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J.J. Abrams to Receive Visual Effects Society Visionary Award

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The director of 'Star Wars: Episode VII' will receive the honor at the 13th annual VES Awards



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J.J. Abrams will receive the Visual Effects Society's Visionary Award at the 13th annual VES Awards, Feb. 4 at the Beverly Hilton.

The writer-director and producer is, of course, currently working on *Star Wars: Episode VII*, and his past feature credits include *Star Trek*, *Super 8* and *Star Trek Into Darkness*.

Abrams — who is founder and president of Bad Robot Productions — also has a string of television work including *Lost*, *Alias* and *Felicity*. He is currently executive producer of *Person of Interest* and is executive producing the upcoming HBO series *Westworld*, upcoming Showtime series *Roadies* and upcoming Hulu miniseries *11/22/63*, based on **Stephen King**'s best-selling novel.

Read more [How 'Star Wars' Director J.J. Abrams Kept the Cast Secret](#) [2]

The Visionary Award 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."

"J.J. Abrams has consistently elevated not just the technical aspect of visual effects, but also the emotional," said VES board chair **Jeffrey A. Okun**. "He has redefined the relationship between the viewer and the story — you can easily see this from the epic cult followings of his highly engaging work, a testament to his expert blending of visual effects, evocative characters and a remarkable imagination."

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