

VES Awards Winners: 'Star Wars' Takes Top Prize



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'Star Wars' received four awards and 'The Revenant' (and its bear) nabbed three during the Visual Effects Society Awards on Tuesday night.



Courtesy of Lucasfilm Ltd.

Star Wars: The Force Awakens topped the feature competition of the 14th annual Visual Effects Society Awards on Tuesday



outstanding models, created environments and virtual cinematography.

The ceremony was held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles.

The Revenant took home three trophies in the categories of best supporting VFX, outstanding animated performance (for the bear) and best compositing (for the bear attack).

Mad Max: Fury Road won in the category for effects simulation.

Star Wars, *The Revenant* and *Fury Road*, along with *Ex Machina* and *The Martian*, are nominated for this year's Oscar in the VFX category. In nine of the 13 previous years, the winner of the VES Award in the top category (previously called outstanding VFX in a VFX-driven feature) went on to win the Oscar for VFX. Once, for *Hugo*, the Oscar went to the winner in the VES category for outstanding supporting VFX.

The Good Dinosaur won the most awards in the animated feature competition, with three honors including for outstanding VFX in an animated feature.

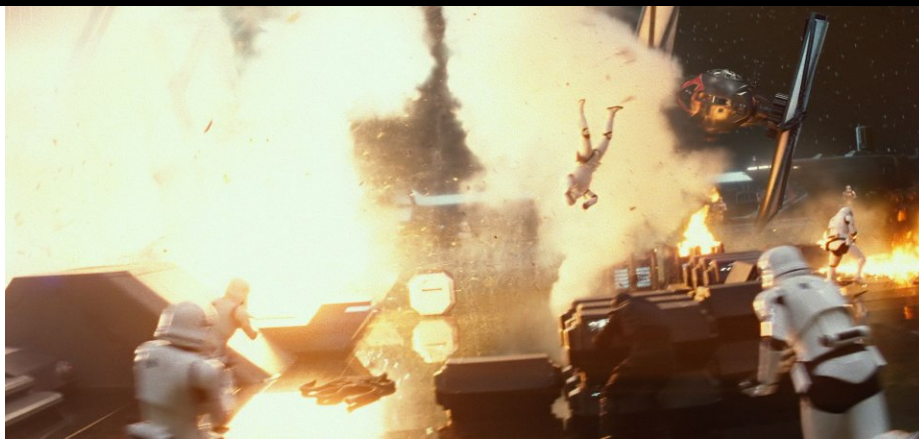
In the television competition, *Game of Thrones* won four awards, including outstanding VFX in a photoreal episode, as well as for created environment, compositing and effects simulation.

During the ceremony, actress Kate Mara presented filmmaker Ridley Scott with the VES' Lifetime Achievement Award, and VFX veteran Scott Ross presented the Visionary Award to visual futurist and conceptual artist Syd Mead.

In all, VES presented awards in 23 categories, including features, television, animation, video games and other forms of content. The list of winners follows:

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature





Courtesy of Lucasfilm

***Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (WINNER)**

Roger Guyett

Luke O'Byrne

Patrick Tubach

Paul Kavanagh

Chris Corbould

Furious 7

Mike Wassel

Karen Murphy

Martin Hill

Kevin McIlwain

Dan Sudick

San Andreas

Colin Strause

Randall Starr

Bryan Grill

Nordin Rahhali

Brian Cox

Mad Max: Fury Road

Andrew Jackson

Holly Radcliffe

Tom Wood

Dan Oliver

Andy Williams

Barrie Hemsley

Matt Sloan

Chris Lawrence

Steven Warner

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Feature



'Revenant,' Courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox

The Revenant (WINNER)

Rich McBride

Ivy Agregan

Jason Smith

Nicolas Chevallier

Cameron Waldbauer

In the Heart of the Sea

Jody Johnson

Leslie Lerman

Sean Stranks

Bryan Hirota

Mark Holt

Bridge of Spies

Sven Martin

Jennifer Meislohn

Gerd Nerzer

The Walk

Kevin Baillie

Camille Cellucci

Viktor Muller

Sebastien Moreau

Everest

Dadi Einarsson

Roma O'Connor

Matthias Bjarnasson

Glen Pratt

Richard Van Den Bergh

Outstanding Visual Effects in an Animated Feature



Courtesy of Pixar/Disney

The Good Dinosaur (WINNER)

