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### J.J. Abrams To Receive VES Society's Visionary Award

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The Visual Effects Society has tapped J.J. Abrams as the next recipient of its Visionary Award which it will present to the *Star Wars* helmer during the 13th annual [VES Awards](#) on February 4. The honor recognizes an individual who has uniquely and consistently employed the art and science of visual effects to “foster imagination and ignite future discoveries by way of artistry, invention and groundbreaking work.”

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Previous winners include Christopher Nolan, Ang Lee and Alfonso Cuarón.

Abrams' credits include the *Star Trek* reboots, *Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol*, *Cloverfield* and *Super 8*, and TV series *Alias*, *Lost*, *Fringe* and *Person Of Interest* via his production company Bad Robot. But by February he will be deep into finishing *Star Wars: Episode VII*, the reboot of the iconic sci-fi franchise. He co-wrote the script with Lawrence Kasdan and produces; production kicked off in May in the UK.

*Star Wars* is set for a December 18, 2015 release.