

VISUAL EFFECTS SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 4TH ANNUAL VES AWARDS WINNERS

Los Angeles, February 16, 2006 – The VES Awards were given out last night during the Visual Effects Society's (VES) fourth annual gala event at the Hollywood Palladium. The sold-out event attracted more than eight hundred celebrities, visual effects and animation artists, dozens of nominees and members of the film, television and games industries.

"The extraordinary breadth and diversity of the awards were matched only by the extraordinary talent displayed in the room last night," said Eric Roth, Executive Director of the VES. "It was an eye-popping, visual effects treat equivalent to a triple ice cream sundae with a dozen exotic toppings capped off with the biggest cherry ever."

And the winners are:

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects Driven Motion Picture

King Kong Joe Letteri, Eileen Moran, Christian Rivers, Eric Saindon

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Motion Picture

Kingdom of Heaven Wes Sewell, Victoria Alonso, Tom Wood, Gary Brozenich

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Broadcast Miniseries, Movie or Special

Walking With Monsters
Tim Greenwood, Jo Nodwell, Neil Glasbey, Darren Byford

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Broadcast Series

Rome-Episode 1 Barrie Hemsley, James Madigan, Duncan Kinnaird, Joe Pavlo

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Broadcast Program

Lost-Exodus Part 2 Kevin Blank, Mitchell Ferm, Eric Chauvin, John Teska

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial

Guinness noitulovE William Bartlett, Scott Griffin, Andrew Boyd, Dan Seddon

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Music Video

Nine Inch Nails-Only Eric Barba, Lisa Beroud, Jay Barton, Jim Gaczkowski

Best Single Visual Effect of the Year

War of the Worlds-Fleeing the Neighborhood Dennis Muren, Pablo Helman, Sandra Scott, Marshall Krasser

Outstanding Real Time Visuals in a Video Game

Need For Speed Most Wanted Habib Zargarpour, Luke Wasserman, Greg D'Esposito, Colin O'Connor

Outstanding Pre-Rendered Visuals in a Video Game

Prince of Persia: The Two Thrones-The Palace Balcony Cinematic Jean-Jacques Tremblay, Raphael Lacoste, Anne Mai Le Bouyonnec

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project

Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon Jack Geist, Sean Phillips, Johnathan Banta, Jerome Morin

Outstanding Animated Character in a Live Action Motion Picture

King Kong-Kong Andy Serkis, Christian Rivers, Atsushi Sato, Guy Williams

Outstanding Animated Character in an Animated Motion Picture

Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit - Gromit Loyd Price

Outstanding Animated Character in a Live Action Broadcast Program, Commercial, or Music Video

Battlestar Galactica-Season 2, Episode 03 "Fragged"-Cylon Centurion Andrew Karr, Louie Hinayo, Gary Hughes, Allan Henderson

Outstanding Created Environment in a Live Action Motion Picture

King Kong-New York Dawn Attack
Dan Lemmon, R. Christopher White, Matt Aitken, Charles Tait

Outstanding Created Environment in a Live Action Broadcast Program, Commercial, or Music Video

Into The West Mini-Series Movies I, II and III Cedric Tomacruz, David Bailey, Valeri Pfahning, Siddhartha Jayakar

Outstanding Models and Miniatures in a Motion Picture

War of the Worlds Ed Hirsh, Steve Gawley, Joshua Ong, Russell Paul

Outstanding Models and Miniatures in a Broadcast Program, Commercial, or Music Video

Las Vegas Series-Episode 308 "Bold, Beautiful and Blue" Michael Cook, Anthony Ocampo, Eugene Kim, Renaud Talon

Outstanding Compositing in a Motion Picture

War of the Worlds Marshall Krasser, Michael Jamieson, Jeff Saltzman, Regan McGee

Outstanding Compositing in a Broadcast Program, Commercial, or Music Video

Empire
Stefano Trivelli, Michele Moen, Kelly Bumbarger, Sean Wilson

George Méliès Award for Artistic Excellence John Lasseter

Visual Effects Society Board of Directors Award Jim Morris

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