

## Crews from 'Gravity' and 'Frozen' Come Up Big Winners at VES Awards

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*At the 12th annual VES Awards, "Gravity" walked away with six awards, including Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Feature Motion Picture. And the film's star, Sandra Bullock, made the evening even more special with a previously unannounced presentation to her "Gravity" director, Academy Award-nominee Alfonso Cuarón, recipient of the VES Visionary Award.*

Another big winner were the teams from "Frozen," who netted four awards.

The Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry's global professional honorary society, held the prestigious yearly celebration that recognizes outstanding visual effects artistry and innovation in film, animation, television, commercials, video games, and special venues. Comedian Patton Oswalt served as host to the more than 1,000 guests gathered at the Beverly Hilton to celebrate VFX talent in 24 awards categories.





Actress Sandra Bullock, left, presents "Gravity" director Alfonso Cuarón with the Visionary Award during the 12th annual VES Awards. Photo by Danny Moloshok

In addition to the teams from "Gravity" and "Frozen," VFX practitioners from "Game of Thrones" and "PETA" led the wins in their respective categories. Those from "Gravity " took home six awards, while crews from "Frozen " grabbed four awards, and "Games of Thrones " and "PETA " each walked away with three.

Also honored along with Cuarón was Academy Award-winning visual effects pioneer John Dykstra, who was presented with the VES Lifetime Achievement Award by previous VES Méliès Award winner Doug Trumbull. Awards presenters included Grammy Award winner/Academy Award nominee Pharrell Williams and actors Johnny Knoxville, Bruce Boxleitner, Michael Ealy, Sophie Kennedy Clark, Jamie Kennedy, Sharon Lawrence, Richard Schiff and Alyssa Sutherland.

Winners of the 12th Annual VES Awards are as follows:

*Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Feature Motion Picture*

**Gravity** Tim Webber, Nikki Penny, Neil Corbould, Richard McBride

*Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Feature Motion Picture*

**The Lone Ranger** Tim Alexander, Gary Brozenich, Shari Hanson, Kevin Martel

*Outstanding Animation in an Animated Feature Motion Picture*

**Frozen** Chris Buck, Jennifer Lee, Peter Del Vecho, Lino Di Salvo

*Outstanding Visual Effects in a Broadcast Program*

**Game of Thrones: Valar Dohaeris** Steve Kullback, Joe Bauer, Jörn Großhans, Sven Martin

*Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Broadcast Program*

**Banshee: Pilot** Armen Kevorkian, Mark Skowronski, Jeremy Jozwik, Ricardo Ramirez

*Outstanding Real-Time Visuals in a Video Game*

**Call of Duty: Ghosts** Mark Rubin, Richard Kriegler, David Johnson Alessandro Nardini

*Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial*

**PETA: 98% Human** Angus Kneale, Vince Baertsoen, Colin Blaney, Kyle Cody

*Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project*

**Space Shuttle Atlantis** Daren Ulmer, John Gross, Cedar Connor, Christian Bloch

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

**The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug: Smaug** Eric Reynolds, David Clayton, Myriam Catrin, Guillaume Francois

*Outstanding Animated Character in an Animated Feature Motion Picture*

**Frozen: Bringing the Snow Queen to Life** Alexander Alvarado, Joy Johnson, Chad Stubblefield, Wayne Unten

*Outstanding Animated Character in a Commercial or Broadcast Program*

**PETA: 98% Human** Vince Baertsoen, Alex Allain, Henning Koczy

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

**Gravity: Exterior** Paul Beilby, Kyle McCulloch, Stuart Penn, Ian Comley

*Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature Motion Picture*

**Frozen: Elsa's Ice Palace** Virgilio John Aquino, Alessandro Jacomini, Lance Summers, David Womersley

*Outstanding Created Environment in a Commercial or Broadcast Program*

**Game of Thrones: The Climb** Patrick Zentis, Mayur Patel, Nitin Singh, Tim Alexander

*Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture*

**Gravity** Tim Webber, Emmanuel Lubezki, Richard McBride, Dale Newton

*Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Live Action Commercial or Broadcast Program*

**The Crew** Dominique Boidin, Rémi Kozyra, Léon Bérelle, Maxime Luère

*Outstanding Models in a Feature Motion Picture*

**Gravity: ISS Exterior** Ben Lambert, Paul Beilby, Chris Lawrence, Andy Nicholson

*Outstanding FX and Simulation Animation in a Live Action Feature Motion Picture*

**Gravity: Parachute and ISS Destruction** Alexis Wajsbrot, Sylvain Degrotte, Horacio Mendoza, Juan-Luis Sanchez

*Outstanding FX and Simulation Animation in an Animated Feature Motion Picture*

**Frozen: Elsa's Blizzard** Eric W. Araujo, Marc Bryant, Dong Joo Byun, Tim Molinder

*Outstanding FX and Simulation Animation in a Commercial or Broadcast Program*

**PETA: 98% Human** Vince Baertsoen, Jimmy Gass, Dave Barosin

*Outstanding Compositing in a Feature Motion Picture*

**Gravity** Mark Bakowski, Anthony Smith, Theodor Groeneboom, Adrian Metzelaar

*Outstanding Compositing in a Broadcast Program*

**Game of Thrones: The Climb** Kirk Brillon, Steve Gordon, Geoff Sayer, Winston Lee

*Outstanding Compositing in a Commercial*

**Call of Duty: Epic Night Out** Chris Knight, Daniel Thuresson, Nick Tayler, Dag Ivarsory

*Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project*

**Rugbybugs** Matthias Baeuerle, Carl Schroeter, Martin Lapp, Emanuel Fuchs

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