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The latest installment in the Planet Of The Apes franchise was among the big winners at the Visual Effects Society (VES) Awards on Wednesday night (04Feb15). Dawn of the Planet of the Apes, which stars Gary Oldman, landed three awards for its special effects, including the night's top prize, Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture. The night's other big winner was Big Hero 6, which landed five trophies, while other honourees included X-Men: Days of Future Past, which scooped two awards, and Interstellar, which took one. During the Los Angeles ceremony, Zoe Saldana presented her Star Trek director J.J. Abrams with the VES Visionary Award, and as he accepted the prize, the moviemaker opened up about his work on upcoming blockbuster Star Wars: Episode VII – The Force Awakens. Abrams told the audience, "(It is) an actual childhood dream come true, and has only given me more appreciation for what you (visual effects workers) do."

