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"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" pulled off an upset over Oscars rival "Interstellar" at Wednesday's Visual Effects Awards, winning three prizes including the VES equivalent of the Best Picture race -- Visual Effects in a Visual Effects Driven Film. It also picked up two Photoreal/Live Action Film awards for Animated Character and Compositing.

"Interstellar," which is the **clear frontrunner for Best Visual Effects at the Oscars**, won just one race at the 13th annual edition of these kudos -- Created Environment -- as did another Oscar contender, # "X-Men: Days of Future Past#," Virtual Cinematography. The other two Oscar nominees, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" and "Guardians of the Galaxy," each lost both their bids here.

"Big Hero 6" swept the animated film categories, claiming Animation, Created Environment, Effects Simulations, Models and Performance.

And "Birdman" won Supporting Visual Effects.

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Last year, "Gravity" won six of its eight VES bids, including the top prize. It went on to win the Oscar for Best Visual Effects.

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In 2011, two of the Oscar nominees -- "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" and "Hugo" -- each won two VES awards. "Hugo," which won the supporting visual effects award, went on to claim the Oscar over, among others, "Apes," which took the top prize at the VES.

In 2010, "Inception" won all four of its bids including the top prize. It took home the Oscar too. In

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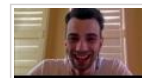
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2009, "Avatar" won six of the seven VES races in which it contended and also prevailed at the Academy Awards. At the VES, "Avatar" is tied with "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" for second place while "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" reigns supreme with seven awards.

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In 2008, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" won the top prize with both the VES and the Oscars. However, in 2007, the top VES winner "Transformers" lost the Visual Effects Oscar to "The Golden Compass."

Over the first five years of the VES kudos, the winners matched four times --- in 2006 ("Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest"), 2005 ("King Kong"), 2003 ("The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King") and 2002 ("The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers"). In 2004, the VES chose "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" while the Oscar went to "Spider-Man 2."

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