Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for 20th Annual VES Awards
Dune Leads the Feature Film Field; Encanto is the Top Animated Contender; Loki Leads the Broadcast Field

Los Angeles (January 18, 2022) – Today, the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry’s professional global honorary society, announced the nominees for the 20th 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. This marks the Society’s 20th VES Awards program, and is being celebrated during the organization’s milestone 25th Anniversary.

DUNE leads the feature film field with six nominations. ENCANTO is the top animated contender, also with six nominations. LOKI leads the broadcast field with four nominations. Nominees in 25 categories were selected by VES members at 27 virtual nomination events conducted across the globe. Awards will be presented at the 20th Annual VES Awards. Note: due to the ongoing pandemic, VES is still considering the format and timing for this year’s show; more information is forthcoming.

“As we celebrate the Society’s 25th Anniversary and 20th Annual VES Awards, we’re honored to keep shining a light on remarkable visual effects artistry and innovation,” said Lisa Cooke, VES Chair. “In all of our nominees, we see best-in-class work that elevates the art of storytelling and exemplifies the spirit of adaptation and ingenuity -- talents that have kept audiences engaged and uplifted, now, more than ever. The VES Awards is the only venue that showcases and honors these outstanding global artists across a wide range of disciplines, and we are extremely proud of all our nominees!”

“Autodesk is proud to sponsor the Visual Effects Society Student Award again this year, celebrating the next generation of groundbreaking filmmakers and artists,” said Jocelyn Moffatt, Industry Marketing Manager, Media & Entertainment, Autodesk. “Each year, I’m excited to see how young creatives are pushing the envelope. The level of creativity, imagination and technical skill shown by all of this year’s submissions is truly remarkable. Autodesk extends a big congratulations to this year’s student nominees.”
The nominees for the 20th Annual VES Awards in 25 categories are as follow:

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE

Dune
Paul Lambert
Brice Parker
Tristan Myles
Brian Connor
Gerd Nefzer

Godzilla vs. Kong
John “D.J.” Des Jardin
Tamara Watts Kent
Bryan Hirota
Kevin Andrew Smith
Mike Meinardus

The Matrix Resurrections
Dan Glass
Nina Fallon
Tom Debenham
Huw J Evans
James Schwalm

No Time To Die
Charlie Noble
Mara Bryan
Joel Green
Jonathan Fawkner
Chris Corbould

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings
Christopher Townsend
Damien Carr
Joe Farrell
Sean Walker
Dan Oliver

Spider-Man: No Way Home
Kelly Port
Julia Neighly
Chris Waegner
Scott Edelstein
Dan Sudick
OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE

**Candyman**
Andrew Zink  
James McQuaide  
Josh Simmonds  
Drew Dir  
Ryan Evans

**Last Night in Soho**
Tom Proctor  
Gavin Gregory  
Julian Gnass  
Fabricio Baessa

**Nightmare Alley**
Dennis Berardi  
Ryan MacDuff  
Mark Hammond  
David Roby  
Geoff Hill

**The Last Duel**
Gary Brozenich  
Helen Judd  
Jessica Norman  
Yann Blondel  
Stefano Pepin

**The Tragedy of Macbeth**
Alex Lemke  
Michael Huber  
Michael Ralla  
Benedikt Laubenthal

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE

**Encanto**
Scott Kersavage  
Bradford Simonsen  
Thaddeus P. Miller  
Ian Gooding
Luca
Enrico Casarosa
Andrea Warren
David Ryu
Jon Reisch

Raya and the Last Dragon
Kyle Odermatt
Osnat Shurer
Kelsey Hurley
Paul Felix

Sing 2
Patrick Delage
Nathalie Vancauwenberghe
Christophe Lourdelet
Boris Jacq

The Mitchells vs. The Machines
Alan Hawkins
Carey A. Smith
Mike Lasker
Nicola Lavender

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL EPISODE

Foundation; The Emperor's Peace
Chris MacLean
Addie Manis
Mike Enriquez
Chris Keller
Paul Byrne

Loki; Journey Into Mystery
Dan DeLeeuw
Allison Paul
Sandra Balej
David Seager

Lost in Space; Trust
Jabbar Raisani
Terron Pratt
Juri Stanossek
Niklas Jacobson
Paul Benjamin
The Nevers; Ignition
Johnny Han
Jack Geist
Justin Mitchell
Emanuel Fuchs
Michael Dawson

The Stand
Jake Braver
Phillip Hoffman
Laurent Hugueniot
Vincent Papaix

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL EPISODE

9-1-1 Lone Star; Hold the Line
Brigitte Bourque
Tyler Deck
Jason Gottlieb
Josephine Noh
Elia Popov

