangar Number Five - Robot Attack

Nathan Matsuda

â€¢ La Main Des Maitres - Revolution

Adrien CaYuS Toupet, Clement Delatre, Vivien Looky Chauvet

â€¢ Our Wonderful Nature

Tomer Eshed, Dennis Rettkowski, Tomer Eshed, Dennis Rettkowski

â€¢ Plastic - Transformation Sequence

Sandy Widyanata, Courtney Wise

The 7th Annual VES Awards will take place on Feb. 21, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, CA.

This year the VES will present producers Kathleen Kennedy and Frank Marshall with the VES Lifetime Achievement Award and Phil Tippett with the Georges Melies Award.

More Information at: www.visualeffectssociety.com