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Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for 18th Annual VES Awards
ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL and THE LION KING Garner Most Feature Film Nominations
TOY STORY 4 is Top Animated Film Contender
GAME OF THRONES and THE MANDALORIAN Tie to Lead the Broadcast Field

Los Angeles (January 7, 2020) – Today, the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry’s professional global honorary society, announced the nominees for the 18th 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. *ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL* and *THE LION KING* garner the most feature film nominations with five nominations each; *TOY STORY 4* is the top animated film contender with five nominations; and *GAME OF THRONES* and *THE MANDALORIAN* tie to lead the broadcast field with six nominations each.

Nominees in 25 categories were selected by VES members via events hosted by 11 of our Sections, including Australia, the Bay Area, Germany, London, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York, New Zealand, Toronto, Vancouver and Washington. The VES Awards will be held on January 29 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. As previously announced, the VES Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Academy, DGA and Emmy Award winning director-producer-screenwriter Martin Scorsese. The VES Visionary Award will be presented to acclaimed director-producer-screenwriter Roland Emmerich. And the VES Award for Creative excellence will be presented to acclaimed visual effects supervisor Sheena Duggal. Award-winning actor-comedian-author Patton Oswalt will once again host the VES Awards.

“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 class 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 Visual Effects Society Student Award recognizes the incredible work produced by up-and-coming talent from around the world. The passion, imagination, and artistry shown by the next generation of artists and storytellers is truly inspiring, and collaborating with the VES to recognize that talent is a huge honor,” said Diana Colella, VP Business Strategy & Marketing, Media & Entertainment, Autodesk.

The nominees for the 18th Annual VES Awards in 25 categories are as follow:

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature

ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL

Richard Hollander
Kevin Sherwood
Eric Saindon
Richard Baneham
Bob Trevino

AVENGERS: ENDGAME

Daniel DeLeeuw
Jen Underdahl
Russell Earl
Matt Aitken
Daniel Sudick

GEMINI MAN

Bill Westenhofer
Karen Murphy-Mundell
Guy Williams
Sheldon Stopsack
Mark Hawker

STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER

Roger Guyett
Stacy Bissell
Patrick Tubach
Neal Scanlan
Dominic Tuohy

THE LION KING

Robert Legato
Tom Peitzman
Adam Valdez
Andrew R. Jones

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature

1917

Guillaume Rocheron
Sona Pak
Greg Butler
Vijay Selvam
Dominic Tuohy

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FORD V FERRARI

Olivier Dumont
Kathy Siegel
Dave Morley
Malte Sarnes
Mark Byers

JOKER

Edwin Rivera
Brice Parker
Mathew Giampa
Bryan Godwin
Jeff Brink

THE AERONAUTS

Louis Morin
Annie Godin
Christian Kaestner
Ara Khanikian
Mike Dawson

THE IRISHMAN

Pablo Helman
Mitch Ferm
Jill Brooks
Leandro Estebecorena
Jeff Brink

Outstanding Visual Effects in an Animated Feature

FROZEN 2

Steve Goldberg
Peter Del Vecho
Mark Hammel
Michael Gaimo

KLAUS

Sergio Pablos
Matthew Teevan
Marcin Jakubowski
Szymon Biernacki

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MISSING LINK

Brad Schiff

Travis KnightSteve Emerson

Benoit Dubuc

THE LEGO MOVIE 2

David Burgess

Tim Smith

Mark Theriault

John Rix

TOY STORY 4

Josh Cooley

Mark Nielsen

Bob Moyer

Gary Bruins

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode

GAME OF THRONES; The Bells

Joe Bauer

Steve Kullback

Ted Rae

Mohsen Mousavi

Sam Conway

HIS DARK MATERIALS; The Fight to the Death

Russell Dodgson

James Whitlam

Shawn Hillier

Robert Harrington

LADY AND THE TRAMP

Robert Weaver

Christopher Raimo

Arslan Elver

Michael Cozens

Bruno Van Zeebroeck

LOST IN SPACE - Episode: Ninety-Seven

Jabbar Raisani

Terron Pratt

Niklas Jacobson

Juri Stanossek

Paul Benjamin

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STRANGER THINGS - Chapter Six: E Pluribus Unum

Paul Graff

Tom Ford

Michael Maher Jr.