See; Rock-A-Bye
Chris Wright
Parker Chehak
Javier Roca
Tristan Zerafa
Tony Kenny

Squid Game; VIPS
Jaihoon Jung
Hyejin Kim
Hyungrok Kim
Sungman Jun

Sweet Tooth; Sorry About All the Dead People
Rob Price
Danica Tsang
Matt Bramante
Jayme Vandusen
The Handmaid's Tale; Chicago
Brendan Taylor
Stephen Lebed
Kayla Cabral
Brannek Gaudet

The Mysterious Benedict Society; A Bunch of Smart Orphans
Philippe Thibault
Marie-Pierre Boucher
Alexis Bélanger
Gabriel Beauvais

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A REAL-TIME PROJECT

Battlefield 2042
Anders Egleus
Jeremy Chubb
Gray Horsfield
Sean Ellis

Call of Duty: Vanguard
Sandy Lin-Chiang
Joseph Knox
Gareth Richards
Shane Daley

Forza Horizon 5
Don Arceta
Valentyn Minytskyi
Conar Cross
George Ilenei

Ratchet & Clank: Rift Apart
Grant Hollis
Yancy Young
Steven Russell
Sean Applegate

Returnal; PlayStation 5
Harry Krueger
Tony Salkovuo
Risto Jankkila
Sharman Jagadeesan
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OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A COMMERCIAL

**Far Cry 6; Chicharrón Run**
Niklas Ström
Kajsa Kurtén
Nicklas Andersson
Adrian Tsang

**Lego; Rebuild the World**
Fabian Frank
Anandi Peiris
Kiril Mirkov
Platon Filimonov

**Lexus; Parking Spot**
Alex Thomas
Andrew McLintock
JD Yepes
Clement Renaudin

**Sheba; Hope Reef**
Grant Walker
Sophie Harrison
Hernan Llano
Michael Baker

**Zillow; The Journey**
Ben Kwok
Ashley Goodwin
Olivier Varteressian
Yebin Ahn
Tom Bussell

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A SPECIAL VENUE PROJECT

**Hôtel de la Marine**
Franck Lambertz
Hugues Allart
Olivier Jarry
Pierre Jury

**Jurassic World Adventure**
Eugénie von Tunzelmann
Maximilian McNair MacEwan
Stephen Goalby
Brad Silby
OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE

**Finch; Jeff**  
Harinarayan Rajeev  
Matthias Schoenegger  
Simon Allen  
Paul Nelson

**Flora & Ulysses; Ulysses**  
Pierre-Loïc Hamon  
Sachin Tyagi  
Nandini Nambiar  
Loïc Mireault

**Jungle Cruise; Aguirre**  
Alexander Lee  
Claus Pedersen  
Rasely Ma  
Gary Wu

**Venom: Let There Be Carnage; Carnage**  
Richard Spriggs  
Ricardo Silva  
Lucas Cuenca  
Federico Frassinelli

OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE

**Encanto; Mirabel Madrigal**  
Kelly McClanahan  
Sergi Caballer  
Mary Twohig  
Jose Luis “Weecho” Velasquez

**Luca; Luca**  
Gwendelyn Enderoglu  
Laurie Nguyen Kim  
Tanja Krampfert  
Maria Lee

**Raya and the Last Dragon; Tuk Tuk**  
Brian Menz  
Punn Wiantrakoon  
Erik Hansen  
Vicky YuTzu Lin
The Mitchells vs. The Machines; Katie Mitchell
Lindsey Olivares
Kurt Judson
Soh-I Jeong
Rohini Kumar

OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN AN EPISODE OR REAL-TIME PROJECT

Lisey's Story; The Long Boy
Mohsen Mousavi
Salauddin “Sallu” Kazi
Mattias Brunosson
Pablovsky Ramos-Nieves

Love, Death & Robots; Snow in the Desert; Hirald
Maxime Luere
Zoé Pelegrin-Bomel
Laura Guerreiro
Florent Duport

The Witcher; Leshy Eskel; Tree Branch Creature
Hannes Faupel
Stéphane Paccolat
Ivan Cadena Ayala
Laurent Fortin

The Witcher; Nivellen the Cursed Man
Marko Chulev
Rasely Ma
Mike Beaulieu
Robin Witzsche

Y: The Last Man; Ampersand
Mike Beaulieu
Michael Dharney
Peter Pi
Aidana Sakhvaliyeva

OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN A COMMERCIAL

Avanti West Coast; Feel Good Travel; Terri
Tom Raynor
Chloe Dawe
Suvi Jokiniemi
Alex Doyle
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Far Cry 6; Chicharrón
Elin Laven
Gustav Ahren
Anton Stattin
Simon Decombel

