

## Ridley Scott to Get VES Lifetime Achievement Award



Director Ridley Scott (best known for *Alien* and *Blade Runner*), will be the recipient of the VES Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his visual ingenuity. The award will be presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual VES Awards on Feb. 4, 2015 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

"The best filmmaking has always been the result of collaboration between artists, craftspeople and technicians, both in front and behind the camera," said Scott. "Over the years I have been very fortunate to work on films that are visual at their core and, thus, I have always been immensely reliant on the expertise of our visual effects teams. To be honored by the Visual Effects Society with this Lifetime Achievement Award is indeed extremely gratifying."

"Ridley Scott is a defining voice of the feature, broadcast and commercial forms," added Jeffrey A. Okun, VES board chair. "His vision and contribution to the art is incomparable and his impact upon the visual effects and technical form is unparalleled. Ridley has given us a body of groundbreaking work to aspire to, and for this we are honored to award him with the prestigious Visual Effects Society Lifetime Achievement Award."

Scott has received Academy Award nominations for Best Director for his work on *Black Hawk Down*, *Gladiator*, and *Thelma & Louise*. All three films also earned him DGA Award nominations. His most recent directorial credits include the hit *Prometheus* starring Michael Fassbender, Noomi Rapace and Charlize Theron and the acclaimed *The Counselor*, starring Michael Fassbender, Brad Pitt, Cameron Diaz, and Javier Bardem. Scott's much-anticipated *Exodus: Gods and Kings* starring Christian Bale, will be released on Dec. 12 from Fox. He is currently in production on *The Martian* with Matt Damon, set for 2015 release.

In addition to his Academy Award and DGA nominations, Scott also earned a Golden Globe nomination for Best Director and a BAFTA nomination for Best Film for *American Gangster*, starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe. Scott also received Golden Globe and BAFTA nominations for Best Director for *Gladiator*, which won the Academy Award, Golden Globe and BAFTA awards for Best Picture.

In 1977, Scott made his feature film directorial debut with *The Duellists*, for which he won the Best First Film Award at the Cannes Film Festival. He followed with the blockbuster science-fiction thriller *Alien*, which catapulted Sigourney Weaver to stardom and launched a successful franchise. In 1982, Scott directed the landmark film *Blade Runner*, starring Harrison Ford. Considered a science-fiction classic, the futuristic thriller was added to the U.S. Library of Congress' National Film Registry in 1993, and a director's cut of *Blade Runner* was released to renewed acclaim in 1993 and again in 2007. Scott's additional film directing credits include *Legend*, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *Black Rain*, *1492: Conquest of Paradise*, *White Squall*, *G.I. Jane*, *Hannibal*, *Body of Lies*, *A Good Year*, *Kingdom of Heaven*, *Matchstick Men*, and *Robin Hood*.

Ridley and his late brother Tony formed commercial and advertising production company RSA in 1967. RSA has an established reputation for creating innovating and groundbreaking commercials for some of the world's most recognized corporate brands. In 1995, they formed the film and television production company Scott Free. With offices in Los Angeles and London, Scott Free produced such films as *In Her Shoes*, *The A-Team*, *Cyrus*, *The Grey*, and the Academy Award®-nominated *The Assassination of Jesse James*.

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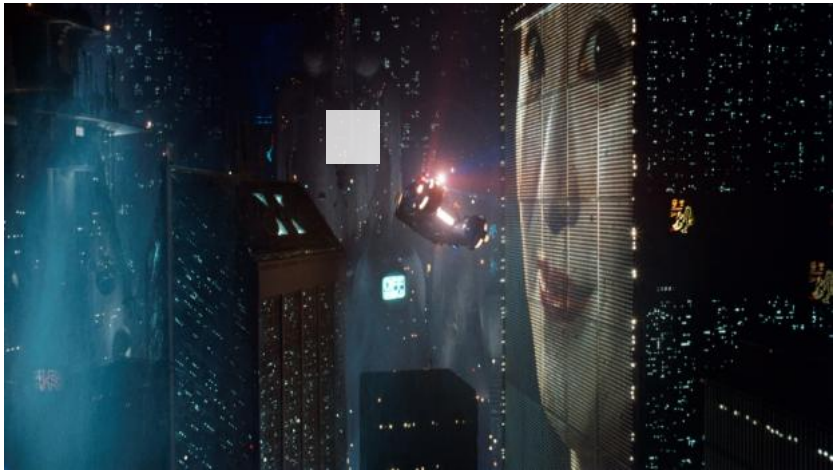
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Scott also exec produces the Emmy, Peabody, and Golden Globe-winning hit TV show *The Good Wife* and the team served as exec producers on the hit series, *Number* and on long-form projects including the Starz miniseries *The Pillars of The Earth*, the A&E miniseries *The Andromeda Strain*, the TNT miniseries *The Company*; and the award-winning HBO movies *RKO 281*, *The Gathering Storm*, and *Into the Storm*.

Previous winners of the VES Lifetime Achievement Award have included James Cameron, Steven Spielberg, Ray Harryhausen, George Lucas, Robert Zemeckis, John Dykstra, and Frank Marshall & Kathleen Kennedy.

As previously announced, award-winning director-producer-writer J.J. Abrams is the forthcoming recipient of the VES Visionary Award.



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