Sanjay Bakshi

Denise Ream

Michael Venturini

Jon Reisch

Michael J. Travers

Nick Bruno

Scott Carroll

Inside Out

Michael Fong

Jonas Rivera

Victor Navone

Paul Mendoza

Anomalisa

Derek Smith

Rosa Tran

Joe Passarelli

John Joyce

Hotel Transylvania 2

Karl Herbst

Skye Lyons

Alan Hawkins

Genndy Tartakovsky



Outstanding Visual Effects in a Real-
Time Project





Courtesy of Sony Computer Entertainment

***The Order: 1886* (WINNER)**

Nathan Phail-Liff

Dana Jan

Anthony Vitale

Scot Andreason

Halo 5: Guardians

Nicolas Bouvier

Jon Wood

Brien Goodrich

Matt Aldridge

The Hobbit: A Thief in the Shadows

Alasdair Coull

Daniel Smith

Nick Donaldson

Tim Elek

Destiny: The Taken King

Michael Zak

Mark Noseworthy

Stephen Scott

Dave Matthews

Assassin's Creed Syndicate

Thierry Dansereau

Francois Pelland

Marc-Andre Clermont

Mathieu Chouinard

Photoreal Episode



Courtesy of HBO

***Game of Thrones*; The Dance of Dragons (WINNER)**

Joe Bauer

Steve Kullback

Eric Carney

Derek Spears

Stuart Brisdon

Nezlamna; Sea Dogfight

Dmitriy Ovcharenko

Igor Klimovsky

Egor Borschevsky

Vladimir Mikheyenko

Childhood's End; Night Three

Kevin Blank

Adica Manis

Niklas Jacobson

Glenn Melenhorst

Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell; Arabella

Jean-Claude Deguara

Natalie Reid

Nicolas Hernandez

Sara Bennett

Luke Groves

Matt Glover

Trey Harrell

Warren Appleby

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial



Screengrab

SSE; Pier (WINNER)