France Télévision; Sumo
Geoffroy Barbet-Massin
Vincent Venchiarutti
Mathias Lachal

ING; Do Your Thing; Roary the Lion
Chris Welsby
Clementine Supiot
Kiril Mirkov
Arnau Gilabert

Smart Energy; Einstein Knows Best; Einstein
Alex Hammond
Harsh Borah
Clare Williams
Andreas Graichen

OUTSTANDING CREATED ENVIRONMENT IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE

Dune; Arrakeen City
Rhys Salcombe
Seungjin Woo
Jeremie Touzery
Marc Austin

Jungle Cruise; Waterfall Canyon
Mark McNicholl
Frédéric Valleur
Hamish Beachman
Mark Wainwright

Spider-Man: No Way Home; The Mirror Dimension
Eric Le Dieu de Ville
Thomas Dotheij
Ryan Olliffe
Claire Le Teuff
The Suicide Squad; Valle Del Marre
Nick Cattell
Jason Desjarlais
Matt Fitzgerald
Jerome Moo

OUTSTANDING CREATED ENVIRONMENT IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE

Encanto; Antonio's Room
Camille Andre
Andrew Finley
Chris Patrick O'Connell
Amol Sathe

Luca; Portorosso Piazza
Airton Dittz, Jr.
Jack Hattori
Michael Rutter
Joshua West

Raya and the Last Dragon; Talon
Mingjue Helen Chen
Chaiwon Kim
Virgilio John Aquino
Diana Jiang LeVangie

Sing 2; Crystal Theater
Ludovic Ramière
Théo Rivoalen
Henri Deruer
Frédéric Mainil

Vivo; Mambo Cabana
Bertrand Bry-Marfaing
Josef Dylan Swift
Geeta Basantani
Jeremy Kim

OUTSTANDING CREATED ENVIRONMENT IN AN EPISODE, COMMERCIAL, OR REAL-TIME PROJECT

Foundation; Trantor Cityscape
Samuel Simanjuntak
Melaina Mace
Benjamin Ruiz
Alessandro Vastalegna
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**Hawkeye; Echoes; Manhattan Bridge**
Nicholas Hodgson
David Abbott
Nick Cattell
Jong Jin Choi

**Hawkeye; Season 1, Episode 6; Rockefeller Center**
John O'Connell
Tiffany Yung
Orion Terry
Ho Kyung Ahn

**Sheba; Hope Reef**
Henrique Campanha
Baptiste Roy
Luca Veronese
Timothee Maron

**OUTSTANDING VIRTUAL CINEMATOGRAPHY IN A CG PROJECT**

**Encanto; We Don't Talk about Bruno**
Nathan Detroit Warner
Dorian Bustamante
Tyler Kupferer
Michael Woodside

**Godzilla vs. Kong; Ocean Battle**
Shawn Hull
Robert Wiese
Steven Tom
Eric Petey

**Loki; Lamentis; Race to the Ark**
Jesse Lewis-Evans
Luke Avery
Autumn Durald Arkapaw
Scott Inkster

**Raya and the Last Dragon**
Rob Dressel
Adolph Lusinsky
Paul Felix
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Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings
Sebastian Trujillo
Louis-Daniel Poulin
Nathan Abbot
Shannon Justison

OUTSTANDING MODEL IN A PHOTOREAL OR ANIMATED PROJECT

Black Widow; The Red Room
Tristan John Connors
Bo Kwon
James Stuart
Ryan Duhaime

Dune; Royal Ornithopter
Marc Austin
Anna Yamazoe
Michael Chang
Rachael Dunk

Encanto; Casita Madrigal
Jonathan Lin
Chris Patrick O’Connell
Christoffer Pedersen
Alberto Abril

The Suicide Squad; Jotunheim
Simon Dean Morley
Cedric Enriquez Canlas
Layne Howe
Alberto R. S. Hernandez

OUTSTANDING EFFECTS SIMULATIONS IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE

Dune; Dunes of Arrakis
Gero Grimm
Ivan Larinin
Hideki Okano
Zuny Byeongjun An

Godzilla vs. Kong; Ocean Water & Battle Destruction
Jonathan Freisler
Nahuel Alberto Letizia
Eloi Andaluz Fullà
Saysana Rintharamy
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**Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings; Water, Bubbles & Magic**
Simone Riginelli
Claude Schitter
Teck Chee Koi
Arthur Graff

**The Suicide Squad; Corto Maltese City Destruction**
David R. Davies
Rogier Fransen
Sandy Sutherland
Brandon James Fleet

