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## **VISUAL EFFECTS SOCIETY (VES) ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR 6TH ANNUAL VES AWARDS**

**Los Angeles, January 7, 2008** - The Visual Effects Society (VES) today announced the nominees for the 6th Annual VES Awards ceremony recognizing outstanding visual effects in over a dozen categories of film, television, commercials and video games. Nominees were chosen Saturday, January 5, 2008 by numerous panels of VES members who viewed submissions at the FotoKem screening facilities in Burbank.

“We received hundreds of submissions from around the world and we are proud to present nominees that push the boundaries of how visual effects can enhance the storytelling process,” says Jeff Okun, VES Chair. “Looking at the level of complexity and creativity of this year’s nominees, it is clear that the VES is the single most important pool of talent, experience and knowledge in the visual effects world.”

The nominees for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual VES Awards are the following:

### **Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects Driven Motion Picture**

#### *I Am Legend*

Janek Sirrs, Mike Chambers, Jim Berney, Crys Forsyth-Smith

#### *Transformers*

Scott Farrar, Shari Hanson, Russell Earl, Scott Benza

#### *The Golden Compass*

Michael Fink, Susan MacLeod, Bill Westenhofer, Ben Morris

#### *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*

John Knoll, Jill Brooks, Hal Hickel, Charlie Gibson

#### *Spider-Man 3*

Scott Stokdyk, Terry Clotiaux, Peter Nofz, Spencer Cook

### **Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Motion Picture**

#### *Ratatouille*

Michael Fong, Apurva Shah, Christine Waggoner, Michael Fu

#### *Zodiac*

Eric Barba, Craig Barron, Janelle Croshaw, Chris Evans

*We Own the Night*

Kelly Port, Julian Levi, Brad Parker, Olivier Sarda

*The Kite Runner*

David Ebner, Les Jones, Todd Perry, Leif Einarsson

*Blades of Glory*

Mark Breakspear, Randy Starr, Shauna Bryan, Kody Sabourin

**Outstanding Visual Effects in a Broadcast Miniseries, Movie or Special**

*BATTLESTAR GALACTICA - Razor*

Mike Gibson, Gary Hutzel, Sean Jackson, Pierre Drolet

*RACE TO MARS - Getting to Mars*

Manon Barriault, Jacques Levesque, Olivier Goulet, Benoit Girard

*DOCTOR WHO CHRISTMAS SPECIAL 2007 - Voyage of the Damned*

David Houghton, Will Cohen, Nicolas Hernandez, Sara Bennett

*BEN 10: RACE AGAINST TIME - VFX Compilation*

Dina Benadon, Evan Jacobs, Brent Young, Chris Christman

*TIN MAN - Night One*

Lee Wilson, Lisa Sepp-Wilson, Sebastien Bergeron

**Outstanding Visual Effects in a Broadcast Series**

*HEROES - Episode 208 - "Four Months Ago"*

Eric Grenaudier, Mark Spatny, Diego Galtieri, Mike Enriquez

*DOCTOR WHO "THE LAST OF THE TIME LORDS" - Series 3, Episode 13*

David Houghton, Will Cohen, Jean-Claude Deguara, Nicolas Hernandez

*STARGATE ATLANTIS - Adrift*

Mark Savela, Shannon Gurney, Erica Henderson, Jamie Yukio Kawano

*FIGHT FOR LIFE - Episode 4*

Philip Dobree, Nicola Instone, Marco Iozzi, Matt Chandler

*BATTLESTAR GALACTICA - Episode 316 - "Maelstrom"*

Mike Gibson, Gary Hutzel, Michael J. Davidson, Kyle Toucher

**Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Broadcast Program**

*GREY'S ANATOMY - WALK ON WATER - Ferryboat Crash*

Sam Nicholson, Scott Ramsey, Valeri Pfahning, Mike Enriquez

*MARIE-ANTOINETTE - Miniseries*

Richard Martin, Pierre Raymond, Sebastien Rioux, Nadine Homier  
*DRIVE EPISODE 101 "THE STARTING LINE" - Driving Sequence*  
Raoul Yorke Bolognini, Loni Peristere, Steve Meyer, Chris Jones