Martin Pelletier

Andy Sowers

THE MANDALORIAN; The Child

Richard Bluff

Abbigail Keller

Jason Porter

Hayden Jones

Roy Cancinon

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode

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Max Dennison

Lindsay McFarlane

Clare Cheetham

Paul Jones

Claudius Christian Rauch

LIVING WITH YOURSELF; Nice Knowing You

Jay Worth

Jacqueline VandenBussche

Chris Wright

Tristan Zerafa

SEE; Godflame

Adrian de Wet

Eve Fizzinoglia

Matthew Welford

Pedro Sabrosa

Tom Blacklock

THE CROWN; Aberfan

Ben Turner

Reece Ewing

David Fleet

Jonathan Wood

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VIKINGS; What Happens in the Cave

Dominic Remane

Mike Borrett

Ovidiu Cinazan

Tom Morrison

Paul Byrne

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Real-Time Project

Call of Duty Modern Warfare

Charles Chabert

Chris Parise

Attila Zalanyi

Patrick Hagar

Control

Janne Pulkkinen

Elmeri Raitanen

Matti Hämäläinen

James Tottman

Gears 5

Aryan Hanbeck

Laura Kippax

Greg Mitchell

Stu Maxwell

Myth: A Frozen Tale

Jeff Gipson

Nicholas Russell

Brittney Lee

Jose Luis Gomez Diaz

Vader Immortal: Episode I

Ben Snow

Mike Doran

Aaron McBride

Steve Henricks

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Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial

Anthem Conviction

Viktor Muller
Lenka Likarova
Chris Harvey
Petr Marek

BMW Legend

Michael Gregory
Christian Downes
Tim Kafka
Toya Drechsler

Hennessy: The Seven Worlds

Carsten Keller
Selcuk Ergen
Kiril Mirkov
William Laban

PlayStation: Feel The Power of Pro

Sam Driscoll
Clare Melia
Gary Driver
Stefan Susemihl

Purdey's: Hummingbird

Jules Janaud
Emma Cook
Matthew Thomas
Philip Child

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project

Avengers: Damage Control

Michael Koperwas
Shereif Fattouh
Ian Bowie
Kishore Vijay
Curtis Hickman

Jurassic World: The Ride

Hayden Landis
Friend Wells
Heath Kraynak
Ellen Coss

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Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run

Asa Kalama

Rob Huebner

Khatsho Orfali

Susan Greenhow

Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance

Jason Bayever

Patrick Kearney

Carol Norton

Bill George

Universal Sphere

James Healy

Morgan MacCuish

Ben West

Charlie Bayliss

Outstanding Animated Character in a Photoreal Feature

ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL; Alita

Michael Cozens

Mark Haenga

Olivier Lesaint

Dejan Momcilovic

AVENGERS: ENDGAME; Smart Hulk

Kevin Martel

Ebrahim Jahromi

Sven Jensen

Robert Allman

GEMINI MAN; Junior

Paul Story

Stuart Adcock

Emiliano Padovani

Marco Revelant

THE LION KING; Scar

Gabriel Arnold

James Hood

Julia Friedl

Daniel Fortheringham

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Outstanding Animated Character in an Animated Feature

FROZEN 2; The Water Nøkk

Svetla Radivoeva

Marc Bryant

Richard E. Lehmann

Cameron Black

KLAUS; Jesper

Yoshimishi Tamura

Alfredo Cassano

Maxime Delalande

Jason Schwartzman

MISSING LINK; Susan

Rachelle Lambden

Brenda Baumgarten

Morgan Hay

Benoit Dubuc

TOY STORY 4; Bo Peep

Radford Hurn

Tanja Krampfert

George Nguyen

Becki Rocha Tower

Outstanding Animated Character in an Episode or Real-Time Project

LADY AND THE TRAMP; Tramp

Thiago Martins

Arslan Elver

Stanislas Paillereau

Martine Chartrand

STRANGER THINGS 3; Tom/Bruce Monster

Joseph Dubé-Arsenault

Antoine Barthod

Frederick Gagnon

Xavier Lafarge

THE MANDALORIAN; The Child; Mudhorn

Terry Bannon

Rudy Massar

Hugo Leygnac

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THE UMBRELLA ACADEMY; Pilot; Pogo

