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For Fourth Year In A Row, Disney Co. Sweeps Animation Categories At VES Awards

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The Visual Effects Society is caught in the awards show version of *Groundhog Day* as it finds itself unable to recognize the animation achievements of any corporation besides one.

The 14th annual VES Awards were presented tonight at the Beverly Hilton in Los Angeles, and for the fourth straight year in a row, the Walt Disney Company swept every single award in the show's animation categories. They have now won a total of 16 consecutive feature animation awards at the VES ceremony.

In 2012, the Disney/Pixar film *Brave* swept all the animation categories (<http://www.cartoonbrew.com/awards/brave-life-of-pi-and-game-of-thrones-win-big-at-ves-awards-77647.html>); in 2013, the Walt Disney Animation Studios film *Frozen* swept the animation awards (<http://www.cartoonbrew.com/award-season-focus/gravity-and-frozen-rule-the-ves-awards-96053.html>); in 2014, Disney's *Big Hero 6* swept the animation awards (<http://www.cartoonbrew.com/award-season-focus/big-hero-6-sweeps-at-the-13th-annual-ves-awards-108628.html>); and tonight, it was a tag-team combo of Disney/Pixar's *The Good Dinosaur* and *Inside Out* that did the trick.

Blue Sky's *The Peanuts Movie*, which led the animation pack (<http://www.cartoonbrew.com/award-season-focus/2016-ves-award-nominations-peanuts-movie-leads-animation-pack-130447.html>) with five nominations, didn't win a single award, but they shouldn't feel too bad because no other animation producer besides Disney has won an award in the last four years.

Disney's *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* led the live-action visual effects categories with four wins, while *The Revenant*, with its effects produced by Disney's Industrial Light & Magic, won three awards.

On the television side, *Game of Thrones* won four awards for its visual effects, while this SSE spot with a CG orangutan picked up three honors:

SSE - Pier



Below is the complete list of winners:

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Roger Guyett
Luke O'Byrne
Patrick Tubach
Paul Kavanagh
Chris Corbould

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature

The Revenant

Rich McBride
Ivy Agregan
Jason Smith
Nicolas Chevallier
Cameron Waldbauer

Outstanding Visual Effects in an Animated Feature

The Good Dinosaur

Sanjay Bakshi
Denise Ream

Michael Venturini
Jon Reisch

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Real-Time Project

The Order: 1886

Nathan Phail-Liff
Dana Jan
Anthony Vitale
Scot Andreason

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode

Game of Thrones; The Dance of Dragons

Joe Bauer
Steve Kullback
Eric Carney
Derek Spears
Stuart Brisdon

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial

SSE; Pier

Neil Davies
Tim Lyall
Hitesh Patel
Jorge Montiel

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project

Fast and Furious: Supercharged

Chris Shaw
Alysia Cotter
Ben White
Diego Guerrero

Outstanding Created Environment in a Photoreal Feature

Star Wars: The Force Awakens; Falcon Chase / Graveyard

Yanick Dusseault
Mike Wood
Justin van der Lek
Quentin Marmier

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode

Vikings; To the Gates

Dominic Remane
Bill Halliday
Paul Wishart
Ovidiu Cinazan
Paul Byrne

Outstanding Animated Performance in a Photoreal Feature

The Revenant; The Bear

Matt Shumway
Gaelle Morand

Karin Cooper
Leandro Estebecorena

Outstanding Animated Performance in an Animated Feature

Inside Out; Joy

Shawn Krause
Tanja Krampfert
Jacob Merrell
Alexis Angelidis

Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature

The Good Dinosaur; The Farm

David Munier
Matthew Webb
Matt Kuruc
Tom Miller

Outstanding Animated Performance in an Episode, Commercial, or Real-Time Project

SSE; Pier; Orangutan

Jorge Montiel
Sauce Vilas
Philippe Moine
Sam Driscoll

Outstanding Created Environment in an Episode, Commercial, or Real-Time Project

Game of Thrones; City of Volantis

Dominic Piche
Christine Leclerc
Patrice Poissant
Thomas Montminy-Brodeur

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Photoreal Project

Star Wars: The Force Awakens; Falcon Chase / Graveyard

Paul Kavanagh
Colin Benoit
Susumu Yukuhiro
Greg Salter

Outstanding Effects Simulations in an Episode, Commercial, or Real-Time Project

Game of Thrones; Hardhome

David Ramos
Antonio Lado
Piotr Weiss
Félix Bergés

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Feature

The Revenant; Bear Attack

Donny Rausch
Alan Travis
Charles Lai
TC Harrison

Outstanding Models in a Photoreal or Animated Project***Star Wars: The Force Awakens; BB-8***

Joshua Lee
 Matthew Denton
 Landis Fields
 Cyrus Jam

Outstanding Effects Simulations in a Photoreal Feature***Mad Max: Fury Road; Toxic Storm***

Dan Bethell
 Clinton Downs
 Chris Young

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Episode***Game of Thrones; Hardhome***

Eduardo Díaz
 Guillermo Orbe
 Oscar Perea
 Inmaculada Nadela

Outstanding Effects Simulations in an Animated Feature***The Good Dinosaur***

Stephen Marshall
 Magnus Wrenninge
 Michael Hall
 Hemagiri Arumugam

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Commercial***SSE; Pier***

Gary Driver
 Greg Spencer
 Grant Connor

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project***Citipati***

Andreas Feix
 Francesco Faranna

VES Lifetime Achievement Award

Ridley Scott

VES Visionary Award Award

Syd Mead

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