Neil Davies

Tim Lyall

Hitesh Patel

Jorge Montiel

Ikea; T-shirts

Diarmid Harrison Murray

Julie Evans

Tom Harding

Tim van Hussen

Halo 5; The Hunt Begins

Benjamin Walsh

Pip Malone

Brian Burke

Ian Holland

Gemma Humphries

Mike Chapman

Gianluca Di Marco

Game of War; Rooftop Alliance

David Lawson

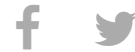
Erin Hicke

Becky Porter

Krystal Sae Eua



Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project



Courtesy of Universal Studios Hollywood



Alysia Cotter

Ben White

Diego Guerrero

Goosebumps VR Adventure

Jason Schugardt

Mike Wigart

Alex Harding

Daniel Marsh

Nike; The Neymar Jr. Effect

Janelle Croshaw

Ian Markiewicz

Lou Pecora

Aruna Inversin

Kaka's Great Adventure

Neelesh Gore

Rajiv Kessop

Amogh Vaidya

Shaffi Mahammad

SpongeBob SubPants

Brent Young

John Kokum

Michael Smith

Timothy Williams

Outstanding Created Environment in
a Photoreal Feature





Disney

***Star Wars: The Force Awakens*; Falcon Chase / Graveyard
(WINNER)**

Yanick Dusseault

Mike Wood

Justin van der Lek

Quentin Marmier

***The Walk*; World Trade Center**

Jim Gibbs

Brian Flora

Laurent Taillefer

Pavel Kolar

***Ant-Man*; The Microverse**

Florian Witzel

Taylor Shaw

Alexis Hall

Heath Kraynak

***Jurassic World*; Jungle Chase**

Martyn Culpitt

Joao Sita

Yuta Shimizu

Michael Billette

***Tomorrowland*; Tomorrowland Center**

Barry Williams

Greg Kegel

Quentin Marmier

Thang Le

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal Episode



Courtesy of History Channel

***Vikings*; To the Gates (WINNER)**

Dominic Remane

Bill Halliday

Paul Wishart

Ovidiu Cinazan

Paul Byrne

Black Sails; XVIII

Erik Henry

Annemarie Griggs

Kevin Rafferty

Aladino Debert

Paul Stephenson

***Penny Dreadful*; And They Were Enemies**

James Cooper

Bill Halliday

Sarah McMurdo

Mai-Ling Lee

***Daredevil*; Speak of the Devil**

Bryan Godwin

David Van Dyke

Karl Coyner

Agent Carter; Now Is Not the End

Sheena Duggal

Addie Manis

Richard Bluff

Jayesh Dalal

Kenneth C. Clark



Outstanding Animated Performance
in a Photoreal Feature



Courtesy of 20th Century Fox

Gaëlle Morand

Karin Cooper

Leandro Estebecorena

Star Wars: The Force Awakens; Maz

Joel Bodin

Arslan Elver

Ian Comley

Stephen Cullingford

Avengers: Age of Ultron; Hulk

Jakub Pistecky

Lana Lan

John Walker

Sean Comer

Chappie; Chappie

Earl Fast

Chris Harvey

Mark Wendell

Robert Bourgeault

Outstanding Animated Performance in an Animated Feature



Courtesy of Disney/Pixar

Tanja Krampert

Jacob Merrell

Alexis Angelidis

The Peanuts Movie; Snoopy

Jeff Gabor

Joseph Antonuccio

Ignacio Barrios

Sabine Heller

The Peanuts Movie; Charlie Brown

Matthew Doble

Steve Vanseth

Stephen Gressak

Nikki Tomaino

The Good Dinosaur; Spot

Ana Gabriela Lacaze

Jacob Brooks

Lou Hamou-Lhadj

Mark C. Harris

Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature



Matthew Webb

Matt Kuruc

Tom Miller

Inside Out; Imagination Land

Amy L. Allen

Steve Karski

Eric Andraos

Jose L. Ramos Serrano

The Peanuts Movie; Charlie Brown's Neighborhood

Jon Townley

Angel Camacho-Torres

Cleveland Hibbert

Ken Lee

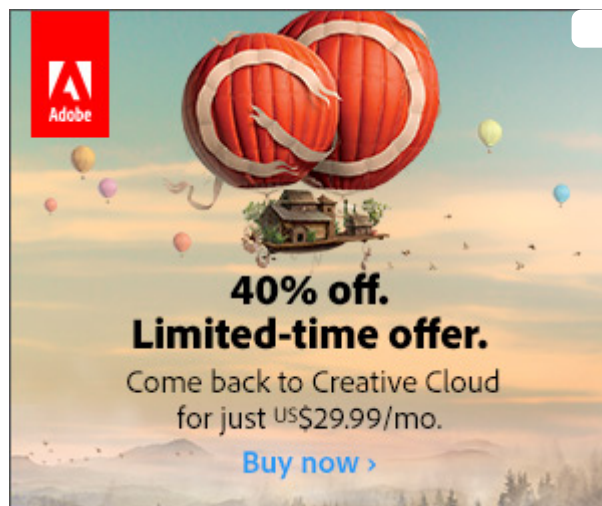
Shaun the Sheep Movie; Under the Arches

Matt Perry

Charles Copping

Alfred Llupia Perez

Andy Brown



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



Screengrab

SSE; Pier; Orangutan (WINNER)

Jorge Montiel

Sauce Vilas

Philippe Moine

Sam Driscoll

Game of Thrones; Mother's Mercy; Wounded Drogon

Florian Friedmann

Jonathan Symmonds

Sven Skoczylas

Sebastian Lauer

Game of Thrones; Dance of Dragons; Drogon Arena Rescue

James Kinnings

Michael Holzl

Joseph Hoback

Matt Derksen

Sainsbury's; Mog

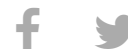
Sebastian Nino

Chris Hurtt

Joseph Henson

Gez Wright

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





Helen Sloan/HBO

***Game of Thrones*; City of Volantis (WINNER)**

Dominic Piche

Christine Leclerc

Patrice Poissant

Thomas Montminy-Brodeur

***Vikings*; Paris**

Paul Wishart

Karol Wlodarczyk

Tom Morrison

Matt Ralph

***Game of Thrones*; Drogon Arena**

Rajeev B R.