Aidan Martin

Craig Young

Olivier Beierlein

Laurent Herveic

Outstanding Animated Character in a Commercial

Apex Legends; Meltdown; Mirage

Chris Bayol

John Fielding

Derrick Sesson

Nole Murphy

Churchill; Churchie

Martino Madeddu

Philippe Moine

Clement Granjon

Jon Wood

Cyberpunk 2077; Dex

Jonas Ekman

Jonas Skoog

Marek Madej

Grzegorz Chojnacki

John Lewis; Excitable Edgar; Edgar

Tim van Hussen

Diarmid Harrison-Murray

Amir Bazzazi

Michael Diprose

Outstanding Created Environment in a Photoreal Feature

ALADDIN; Agrabah

Daniel Schmid

Falk Boje

Stanislaw Marek

Kevin George

ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL; Iron City

John Stevenson-Galvin

Ryan Arcus

Mathias Larsrud

Mark Tait

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MOTHERLESS BROOKLYN; Penn Station

John Bair

Vance Miller

Sebastian Romero

Steve Sullivan

STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER; Pasaana Desert

Daniele Bigi

Steve Hardy

John Seru

Steven Denyer

THE LION KING; The Pridelands

Marco Rolandi

Luca Bonatti

Jules Bodenstein

Filippo Preti

Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature

FROZEN 2; Giants' Gorge

Samy Segura

Jay V. Jackson

Justin Cram

Scott Townsend

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD; The Hidden World

Chris Grun

Ronnie Cleland

Ariel Chisholm

Philippe Brochu

MISSING LINK; Passage to India Jungle

Oliver Jones

Phil Brotherton

Nick Mariana

Ralph Procida

TOY STORY 4; Antiques Mall

Hosuk Chang

Andrew Finley

Alison Leaf

Philip Shoebottom

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

GAME OF THRONES; The Iron Throne; Red Keep Plaza

Carlos Patrick DeLeon
Alonso Bocanegra Martinez
Marcela Silva
Benjamin Ross

LOST IN SPACE; Precipice; The Trench

Philip Engström
Benjamin Bernon
Martin Bergquist
Xuan Prada

THE DARK CRYSTAL: AGE OF RESISTANCE; The Endless Forest

Sulé Bryan
Charles Chorein
Christian Waite
Martyn Hawkins

THE MANDALORIAN; Nevarro Town

Alex Murtaza
Yanick Gaudreau
Marco Tremblay
Maryse Bouchard

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a CG Project

ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL

Emile Ghorayeb
Simon Jung
Nick Epstein
Mike Perry

THE LION KING

Robert Legato
Caleb Deschanel
Ben Grossmann
AJ Sciutto

THE MANDALORIAN; The Prisoner; The Roost

Richard Bluff
Jason Porter
Landis Fields IV
Baz Idione

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TOY STORY 4

Jean-Claude Kalache

Patrick Lin

Outstanding Model in a Photoreal or Animated Project

LOST IN SPACE; The Resolute

Xuan Prada

Jason Martin

Jonathan Vårdstedt

Eric Andersson

MISSING LINK; The Manchuria

Todd Alan Harvey

Dan Casey

Katy Hughes

THE MAN IN THE HIGH CASTLE; Rocket Train

Neil Taylor

Casi Blume

Ben McDougal

Chris Kuhn

THE MANDALORIAN; The Sin; The Razorcrest

Doug Chiang

Jay Machado

John Goodson

Landis Fields IV

Outstanding Effects Simulations in a Photoreal Feature

DUMBO; Bubble Elephants

Sam Hancock

Victor Glushchenko

Andrew Savchenko

Arthur Moody

SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME; Molten Man

Adam Gailey

Jacob Santamaria

Jacob Clark

Stephanie Molk

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STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER

