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**Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for 22nd Annual VES Awards**  
***THE CREATOR* Leads Feature Film Field; *SPIDER-MAN: ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE* is Top Animated Contender; *THE LAST OF US* Leads the Episodic Field**

**Los Angeles (January 16, 2024)** – Today, the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry’s professional global honorary society, announced the nominees for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual VES Awards, the prestigious yearly celebration that recognizes outstanding visual effects artistry and innovation in features, animation, television, commercials and video games and the VFX Supervisors, VFX Producers and hands-on Artists who bring this work to life. Awards will be presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual VES Awards on February 21, 2024 at The Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles. (X tags: @VFXSociety #VES Awards)

***THE CREATOR*** leads the feature film field with seven nominations. ***SPIDER-MAN: ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE*** is the top animated contender with seven nominations. ***THE LAST OF US*** leads the episodic field with six nominations.

Nominees in 25 categories were selected by VES members at 39 in-person and virtual nomination events conducted worldwide over a 36-hour continuous process. The distinctive and thoughtful VES Awards nominations protocol included a review of each awards submission including “Befores and Afters” by a minimum of three different judging panels. Participating VES members on the panels represented 25 countries, highlighting the full breadth of the Society’s diverse global membership.

“The artistry, ingenuity and passion of visual effects practitioners around the world have come together to create remarkable imagery,” said Kim Davidson, newly elected VES Chair. “We are seeing best in class work that elevates the art of storytelling and exemplifies the spirit of innovation. The VES Awards is the only venue that showcases and honors these outstanding artists across a wide range of disciplines, and we are extremely proud of our nominees.”

“Autodesk is thrilled to once again sponsor the Visual Effects Society Student Award, honoring bright and innovative upcoming filmmakers and artists,” said Leona Frank, Director, Media & Entertainment Marketing, Autodesk. “Year after year, we are amazed by these talented young minds’ boundless creativity and technical prowess. The submissions for this year’s award have left us in awe, showcasing an exceptional level of imagination, craftsmanship, and skill. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of this year’s deserving student nominees.”

**The nominees for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual VES Awards in 25 categories are as follow:**

**OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE**

**Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves**

Ben Snow  
Diana Giorgiutti  
Khalid Almeerani  
Scott Benza  
Sam Conway

**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3**

Stephane Ceretti  
Susan Pickett  
Alexis Wajsbrodt  
Guy Williams  
Dan Sudick

**Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny**

Andrew Whitehurst  
Kathy Siegel  
Robert Weaver  
Julian Hutchens  
Alistair Williams

**Oppenheimer**

Andrew Jackson  
Mike Chambers, VES  
Giacomo Mineo  
Dave Drzewiecki  
Scot Fisher

**The Creator**

Jay Cooper  
Julian Levi  
Ian Comley  
Charmaine Chan  
Neil Corbould, VES

**OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE**

**John Wick: Chapter 4**

Janelle Croshaw Ralla  
Reina Sparks  
Jonathan Rothbart  
Javier Roca  
Gerd Nefzer

**Killers of the Flower Moon**

Pablo Helman  
Brian Barlettani  
Sam Bassett  
Brandon Keys McLaughlin

**Napoleon**

Charley Henley  
Sarah Tulloch  
Luc-Ewen Martin-Fenouillet  
Simone Coco  
Neil Corbould, VES