Loganathan Perumal

Ramesh Shankers

Anders Ericson

***Black Sails*; Charles Town Harbor**

Aladino Debert

Matt Dougan

Greg Teegarden

Ken Jones

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography
in a Photoreal Project





Courtesy of Lucasfilm

***Star Wars: The Force Awakens*; Falcon Chase / Graveyard**

(WINNER)

Paul Kavanagh

Colin Benoit

Susumu Yukuhiro

Greg Salter

***Ant-Man*; Macro Action**

James Baker

Alex Kahn

Thomas Luff

Rebecca Baehler

***Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation*; Underwater Torus Chamber**

Vincent Aupetit

Margaux Durand-Rival

Christopher Anciaume

Robert Elswit

***The Walk*; Towers Walk**

Shawn Hull

Suzanne Cipolletti

Laurent Taillefer

Dariusz Wolski

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



Courtesy of HBO

***Game of Thrones*; Hardhome (WINNER)**

David Ramos

Antonio Lado

Piotr Weiss

Félix Bergés

SSE; Pier

Peter Agg

Sam Driscoll

Matthew Fuller



Tomas Zaveckas

Sho Hasegawa

Sergey Kosareff

Lipton; The Revolution in Tea

Jonathan -Wes- Westley

Tom Raynor

Christos Parliaros

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Feature



Courtesy of 20th Century Fox

***The Revenant*; Bear Attack (WINNER)**

Donny Rausch

Alan Travis

Charles Lai

TC Harrison

***San Andreas*; Los Angeles Destruction**

Sandro Blattner

Hamish Schumacher

Nicholas Kim

Mario Rokicki

Marian Mavrovic

Jean Lapointe

Alex Prichard

Tomorrowland

Francois Lambert

Jean Lapointe

Peter Demarest

Conny Fauser

Mad Max: Fury Road

Lindsay Adams

Matthew Wynne

Chris Davies

Phil Outen

Outstanding Models in a Photoreal or Animated Project



Lucasfilm/Screenshot

***Star Wars: The Force Awakens*; BB-8 (WINNER)**

Joshua Lee

Matthew Denton

Landis Fields

Cyrus Jam

Robert Marinic

Daniel Gonzalez

Myriam Catrin

Everest; Mt. Everest

Matthias Bjarnasson

Olafur Haraldsson

Kjartan Hardarson

Petur Arnorsson

Jurassic World; Indominus Rex

Steve Jubinville

Martin Murphy

Aaron Grey

Kevin Reuter



Outstanding Effects Simulations in a
Photoreal Feature





***Mad Max: Fury Road*; Toxic Storm (WINNER)**

Dan Bethell

Clinton Downs

Chris Young

***Avengers: Age of Ultron*; Hulk vs Hulkbuster**

Michael Balog

Jim Van Allen

Florent Andorra

Georg Kaltenbrunner

***San Andreas*; Hoover Dam / San Francisco Tsunami**

Joe Scarr

Lukas Lepicovsky

Yves D-Incau

Marcel Kern

***San Andreas*; Los Angeles Destruction**

Remy Torre

Marc Horsfield

Niall Flinn

Victor Grant

***Star Wars: The Force Awakens*; Starkiller Base**

Rick Hankins

Dan Bornstein

John Doublestein

Gary Wu



Courtesy of HBO

***Game of Thrones*; Hardhome (WINNER)**

Eduardo Díaz

Guillermo Orbe

Oscar Perea

Inmaculada Nadela

***Vikings*; To the Gates**

Ovidiu Cinazan

Olivia Yapp

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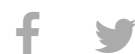
***Game of Thrones*; Drogon Lair**

Travis Nobles

Mark Spindler

Max Riess

Nadja Ding



Feature



Courtesy of Disney/Pixar

The Good Dinosaur* (WINNER)*Stephen Marshall****Magnus Wrenninge****Michael Hall****Hemagiri Arumugam*****Inside Out*****Amit Baadkar****Dave Hale****Vincent Serritella****Paul Mendoza*****The Peanuts Movie*****Alen Lai****Ilan Gabai****Chris Chapman****Douglas Seiden*****Home*****Greg Gladstone****Michael Losure****Chris De St Jeor****Alex Timchenko**



Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal Commercial



Screengrab

SSE; Pier (WINNER)

Gary Driver

Greg Spencer

Grant Connor

Game of War; Rooftop Alliance

Becky Porter

Jeannie Huynh

Patrick Heinen

Don Kim



Brian Deimonico
Brandon Nelson
Nicholas Kim

Under Armour; Rule Yourself
Gavin Wellsman
Nathan Kane
Michael Smith
Ilia Mokhtareizadeh

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project



***Citipati* (WINNER)**

Andreas Feix

Francesco Faranna

Skål

Marco Hakenjos

Christian Zehetmeier

Timm Wagener

Manuel Seifert

Jagon

Julian Weiss

Vincent Ullmann

Fabian Fricke

Yafes Sahin

Korser

Guillaume Menard

Vincent Desgrippes

Jessie Hereng

Tangi Vaillant

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