**OUTSTANDING EFFECTS SIMULATIONS IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE**

**Encanto**
Francisco Rodriguez
Christopher Hendryx
Brent Burley
David Hutchins

**Luca**
Amit Baadkar
Greg Gladstone
Emron Grover
Tim Speltz

**Raya and the Last Dragon**
Le Joyce Tong
Henrik Fält
Rattanin Sirinaruemarn
Jacob Rice

**Sing 2**
Richard Adenot
Guillaume Gay
Frédéric Valz-Gris
Antoine Brémont

**OUTSTANDING EFFECTS SIMULATIONS IN AN EPISODE, COMMERCIAL, OR REAL-TIME PROJECT**

**Foundation; Collapse of the Galactic Empire**
Giovanni Casadei
Mikel Zuloaga
Steven Moor
Louis Manjarres
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**Loki; Journey Into Mystery; Alioth Cloud**
George Kuruvilla  
Menno Dijkstra  
Matthew Hanger  
Jiyong Shin

**The Nevers**
David Stopford  
Michele Stocco  
Mike Hsu  
Justin Mitchell

**WandaVision; Vision’s Destruction**
Sylvain Nouveau  
Hakim Harrouche  
Omar Meradi  
Laurent Mesté

**OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING & LIGHTING IN A FEATURE**

**Black Widow; Red Room Crashing Back to Earth**
Michael Melchiorre  
Simon Twine  
Daniel Harkness  
Tim Crowson

**Dune; Attack on Arrakeen**
Gregory Haas  
Francesco Dell'Anna  
Abhishek Chaturvedi  
Cleve Zhu

**Dune; Hologram & Hunter Seeker**
Patrick Heinen  
Jacob Maymudes  
Tj Burke  
James Jooyoung Lee

**Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings; Macau City**
Jeremie Maheu  
Mathieu Dupuis  
Karthic Ramesh  
Jiri Kilevnik
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**Spider-Man: No Way Home; Liberty Island Battle & Christmas Swing Finale**
Zac Campbell
Frida Nerdal
Louis Corr
Kelvin Yee

**OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING & LIGHTING IN AN EPISODE**

**Loki; Lamentis; Shuroo City Destruction**
Paul Chapman
Tom Truscott
Biagio Figliuzzi
Attila Szalma

**The Falcon and the Winter Soldier; New World Order**
Nathan Abbot
Beck Veitch
Markus Reithoffer
James Aldous

**WandaVision; Goodbye, Vision**
David Zaretti
Bimpe Alliu
Michael Duong
Mark Pascoe

**WandaVision; The Hex**
Charles Labbé
Xavier Fourmond
Reuben Barkataki
Vanessa Delarosbil

**OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING & LIGHTING IN A COMMERCIAL**

**Toyota - Never Stop**
Michael Ralla
Alejandro Villabon
Alexander Osvaldsson
Paul Krist

**Toyota - Upstream**
JD Yepes
Paul Krist
Carlos Adarraga Gomez
Minsang Lee
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**Verizon; The Reset**
David Piombino  
Rajesh Kaushik  
Manideep Sanisetty  
Tim Crean

**Zillow; The Journey**
Ben Kwok  
Yebin Ahn  
Robert Bruce  
Tuna Unalan

**OUTSTANDING SPECIAL (PRACTICAL) EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL PROJECT**

**Eternals**
Neil Corbould  
Keith Dawson  
Ray Ferguson  
Chris Motjuoadi

**Jungle Cruise**
JD Schwalm  
Nick Rand  
Robert Spurlock  
Nick Byrd

**The Matrix Resurrections**
JD Schwalm  
Brendon O’Dell  
Michael Kay  
Pau Costa Moeller

**The Tomorrow War**
JD Schwalm  
Wayne Rowe  
Jim Schwalm  
Haukur Karlsson

**OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A STUDENT PROJECT**

**Green**
Camille Poiriez  
Arielle Cohen  
Eloise Thibaut  
Louis Florean
Le Souffleur de Rêves
Léa Desrozier
Paul Denis
Grégoire Hoarau
Lisa Rippert

Neoshin Episode 01: Cold Blood
Sebastian Selg
Ramon Schauer
Jiayan Chen
Bea Hoeller

Relativity
Hugo Astesano
Loïc Ciaux
Guillaume Hulot
Loïc Remy

NOTE: While ticket sales for the VES Awards are typically open by the time we announce the nominations, as stated, due to the ongoing pandemic we are still considering the format and timing for this year's show. Stay tuned for further information.

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 and new media. To learn more about the VES, visit www.visualeffectssociety.com and follow us on Twitter @VFX Society. Read our award-winning signature publication VFX Voice at www.vfxvoice.com.