*ROME 2 - Episode 6 - "Philippi"*

James Madigan, Barrie Hemsley, Duncan Kinnard, Gary Brozenich

*PUSHING DAISIES - Pilot Episode*

Craig Weiss, Toni Pace Carstensen, Brian Vogt, Jimmy Berndt

**Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial**

*BACARDI - Bacardi Sun*

Vittorio Giannini, Franck Lambertz, Robin Carlisle, Nico Cotta

*ZUNE - The Ballad of Tina Pink*

Luisa Murray, Laurent Ledru, Katrina Salicrup, Miles Essmiller

*BMW - Hydrogen*

Simon Maddison, Dave Kelly, Mike Bain, Sam Cole

*BMW - Road*

Chris Fieldhouse, Jay Barton, Ron Herbst, Dave Stern

*SMIRNOFF - Sea*

William Bartlett, Scott Griffin, Dan Seddon, David Mellor

**Best Single Visual Effect of the Year**

*TRANSFORMERS - Desert Highway Sequence*

Scott Farrar, Shari Hanson, Shawn Kelly, Michael Jamieson

*PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END - Jack and Davy Duel*

John Knoll, Jill Brooks, Francois Lambert, Philippe Rebours

*300 - Crazy Horse Sequence*

Chris Watts, Gayle Busby, Kirsty Millar

*SURF'S UP - Riding the Visual Effects Tube*

Rob Bredow, Lydia Bottegoni, Daniel Kramer, Matt Hausman

*SPIDER-MAN 3 - The Birth of Sandman*

Scott Stokdyk, Terry Clotiaux, Ken Hahn, Doug Bloom

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

*NEED FOR SPEED PRO STREET - ProStreet*

Michael Mann, Wilson Tang, Eduardo Agostini, Carl Jarrett

*CRYSIS - Realtime Visuals*

Michael Endres, Michael Khaimzon, Tiago Sousa, Magnus Larbrant

*TEAM FORTRESS 2*

Jason Mitchell, Moby Franke, Chris Green, Dhabih Eng

*HALO 3 - Halo 3 Footage*

Marcus Lehto, Jonty Barnes, Stephen Scott, CJ Cowan

*MASS EFFECT - Game Sequence*

Derek Watts, Casey Hudson

**Outstanding Pre-Rendered Visuals in a Video Game**

*COMMAND AND CONQUER 3 TIBERIUM WARS - GDI, NOD & Scrin Scenes*

Richard Taylor, Matt Britton, Ben Hopkins, Katai Tang

*HELLGATE: LONDON*

Tim Miller, Jerome Denjean, Al Shier

*WORLD OF WARCRAFT: THE BURNING CRUSADE - Cinematic Intro*

Jeff Chamberlain, Scott Abeyta

*THE WITCHER CINEMATIC - Intro*

Tomek Baginski, Marcin Kobylecki, Grzegorz Kukus, Maciek Jackiewicz

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

*DINOSAURS-GIANTS OF PATAGONIA - 38\_011*

Mario Couturier, Vincent Roberge, Richard Bergeron, Martin L'Heureux

*MONSTERS, INC. LAUGH FLOOR - Show Edit*

Roger Gould, Liz Gazzano, Joe Garlington, Dan Colajacomo

*SEA MONSTERS*

Sean Phillips, Jack Geist, Robin Aristorenas, Mark Dubeau

**Outstanding Animated Character in a Live Action Motion Picture**

*SPIDER-MAN 3 - Sandman*

Chris Yang, Bernd Angerer, Dominick Cecere, Remington Scott

*THE WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP - Crusoe*

Richard Frances-Moore, Martin Hill, Marco Revelant, Daniel Barrett

*PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END - Davy Jones*

Hal Hickel, Marc Chu, Jakub Pisticky, Maia Kayser

*ENCHANTED - Pip*

Tom Gibbons, James W. Brown, David Richard Nelson, John Koester

*TRANSFORMERS - Optimus Prime*

Rick O'Connor , Doug Sutton, Keiji Yamaguchi, Jeff White

*I AM LEGEND - The Infected Leader*

