

JJ Abrams to get Visionary Award



JJ Abrams is to be feted for his visual effects work

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JJ Abrams is to be given a top award for his "groundbreaking" visual effects.

The filmmaker - whose projects include sci-fi epics like the Star Trek movies and the eagerly anticipated Star Wars: Episode VII - will receive the Visual Effects Society's Visionary Award.

JJ, who has also worked in television on shows such as Lost, will be presented with the trophy at an awards do in February.


The Visionary Award is given to someone who "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".

The organisation's board chair Jeffrey A Okun said JJ had "consistently elevated not just the technical aspect of visual effects, but also the emotional".

JJ follows in the footsteps of filmmakers like Christopher Nolan, Ang Lee and Alfonso Cuaron, who have previously been given the Visionary Award.

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