**Nyad**

Jake Braver  
Fiona Campbell Westgate  
R. Christopher White  
Mohsen Mousavi

**Society of the Snow**

Félix Bergés  
Micaela Gagliano  
Laura Pedro  
Ezequiel Larrú  
Pau Costa

**OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE**

**Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget**

Jon Biggins  
Jim Lewis  
Charles Copping  
Matthew Perry

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**Elemental**

Peter Sohn  
Denise Ream  
Sanjay Bakshi  
Stephen Marshall

**Nimona**

Archie Donato  
Yancy Lindquist  
Theodore Ty  
Anthony Kemp

**Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse**

Alan Hawkins  
Christian Hejnal  
Michael Lasker  
Matt Hausman

**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem**

Matthieu Rouxel  
Marie Balland  
Jacques Daigle  
Vincent Leroy

**OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL EPISODE**

**Ahsoka; Season 1; Dreams and Madness**

Richard Bluff  
Jakris Smittant  
Paul Kavanagh  
Enrico Damm  
Scott Fisher

**Loki; Season 2; Glorious Purpose**

Christopher Townsend  
Allison Paul  
Matthew Twyford  
Christopher Smallfield  
John William Van Der Pool

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**Monarch: Legacy of Monsters**

Sean Konrad  
Jessica Smith  
Jed Glassford  
Khalid Almeerani  
Paul Benjamin

**The Last of Us; Season 1; Infected**

Alex Wang  
Sean Nowlan  
Stephen James  
Simon Jung  
Joel Whist

**The Mandalorian; Season 3; The Return**

Grady Cofer  
Abbigail Keller  
Victor Schutz IV  
Cameron Neilson  
Scott Fisher

**OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL EPISODE**

**A Murder at The End of the World; Season 1; Crypt**

Aaron Raff  
Tavis Larkham  
Douglas Stichbury  
Mat Ellin

**Citadel; Season 1; Secrets in Night Need Early Rains**

Wesley Froud  
Scott Shapiro  
Aladino Debert  
Greg Teegarden

**Ted Lasso: Season 3; Mom City**

Gretchen Bangs  
Bill Parker  
Lenny Wilson

**The Crown; Season 6; Dis-Moi Oui**

Ben Turner  
Reece Ewing  
Oliver Bersey  
Joe Cork

**Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty; Season 2; BEAT LA**

Raymond McIntyre Jr.  
Victor DiMichina  
Javier Menéndez Platas  
Damien Stantina

**OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A REAL-TIME PROJECT**

**Alan Wake 2**

Janne Pulkkinen  
Johannes Richter  
Daniel Kończyk  
Damian Olechowski

**Cyberpunk 2077: Phantom Liberty**

Jakub Knapik  
Paweł Mielniczuk  
Maciej Włodarkiewicz  
Kacper Niepokólczycki

**Immortals of Aveum**

Joseph Hall  
Kevin Boyle  
Dave Bogan  
Julia Lichtblau

**Marvel's Spider-Man 2**

Jacinda Chew  
Jeannette Lee  
Bryanna Lindsey  
Alan Weider

**Mortal Kombat 1**

Christopher Chapman  
Scott Quinn  
James DeSousa  
Jeff Palmer  
Matt Gilmore

**OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A COMMERCIAL**

**Accenture; Changing Tree**

Simon French  
Vic Lovejoy  
David Filipe  
Matteo La Motta

**Apple; Air Pods Pro; Quiet The Noise**

Iain Murray  
Oscar Wendt  
Dean Robinson  
Sergio Morales Paz

**Coca-Cola; Masterpiece**

Ryan Knowles  
Antonia Vlasto  
Gregory McKneally  
Dan Yargici

**Jean Paul Gaultier; Divine Perfume**

Stéphane Pivron  
Cécile Hubin  
Guillaume Dadaglio  
Mathias Barday

**Virgin Media; Goat Glider**

Ben Cronin  
George Reid  
Sam Driscoll  
Christian Baker

**OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A SPECIAL VENUE PROJECT**

**Hypersphere 360; SeaWorld Abu Dhabi**

Daren Ulmer  
Cedar Connor  
Lindsey Sprague  
Ryan Kravetz

**Postcard From Earth**

Aruna Inversin  
Eric Wilson  
Corey Turner  
Bill George

**Rembrandt Immersive Artwork**

Andrew McNamara  
Sebastian Read  
Andrew Kinnear  
Sam Matthews

**The Marvels: Goose the Flerken Cat**

Tim Kafka  
Mari Suarez  
Toya Drechsler  
Sebastian Niño Florez

**Zootopia: Hot Pursuit**

Blaine Kennison  
Jeanne Angel  
Darin Hollings  
Aaron Arendt

**OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE**

**Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom; Topo the Octopus**

Thomas Ward  
Andrew Butler  
Felix Slinger-Thompson  
Jacob Burstein

**Godzilla Minus One; Godzilla**

Kosuke Taguchi  
Takashi Yamazaki

**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3; Rocket**

Nathan McConnel  
Andrea De Martis  
Antony Magdalinidis  
Rachel Williams

**Wonka; Oompa Loompa**

Dale Newton  
Kunal Ayer  
Valentina Ercolani  
Gabor Foner



**OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE**

**Elemental; Ember**

Gwendelyn Enderoglu  
Jared Fong  
Jonathan Hoffman  
Patrick Witting

**Elemental; Wade**

Max Gilbert  
Jacob Kuenzel  
Dave Strick  
Benjamin Su

**Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse; Spot**

Christopher Mangnall  
Craig Feifarek  
Humberto Rosa  
Nideep Varghese

**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem; Superfly**

Gregory Coelho  
Anne-Claire Leroux  
Simon Cuisinier  
Olivier Pierre

**OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN AN EPISODE, COMMERCIAL, GAME CINEMATIC OR REAL-TIME PROJECT**

**Diablo IV; Inarius and Lilith Cinematic; Lilith**

Matt Onheiber  
Jason Huang  
Maia Neubig

**Shadow and Bone; Season 2; No Funerals; Nichevo'ya the Shadow Monster**

José María del Fresno  
Matthieu Poirey  
Carlos Puigdollers  
Guillermo Ramos

**The Last of Us; Endure & Survive; Bloater**

Gino Acevedo  
Max Telfer  
Pascal Raimbault  
Fabio Leporelli

**The Nevers; It's a Good Day; Robot Dog**

Christian Leitner  
Bernd Nalbach  
Sebastian Plank  
Martin Wellstein

**Virgin Media; Goat Glider; The Goat**

Sam Driscoll  
Kanishk Chouhan  
Suvi Jokiniemi  
Chloe Dawe

**OUTSTANDING CREATED ENVIRONMENT IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE**

**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3; Knowhere**

Omar Alejandro Lavrador Ibanez  
Fabien Julvecourt  
Klaudio Ladavac  
Benjamin Patterson

**Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny; Underwater Wreck Environment**

Johan Gabrielsson  
Adrian Tsang  
Stefan Andersson  
Martin Eneroth

**John Wick: Chapter 4; Place de L'Étoile**

Manuel Gaudreau  
Fabrice Vienne  
Vignesh Ravi  
Laurent Makowski

**The Creator; Floating Village**

John Seru  
Guy Williams  
Vincent Techer  
Timothée Maron

**OUTSTANDING CREATED ENVIRONMENT IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE**

**Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget; Chicken Island**

Charles Copping  
Matthew Perry  
Jim Lewis  
Jon Biggins

**Elemental; Element City**

Chris Bernardi  
Brandon Montell  
David Shavers  
Ting Zhang

**Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse; Mumbattan City**

Taehyun Park  
YJ Lee  
Pepe Orozco  
Kelly Han

**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem; Midtown Manhattan**

Olivier Mitonneau  
Eddy Frechou  
Guillaume Chevet  
Arnaud Philippe-Giroux

**OUTSTANDING CREATED ENVIRONMENT IN AN EPISODE, COMMERCIAL, GAME CINEMATIC OR REAL-TIME PROJECT**

**Loki; Season 2: 1983; World's Fair White City**

Christian Waite  
Ben Aickin  
Francesco Ferraresi  
Pieter Warmington

**Star Trek: Strange New Worlds; The Broken Circle**

Nathaniel Larouche  
Owen Deveney  
Mujia Liao  
Alex Morin

**The Last Of Us; Look for the Light; Salt Lake City**

Pascal Raimbault  
Nick Cattell  
Jasper Hayward  
Kristine -Joeann Jasper

**The Last of Us: Post-Outbreak Boston**

Melaina Mace  
Adrien Lambert  
Juan Carlos Barquet  
Christopher Anciaume

**OUTSTANDING VIRTUAL CINEMATOGRAPHY IN A CG PROJECT**

**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3**

Joanna Davison  
Cheyana Wilkinson  
Michael Cozens  
Jason Desjarlais

**Migration**

Guylo Homsy  
Damien Bapst  
Antoine Collet  
David Dangin

**Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse**

Rich Turner  
Randolph Lizarda  
Daniela Campos Little  
Thomas Campos

**The Creator**

Roel Coucke  
Christopher Potter  
Amanda Johnstone-Batt  
Jeremy Bloch

**OUTSTANDING MODEL IN A PHOTOREAL OR ANIMATED PROJECT**

**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3; The Arête**

Kenneth Johansson  
Jason Galeon  
Tim Civil  
Artur Vil

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**Peter Pan & Wendy; Jolly Roger**