Don Wong

Thibault Gauriau

Goncalo Cababca

Francois-Maxence Desplanques

THE LION KING

David Schneider

Samantha Hiscock

Andy Feery

Kostas Strevlos

Outstanding Effects Simulations in an Animated Feature

ABOMINABLE

Alex Timchenko

Domin Lee

Michael Losure

Eric Warren

FROZEN 2

Erin V. Ramos

Scott Townsend

Thomas Wickes

Rattarin Sirinaruemarn

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD; Water and Waterfalls

Derek Cheung

Baptiste Van Opstal

Youxi Woo

Jason Mayer

TOY STORY 4

Alexis Angelidis

Amit Baadkar

Lyon Liew

Michael Lorenzen

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

GAME OF THRONES; The Bells

Marcel Kern
Paul Fuller
Ryo Sakaguchi
Thomas Hartmann

Hennessy: The Seven Worlds

Selcuk Ergen
Radu Ciubotariu
Andreu Lucio
Vincent Ullmann

LOST IN SPACE; Precipice; Water Planet

Juri Bryan
Hugo Medda
Kristian Olsson
John Perrigo

STRANGER THINGS 3; Melting Tom/Bruce

Nathan Arbuckle
Christian Gaumont
James Dong
Aleksandr Starkov

THE MANDALORIAN; The Child; Mudhorn

Xavier Martin Ramirez
Ian Baxter
Fabio Siino
Andrea Rosa

Outstanding Compositing in a Feature

ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL

Adam Bradley
Carlo Scaduto
Hirofumi Takeda
Ben Roberts

AVENGERS: ENDGAME

Tim Walker
Blake Winder
Tobias Wiesner
Joerg Bruemmer

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CAPTAIN MARVEL; Young Nick Fury

Trent Claus

David Moreno Hernandez

Jeremiah Sweeney

Yuki Uehara

STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER

Jeff Sutherland

John Galloway

Sam Bassett

Charles Lai

THE IRISHMAN

Nelson Sepulveda

Vincent Papaix

Benjamin O'Brien

Christopher Doerhoff

Outstanding Compositing in an Episode

GAME OF THRONES; The Bells

Sean Heuston

Scott Joseph

James Elster

Corinne Teo

GAME OF THRONES; The Long Night; Dragon Ground Battle

Mark Richardson

Darren Christie

Nathan Abbott

Owen Longstaff

STRANGER THINGS 3; Starcourt Mall Battle

Simon Lehembre

Andrew Kowbell

Karim El-Masry

Miklos Mesterhazy

WATCHMEN; Pilot; Looking Glass

Nathaniel Larouche

Iyi Tubi

Perunika Yorgova

Mitchell Beaton

Outstanding Compositing in a Commercial

BMW Legend

Toya Drechsler
Vivek Tekale
Guillaume Weiss
Alexander Kulikov

Feeding America; I Am Hunger in America

Dan Giraldo
Marcelo Pasqualino
Alexander Koester

Hennessy; The Seven Worlds

Rod Norman
Guillaume Weiss
Alexander Kulikov
Alessandro Granella

PlayStation: Feel the Power of Pro

Gary Driver
Stefan Susemihl
Greg Spencer
Theajo Dharan

Outstanding Special (Practical) Effects in a Photoreal or Animated Project

ALADDIN; Magic Carpet

Mark Holt
Jay Mallet
Will Wyatt
Dickon Mitchell

GAME OF THRONES; The Bells

Sam Conway
Terry Palmer
Laurence Harvey
Alastair Vardy

TERMINATOR: DARK FATE

Neil Corbould
David Brighton
Ray Ferguson
Keith Dawson

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THE DARK CRYSTAL: THE AGE OF RESISTANCE; She Knows All the Secrets

Sean Mathiesen

Jon Savage

Toby Froud

Phil Harvey

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project

DOWNFALL

Matias Heker

Stephen Moroz

Bradley Cocksedge

LOVE AND FIFTY MEGATONS

Denis Krez

Josephine Roß

Paulo Scatena

Lukas Löffler

OEIL POUR OEIL

Alan Guimont

Thomas Boileau

Malcom Hunt

Robin Courtoise

THE BEAUTY

Marc Angele

Aleksandra Todorovic

Pascal Schelbli

Noel Winzen

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 4,000 members in over 40 countries worldwide contribute to all areas of entertainment – film, television, commercials, animation, music videos, games, new media and special venues.

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