David Schaub, Marco Marengi, Josh Beveridge, John Monos

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

*SURF'S UP - Chicken Joe*

Chad Stewart, Moon Jun Kang, Brian Casper, Andreas Procopiou

*SHREK THE THIRD - King Harold*

John Cleese, Guillaume Aretos, Tim Cheung, Sean Mahoney

*BEOWULF - Beowulf*

Keith Smith, Scott Holmes, Pericles Michielin, Kenn McDonald

*SURF'S UP - Cody*

David Schaub, Pete Nash, James Crossley, Shia LaBeouf

*RATATOUILLE - Colette*

Janeane Garofalo, Jaime Landes, Sonoko Konishi , Paul Aichele

**Outstanding Animated Character in a Live Action Broadcast Program or Commercial**

*DOCTOR WHO 'THE LAST OF THE TIME LORDS' - Series 3 Episode 13*

Nicolas Hernandez, Adam Burnett, Neil Roche, Jean-Claude Deguara

*CHEMICAL BROTHERS - SALMON DANCE - Fatlip shots*

Nicklas Andersson, Mike Mellor, Sylvain Marc, Florent DeLa Taille

*PRIMEVAL - Episode 6 - Predator Animation*

Mathieu Vig, Antoine Birot, Simon Thistlethwaite, Kevin O'Sullivan

*AMP - Paper*

Fred Raimondi, Chris De Santis, Angie Jones, Narbeh Mardirossian

*BEN 10: RACE AGAINST TIME - Grey Matter Sequence*

Brent Young, Michael Smith

*PROPEL - Stress Monster*

Jeff Willette, Sean Faden, Matt Hackett, Denis Gauthier

**Outstanding Effects in an Animated Motion Picture**

*BEOWULF - Dragon Chase*

Theo Vandernoot, Vincent Serritella, Rob Engle, Pericles Michielin

*SHREK THE THIRD - Effects*

Matt Baer, Greg Hart, Krzysztof Rost, Antony Field

*RATATOUILLE - Food*

Jon Reisch, Jason Johnston, Eric Froemling, Tolga Goktekin  
*SURF'S UP - Riding Wave - CG Style*  
Rob Bredow, Daniel Kramer, Matt Hausman, Danny Dimian

*RATATOUILLE - Rapids*

Darwyn Peachey, Chen Shen, Eric Froemling, Tolga Gökötkin

**Outstanding Created Environment in a Live Action Motion Picture**

*SWEENEY TODD - The Old Bailey*

Raf Morant, Julian Gnass, Nakia McGlynn, Christine Wong

*PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END - The Maelstrom*

Frank Losasso Petterson , Paul Sharpe , Joakim Arnesson , David Meny

*ZODIAC - Washington and Cherry*

Wei Zheng, Greg Szafranski, Janelle Croshaw, Karl Denham

*HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX - The Hall of Prophecy*

David Vickery, Philippe LePrince, Trina Roy, Jolene McCaffrey

*RUSH HOUR 3*

Barry Williams, Robert Weaver , Jay Cooper , Masahiko Tani

*I AM LEGEND - Times Square Hunt*

Daniel Eaton, Blaine Kennison, Ron Gress, Daveed Shwartz

**Outstanding Created Environment in a Live Action Broadcast Program or Commercial**

*BURY MY HEART AT WOUNDED KNEE - 002\_05*

Phi Tran, Matthew Lee, Martin Hilke, Justin Mitchell

*TIN MAN - Night One*

Les Quinn, Ken Less, Andrew Domachowski, Jonah West

*UGLY BETTY - "A League of their Own"*

Chris Martin, Michael Cook, Cedric Tomacruz

*SMALLVILLE - Metropolis City*

Kaz Yoshida, Jack Matsumoto, Andrea Shear, Eli Jarra

*SUBARU - "Peel Out"*

Graham Fyffe, Chris Nichols, Chris Bankoff, Daniel Buck

**Outstanding Models or Miniatures in a Motion Picture**

*PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END - Practical and Digital Ships*