Patrick Comtois  
Thomas Gallardo  
Harrison Stark  
David Thibodeau

**Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse; Spider HQ**

Dongick David Sheen  
Mark JeongWoong Lee  
Mikaela Bantog  
René Völker

**The Creator; Nomad**

Oliver Kane  
Mat Monro  
Florence Green  
Serban Ungureanu

**OUTSTANDING EFFECTS SIMULATIONS IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE**

**Napoleon**

Koen Hofmeester  
Gianmichele Mariani  
Clair Bellens  
Hernan Llano Duque

**Nyad; Stormy Waters**

Korbinian Meier  
Sindy Saalfeld  
David Michielsen  
Andreas Vrhovsek

**The Creator**

Ludovic Ramisandraina  
Raul Essig  
Mathieu Chardonnet  
Lewis Taylor

**The Nun 2**

Laurent Creusot  
Sebastien Podsiadlo  
Michael Moercant  
Benjamin Saurine

**OUTSTANDING EFFECTS SIMULATIONS IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE**

**Elemental**

Kristopher Campbell  
Greg Gladstone  
Jon Reisch  
Kylie Wijsmuller

**Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse**

Pav Grochola  
Filippo Maccari  
Naoki Kato  
Nicola Finizio

**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem**

Louis Marsaud  
Paul-Etienne Bourde  
Serge Martin  
Marine Pommereul

**The Super Mario Bros. Movie**

Simon Pate  
Christophe Vazquez  
Milo Riccarand

**OUTSTANDING EFFECTS SIMULATIONS IN AN EPISODE, COMMERCIAL, GAME CINEMATIC OR REAL-TIME PROJECT**

**Citadel; Secrets in Night Need Early Rains; Ocean Water**

James Reid  
Mathew Rotman  
Filipp Elizarov  
Nardeep Chander

**Invasion; Season 2; A Voice from the Other Side**

Zybrand Jacobs  
Alex Marlow  
Tim Jenkinson  
Tobias Grønbeck Andersen

**Loki; Season 2; Science/Fiction; Spaghettification**

Rafael Camacho  
Jonathan Lyddon-Towl  
Julien Legay  
Benedikt Roettger

**The Mandalorian; Season 3; Lake Monster Attack Water**

Travis Harkleroad  
Florian Wietzel  
Rick Hankins  
Aron Bonar

**Willow; Children of the Wyrms; Crone Duststorm and Magical Effects**

Michael Cashmore  
Robert Zeltsch  
Jiyong Shin  
Audun Ase

**OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING & LIGHTING IN A FEATURE**

**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3**

Indah Maretha  
Beck Veitch  
Nathan Abbot  
Steve McGillen

**John Wick: Chapter 4; Apartment Massacre Videogame Style**

Javier Roca  
Julien Forest  
Thomas Bourdis  
Dominik Kirouac

**Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse**

Bret St.Clair  
Kieron Cheuk-Chi Lo  
Kelly Christophers  
Rowan Young

**The Creator; Bar**

Phil Prates  
Min Kim  
Nisarg Suthar  
Toshiko Miura

**The Creator; Spaceships**

Ben O'Brien  
Juan Espigares Enriquez  
Wesley Roberts  
Hayes Brien

**OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING & LIGHTING IN AN EPISODE**

**The Last of Us; Endure and Survive; Infected Horde Battle**

Matthew Lumb  
Ben Roberts  
Ben Campbell  
Quentin Hema

**The Last of Us; Infected; Boston**

Casey Gorton  
Francesco Dell'Anna  
Vaclav Kubant  
Natalia Valbuena

**The Mandalorian; Season 3; The Return**

Sam Wirch  
Tory Mercer  
Donny Rausch  
Erich Ippen

**Willow; Children of the Wyrn**

Jeremy Sawyer  
Steve Hardy  
Martin Tardif  
Miguel Macaya Ten

**OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING & LIGHTING IN A COMMERCIAL**

**Accenture; Changing Tree**

David Filipe  
Matteo La Motta  
Jordan Dunstall  
Taran Spear

**Coca-Cola; Masterpiece**

Ryan Knowles  
Greg Mckneally  
Taran Spear  
Jordan Dunstall

**Smirnoff; Cocktail**

Vittorio Barabani  
Peter Hodsman  
Giacomo Verri  
Marc Greyvenstein



**Starfield**

Jimmy Bullard  
Ajit Menon  
Ruairi Twohig  
Karim Moussa

**OUTSTANDING SPECIAL (PRACTICAL) EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL PROJECT**

**I'm a Virgo**

John McLeod  
Scott Kirvan  
Alec Gillis  
Carl Miller

**Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One**

Neil Corbould, VES  
Ray Ferguson  
Keith Dawson  
Chris Motjuoadi

**Oppenheimer**

Scott Fisher  
James Rollins  
Mario Vanillo

**Society of the Snow**

Pau Costa  
Carlos Laguna  
Guillermo F. Aldunate  
Eloy Cervera

**EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AWARD**

**Blue Beetle; Machine Learning Cloth**

JohnMark Gibbons  
Allen Ruilova  
Momme Carl  
David Minor

**Elemental; Volumetric Neural Style Transfer**

Vinicius C. Azevedo  
Byungsoo Kim  
Raphael Ortiz  
Paul Kanyuk

**The Flash; Volumetric Capture**

Stephan Trojansky  
Thomas Ganshorn  
Oliver Pilarski  
Lukas Lepicovsky

**Wish; Dynamic Screen Space Textures for Coherent Stylization**

Brent Burley  
Daniel Teece  
Brian J. Green

**OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A STUDENT PROJECT (AWARD SPONSORED BY AUTODESK)**

**Au 8ème Jour**

Flavie Carin  
Agathe Sénéchal  
Alicia Massez  
Elise Debruyne

**L'Animal Sauce Ail**

Aurélien Duchez  
Ysaline Debut  
Diane Mazella  
Camille Rostan

**Loup y es-tu ?**

Céline Lebon  
Louise Laurent  
Emma Fessart  
Annouck François

**Silhouette**

Alexis Lafuente  
Antoni Nicolai  
Chloé Stricher  
Elliot Dreuille

**About the Visual Effects Society**

The Visual Effects Society is a professional global 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' nearly 5,000 members in 45 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.vesglobal.org](http://www.vesglobal.org) and follow us on Twitter @VFX Society. Read our award-winning signature publication *VFX Voice* at [www.vfxvoice.com](http://www.vfxvoice.com).

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