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Visual Effects Society Announces Winners of the 13th Annual VES Awards

Big Hero 6 is the Big Hero with 5 Awards; *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes* Tops the Feature Film Category; *Game of Thrones* and *SSE* Lead in Broadcast and Commercial Wins

Zoe Saldana, Jason Clarke, Djimon Hounsou, Clark Gregg and Patton Oswalt Join Overflow Crowd of VFX Artists, Innovators and Industry VIPs

Los Angeles (February 4, 2015) – Today, the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry’s global professional honorary society, held the 13th Annual VES Awards, the prestigious yearly celebration that recognizes outstanding visual effects artistry and innovation in film, animation, television, commercials, video games and special venues. Comedian Patton Oswalt served as host to the more than 1000 guests gathered at the Beverly Hilton to celebrate VFX talent in 23 awards categories. *Big Hero 6* was the big winner of the evening garnering five awards. The teams from *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes* (feature film), *Game of Thrones* (broadcast) and *SSE* (commercial) led the wins in their respective categories, taking home three awards each.

Zoe Saldana made a crowd-pleasing presentation to her *Star Trek: Into Darkness* director, award-winning writer-director-producer J.J. Abrams, recipient of the VES Visionary Award. Awards presenters included Jason Clarke, Djimon Hounsou, Clark Gregg, *How to Train Your Dragon 2* director Dean DeBlois, Alyssa Sutherland, Jamie Chung, Karine Vanasse and Scott Adsit.

Winners of the 13th Annual VES Awards are as follows:

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes

Joe Letteri
Ryan Stafford
Matt Kutcher
Dan Lemmon
Hannah Bianchini

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Birdman

Ara Khanikian
Ivy Agregan
Jake Braver
Isabelle Langlois

13th Annual VES Awards Winners

Outstanding Animation in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Big Hero 6

Don Hall
Chris Williams
Roy Conli
Zach Parrish

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Photoreal/Live Action Broadcast Program

Game of Thrones; The Children

Joe Bauer
Steve Kullback
Stuart Brisdon
Thomas Schelesny
Sven Martin

Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Photoreal/Live Action Broadcast Program

American Horror Story; Freak Show; Edward Mordrake, Part 2

Jason Piccioni
Jason Spratt
Mike Kirylo
Justin Ball
Eric Roberts

Outstanding Real-Time Visuals in a Video Game

Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare

Yi-chao Sandy Lin-Chiang
Joseph Salud
Demetrius Leal
Dave Blizzard

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Commercial

SSE; Maya

Neil Davies
Alex Hammond
Jorge Montiel
Beth Vander

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project

Ratatouille: L'Aventure Totale de Remy

Tony Apodaca
Marianne McLean
Gilles Martin
Edwin Chang
Mark Mine

Outstanding Performance of an Animated Character in a Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes; Caesar

Paul Story
Eteuati Tema
Andrea Merlo
Emiliano Padovani

Outstanding Performance of an Animated Character in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Big Hero 6; Baymax

Colin Eckart
John Kahwaty
Zach Parrish
Zack Petroc

Outstanding Performance of an Animated Character in a Commercial, Broadcast Program, or Video Game

SSE; Maya

Jorge Montiel
Alex Hammond
Daniel Kmet
Philippe Moine

Outstanding Created Environment in a Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Interstellar; Tesseract

Tom Bracht
Graham Page
Thomas Døhlen
Kirsty Clark

Outstanding Created Environment in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Big Hero 6; Into the Portal

Ralf Habel
David Hutchins
Michael Kaschalk
Olun Riley

Outstanding Created Environment in a Commercial, Broadcast Program, or Video Game

Game of Thrones; Braavos Establisher

Rene Borst
Christian Zilliken
Jan Burda
Steffen Metzner

13th Annual VES Awards Winners

Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in a Photoreal/Live Action Motion Media Project

X-Men: Days of Future Past; Kitchen Scene

Austin Bonang
Casey Schatz
Dennis Jones
Newton Thomas Sigel

Outstanding Models in any Motion Media Project

Big Hero 6; City of San Fransokyo

Brett Achorn
Minh Duong
Scott Watanabe
Larry Wu

Outstanding Effects Simulations in a Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture

X-Men: Days of Future Past; Quicksilver Pentagon Kitchen

Adam Paschke
Premamurti Paetsch
Sam Hancock
Timmy Lundin

Outstanding Effects Simulations in an Animated Feature Motion Picture

Big Hero 6

Henrik Falt
David Hutchins
Michael Kaschalk
John Kosnik

Outstanding Effects Simulations in a Commercial, Broadcast Program, or Video Game

Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey

Dominique Vidal
Isabelle Perin-Leduc
Sandrine Lurde
Alexandre Lerouge

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal/Live Action Feature Motion Picture

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes

Christoph Salzmann
Florian Schroeder
Quentin Hema
Simone Riginelli

13th Annual VES Awards Winners

Outstanding Compositing in a Photoreal/Live Action Broadcast Program

Game of Thrones; The Watchers on the Wall

Dan Breckwoldt
Martin Furman
Sophie Marfleet
Eric Andrusyszyn

Outstanding Compositing in a in a Photoreal/Live Action Commercial

SSE

Neil Davies
Leonardo Costa
Gianluca DiMarco

Outstanding Visual Effects in a Student Project

Wrapped

Roman Kaelin
Falko Paeper
Florian Wittmann
Paolo Tamburrino

About the Visual Effects Society

The Visual Effects Society is a professional honorary society dedicated to advancing the arts, sciences and applications of visual effects and to upholding the highest standards and procedures for the visual effects profession. It is the entertainment industry's only official organization representing the extended global community of visual effects practitioners, including supervisors, artists, producers, technology developers, educators and studio executives. VES' almost 3,000 members in 30+ countries worldwide contribute to all areas of entertainment – film, television, commercials, animation, music videos, games and new media. To learn more about the VES, visit www.visualeffectssociety.com.

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