Ken Bailey, Bruce Holcomb, Carl Miller , Geoff Heron

*LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD - Freeway Sequence - F35 Miniature and Effects*  
Ian Hunter, Scott Schneider, Scott Beverly, John Cazin

**TRANSFORMERS**

Dave Fogler , Ron Woodall , Alex Jaeger, Brian Gernand

*HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX - Hogwarts School*  
Jose Granell, Nigel Stone

*SPIDER-MAN 3 - Building / Crane Destruction Miniature and Effects*  
Ian Hunter, Scott Beverly, Forest Fischer, Raymond Moore

**Outstanding Models or Miniatures in a Broadcast Program or Commercial**

*Halo 3 Believe Campaign - John 117 Monument Miniature*  
Matthew Gratzner, Alan Scott, Seth Curlin, Greg Boettcher

**Outstanding Compositing in a Motion Picture**

**TRANSFORMERS**

Pat Tubach , Beth D'Amato , Todd Vaziri , Mike Conte

*PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END - Death of Beckett*  
Lou Pecora, Joel Behrens, Ted Andre, Kevin Lingenfelder

*PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END*  
Eddie Pasquarello , Katrin Klaiber, Jen Howard, Shawn Hillier

*I AM LEGEND - Seaport Evacuation*  
Darren Lurie, John Sasaki, Rita Kunzler, Fish Essenfeld

*THE WATER HORSE: LEGEND OF THE DEEP - Crusoe*  
Areito Echevarria, Gareth Dinneen, Norman Cates, Caterina Schiffers

*HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX - Hall of Prophecy and Comp Shots*  
Jolene McCaffrey, Jelena Stojanovic, Victor Wade, Adam Paschke

**Outstanding Compositing in a Broadcast Program or Commercial**

*SMALLVILLE, SEASON 6 - Episode 11, Justice*  
Rob Reinhart, Jack Matsumoto, Takashi Takeoka, Christina Spring

*TIN MAN - Night One*  
Todd Liddiard, Philippe Thibault, Lionel Lim, Annabelle Kent

*NIKE - Leave Nothing*  
James Allen, Rob Trent

*SMALLVILLE - Bizarro Flood*  
David Alexander, Kaz Yoshida, Geeta Basantani, Tony White

*LEVIS – Change*

Tim Davies, Jason Schugardt, Yuichiro Yamashito

**Outstanding Special Effects in a Motion Picture**

*HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX*

John Richardson, Stephen Hamilton, Richard Farns, Stephen Hutchinson

**Outstanding Special Effects in a Broadcast Program or Commercial**

*ACTIVELY SAFE - Lexus Hydrant*

Dave Peterson, Anthony De La Cruz

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual VES Awards will take place on Feb. 10, 2008 at the Kodak Theatre Grand Ballroom in Hollywood. Last year's event attracted more than eight hundred celebrities, visual effects and animation artists, dozens of nominees and members of the film, television and gaming industries. Winners from 2007 included *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* (John Knoll, Jill Brooks, Hal Hickel, Charlie Gibson) for Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects Driven Motion Picture and *Battlestar Galactica - Episode 303b "Exodus"* (Gary Hutzel, Michael Gibson, Alec McClymont, Brenda Campbell) for Outstanding Visual Effects in a Broadcast Series.

This year the VES will present Steven Spielberg the VES Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes the contribution that his vast body of work, as both a director and producer, has made to the art and science of visual effects.

Updated information on the VES Awards can be found at [www.vesawards.com](http://www.vesawards.com).

**About the VES**

The VES is a professional, honorary society, dedicated to advancing the arts, sciences, and applications of visual effects and to upholding the highest uniform standards and procedures for the visual effects profession. Now celebrating its 10th anniversary year, VES is the entertainment industry's only official trade organization representing the extended community of visual effects practitioners including supervisors, artists, producers, technology developers, educators and studio executives.

Its 1,600 global members contribute to all areas of entertainment from film, television and commercials to music videos, games and new media. VES strives to enrich and educate its members and the entertainment community at large through many domestic and international events, screenings and programs. Visual effects professionals constitute a vital creative force in content creation and are literally shaping the future of entertainment.

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