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## 'King' Rings Up VES Noms

The Visual Effects Society on Wednesday announced its nominations for the 2004 VES Awards.

Among the 19 categories, both New Line's *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* and Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* received eight nods, while *The Hulk* received three nominations. Television shows, music videos, commercials and actors are also honored in award categories.

Founded in 1997, the VES is made up of roughly 900 professional visual effects artists and technologists working in the effects industry.

Members of the VES will vote on Feb. 7, with winners announced at the second annual VES Awards ceremony on Feb. 18, at the Hollywood Palladium. During the awards ceremony, the Visual Effects Society will present George Lucas with the org's first Lifetime Achievement Award.

And the nominees are...

*Visual Effects in a Visual Effects Driven Motion Picture:*

**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King**

Jim Rygiel, Dean Wright, Joe Letteri, Randall William Cook

**The Matrix Revolutions**

John Gaeta, Kim Libreri, George Murphy, Craig Hayes

**Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**

John Knoll, Patrick Myers, Hal Hickel, Jill Brooks

*Supporting Visual Effects in a Motion Picture:*

**Bad Boys 2**

Carey Villegas, Rob Legato, David Taritero, Layne Friedman

**Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World**

Stefen Fangmeier, Robert Stromberg, Nathan McGuinness, Brooke Breton

**The Last Samurai**

Jeffrey A. Okun, Thomas Boland, Bill Mesa, Ray McIntyre, Jr.

*Visual Effects in a Television Miniseries, Movie or a Special:*

**Battlestar Galactica**

Gary Hutzel, Kristen L. Branan, Emile E. Smith, Lee Stringer

**Dinosaur Planet**

Sebastien Dostie

**Frank Herbert's Children of Dune: Night 1**

Ernest Farino, Tim McHugh, Chris Q. Zapara, Glenn A. Campbell

**Helen of Troy**

Sam Nicholson, Adam Ealovega, Joshua Hatton, Tim Donahue

*Visual Effects in a Television Series:*

**Buffy The Vampire Slayer, Season 7, Episode #22**

Loni Peristere, Patti Gannon, Ronald Thornton, Chris Zapara



**Carnivale**, Episode #1.01

David T. Altenau, Ariel V. Shaw, Thomas L. Bellissimo, Barbara J. Marshall

**ER #176008**

Sam Nicholson, Kyle J. Healey, Eric Grenaudier, Anthony Ocampo

**Sea Monsters “A Walking with Dinosaurs Special”**

Max Tyrie, Tim Greenwood, Darren Byford, Mike Milne

*Visual Effects in a Commercial:*

**Johnnie Walker “Fish”**

Murray Butler, William Bartlett, Jake Mengers, Helen Mackenzie

**Nike “Gamebreaker”**

Eric Barba, Richard Morton, Walt Hyneman, Dave Stern

**Nike “Speed Chain”**

Eric Barba, Greg Teegarden, Dave Stern, Jay Barton

*Visual Effects in a Music Video:*

**Outkast “Hey Ya”**

Elad Offer

**Pass That Dutch**

Jonathan Keeton, Aladino Debert, Andy McKenna, Scott Rader

*Single Visual Effect of the Year in any Medium:*

**The Hulk**

Dennis Muren, Scott Benza, Michael DiComo, Wilson Tang

**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King**

Jim Rygiel, Dean Wright, Joe Letteri, Randall William Cook

**The Matrix Reloaded “Trailer Top Crash”**

John Gaeta, Dan Glass, Adrian de Wett, Greg Juby

*Character Animation in a Live Action Motion Picture:*

**The Hulk**

Scott Benza, Jami Wheless, Kevin Martel, Aaron Ferguson

**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King**

Steven Hornby, Andy Serkis, Matthias Menz, Greg Butler

**Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**

Susan Campbell, James Tooley, Geoff Campbell, Dugan Beach

*Character Animation in an Animated Motion Picture:*

**Finding Nemo “Inside the Whale”**

Dave DeVan, Gini Santos

**Finding Nemo “Speaking Whale”**

Andrew Gordon, Brett Coderre



*Special Effects in Service to Visual Effects in a Motion Picture:*

**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King**

Scott Harens, Chuck Schuman, Sven Harens

**Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**

Geoff Heron, Robert Clot, Jason Brackett, John McLeod

*Special Effects in Service to Visual Effects in a Televised Program, Music Video or Commercial:*

**Carnivale**, Episode #4 “Dust Storm”

Thomas L Bellissimo

**Carnivale** “Pilot”

Thomas L. Bellissimo, Charles Belardinelli

*Matte Painting in a Motion Picture:*

**The Hulk**

Brett Northcutt, Joshua Ong

**Peter Pan**

Yusei Uesugi, Giles Hancock

**Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**

Yanick Dusseault, Susumu Yukuhiro, Jonathan Harb

*Matte Painting in a Televised Program, Music Video or Commercial:*

**Dinosaur Planet**

Arnaud Brisebois, Philippe Roberge, Sean Samuels

**NCIS #001** “Yankee White”

Steven J. Rogers

**Smallville** “Insurgence”

Eli Jarra, Joseph Brattesani, Brian Bell

*Models and Miniatures in a Motion Picture:*

**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King**

Richard Taylor, Paul Van Ommen, Eric Saindon

**Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl “Captain Barbossa”**

Geoff Campbell, James Tooley, Steve Walton, Dugan Beach

**Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl “The Interceptor”**

Charlie Bailey, Peter Bailey, Robert Edwards, Don Bies

*Models and Miniatures in a Televised Program, Music Video or Commercial:*

**Battlestar Galactica**

Lee Stringer, Jose Perez, Gabriel Koerner, Mike Enriquez

**Helen of Troy**

Anthony Ocampo



*Visual Effects Photography in a Motion Picture:*

**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King**

Alex Funke, Rob Kerr, Henk Prins

**The Matrix Reloaded** “U-Cap Facial Photography”

Kim Libreri, George Borshukov, Paul Ryan, John Gaeta

**Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**

Carl Miller, Mike Conte, Tami Carter

**Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines**

Pat Sweeney, Mike Bienstock, Grady Cofer, John Hansen

*Compositing in a Motion Picture:*

**The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen**

George Macri, Mike Hardison, Patrick Murphy, Dan Trezise

**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King**

Moritz Glaesle, Mark Lewis, Kara Vandeleur

**Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** “Storm”

Philip R. Brennan

*Compositing in a Televised Program, Music Video or Commercial:*

**Angels in America**

Stefano Trivelli

**Battlestar Galactica**

Patti Gannon, Chris Jones, Sean Apple, Jarrod Davis

**Smallville** “Accelerate”

Mat Beck, Eli Jarra, Ivan DeWolf, Brian Harding

*Performance by a Male or Female Actor in an Effects Film:*

**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King**

Sean Astin

**Peter Pan**

Ludivine Sagnier

**Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**

Keira Knightley

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