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**Visual Effects Society Announces Nominees for 20th Annual VES Awards
*Dune Leads the Feature Film Field; Encanto is the Top Animated Contender;
Loki Leads the Broadcast Field***

Los Angeles (January 18, 2022) – Today, the Visual Effects Society (VES), the industry’s professional global honorary society, announced the nominees for the 20th Annual VES Awards, the prestigious yearly celebration that recognizes outstanding visual effects artistry and innovation in film, animation, television, commercials and video games and the VFX supervisors, VFX producers and hands-on artists who bring this work to life. This marks the Society’s 20th VES Awards program, and is being celebrated during the organization’s milestone 25th Anniversary.

DUNE leads the feature film field with six nominations. *ENCANTO* is the top animated contender, also with six nominations. *LOKI* leads the broadcast field with four nominations. Nominees in 25 categories were selected by VES members at 27 virtual nomination events conducted across the globe. Awards will be presented at the 20th Annual VES Awards. Note: due to the ongoing pandemic, VES is still considering the format and timing for this year’s show; more information is forthcoming.

"As we celebrate the Society's 25th Anniversary and 20th Annual VES Awards, we're honored to keep shining a light on remarkable visual effects artistry and innovation," said Lisa Cooke, VES Chair. "In all of our nominees, we see best-in-class work that elevates the art of storytelling and exemplifies the spirit of adaptation and ingenuity -- talents that have kept audiences engaged and uplifted, now, more than ever. The VES Awards is the only venue that showcases and honors these outstanding global artists across a wide range of disciplines, and we are extremely proud of all our nominees!"

"Autodesk is proud to sponsor the Visual Effects Society Student Award again this year, celebrating the next generation of groundbreaking filmmakers and artists," said Jocelyn Moffatt, Industry Marketing Manager, Media & Entertainment, Autodesk. "Each year, I'm excited to see how young creatives are pushing the envelope. The level of creativity, imagination and technical skill shown by all of this year's submissions is truly remarkable. Autodesk extends a big congratulations to this year's student nominees."

The nominees for the 20th Annual VES Awards in 25 categories are as follow:

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE

Dune

Paul Lambert
Brice Parker
Tristan Myles
Brian Connor
Gerd Nefzer

Godzilla vs. Kong

John "D.J." Des Jardin
Tamara Kent
Bryan Hirota
Kevin Smith
Mike Meinardus

The Matrix Resurrections

Dan Glass
Nina Fallon
Tom Debenham
Huw J Evans
James Schwalm

No Time To Die

Charlie Noble
Mara Bryan
Joel Green
Jonathan Fawkner
Chris Corbould

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings

Christopher Townsend
Damien Carr
Joe Farrell
Sean Walker
Dan Oliver

Spider-Man: No Way Home

Kelly Port
Julia Neighly
Chris Waegner
Scott Edelstein
Dan Sudick

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE

Candyman

Andrew Zink
James McQuaide
Josh Simmonds
Drew Dir
Ryan Evans

Last Night in Soho

Tom Proctor
Gavin Gregory
Julian Gnass
Fabricio Baessa

Nightmare Alley

Dennis Berardi
Ryan MacDuff
Mark Hammond
David Roby
Geoff Hill

The Last Duel

Gary Brozenich
Helen Judd
Jessica Norman
Yann Blondel
Stefano Pepin

The Tragedy of Macbeth

Alex Lemke
Michael Huber
Michael Ralla
Benedikt Laubenthal

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE

Encanto

Scott Kersavage
Bradford Simonsen
Thaddeus P. Miller
Ian Gooding

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Luca

Enrico Casarosa
Andrea Warren
David Ryu
Jon Reisch

Raya and the Last Dragon

Kyle Odermatt
Osnat Shurer
Kelsey Hurley
Paul Felix

Sing 2

Patrick Delage
Nathalie Vancauwenberghe
Christophe Lourdelet
Boris Jacq

The Mitchells vs. The Machines

Alan Hawkins
Carey A. Smith
Mike Lasker
Nicola Lavender

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL EPISODE

Foundation; The Emperor's Peace

Chris MacLean
Addie Manis
Mike Enriquez
Chris Keller
Paul Byrne

Loki; Journey Into Mystery

Dan DeLeeuw
Allison Paul
Sandra Balej
David Seager

Lost in Space; Trust

Jabbar Raisani
Terron Pratt
Juri Stanossek
Niklas Jacobson
Paul Benjamin

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The Nevers; Ignition

Johnny Han
Jack Geist
Justin Mitchell
Emanuel Fuchs
Michael Dawson

The Stand

Jake Braver
Phillip Hoffman
Laurent Hugueniot
Vincent Papaix

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL EPISODE

9-1-1 Lone Star; Hold the Line

Brigitte Bourque
Tyler Deck
Jason Gottlieb
Josephine Noh
Elia Popov

See; Rock-A-Bye

Chris Wright
Parker Chehak
Javier Roca
Tristan Zerafa
Tony Kenny

Squid Game; VIPS

Jaihoon Jung
Hyejin Kim
Hyungrok Kim
Sungman Jun

Sweet Tooth; Sorry About All the Dead People

Rob Price
Danica Tsang
Matt Bramante
Jayme Vandusen

The Handmaid's Tale; Chicago

Brendan Taylor
Stephen Lebed
Kayla Cabral
Brannek Gaudet

The Mysterious Benedict Society; A Bunch of Smart Orphans

Philippe Thibault
Marie-Pierre Boucher
Alexis Belanger
Gabriel Beauvais

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A REAL-TIME PROJECT

Battlefield 2042

Anders Egleus
Jeremy Chubb
Gray Horsfield
Sean Ellis

Call of Duty: Vanguard

Sandy Lin-Chiang
Joseph Knox
Gareth Richards
Shane Daley

Forza Horizon 5

Don Arceta
Valentyn Minytskyi
Conar Cross
George Ilenei

Ratchet & Clank: Rift Apart

Grant Hollis
Yancy Young
Steven Russell
Sean Applegate

Returnal; Playstation 5

Harry Krueger
Tony Salkovuo
Risto Jankkila
Sharman Jagadeesan

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A COMMERCIAL

Far Cry 6; Chicharrón Run

Niklas Ström
Kajsa Kurtén
Nicklas Andersson
Adrian Tsang

Lego; Rebuild the World

Fabian Frank
Anandi Peiris
Kiril Mirkov
Platon Filimonov

Lexus; Parking Spot

Alex Thomas
Andrew McLintock
JD Yepes
Clement Renaudin

Sheba; Hope Reef

Grant Walker
Sophie Harrison
Hernan Llano
Michael Baker

Zillow; The Journey

Ben Kwok
Ashley Goodwin
Oliver Varteressian
Yebin Ahn
Tom Bussell

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A SPECIAL VENUE PROJECT

Hôtel de la Marine

Franck Lambertz
Hugues Allart
Olivier Jarry
Pierre Jury

Jurassic World Adventure

Eugénie von Tunzelmann
Maximilian McNair MacEwan
Stephen Goalby
Brad Silby

OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE

Finch; Jeff

Harinarayan Rajeev
Matthias Schoenegger
Simon Allen
Paul Nelson

Flora & Ulysses; Ulysses

Pierre-Loïc Hamon
Sachin Tyagi
Nandini Nambiar
Loïc Mireault

Jungle Cruise; Aguirre

Alexander Lee
Claus Pedersen
Rasely Ma
Gary Wu

Venom: Let There Be Carnage; Carnage

Richard Spriggs
Ricardo Silva
Lucas Cuenca
Federico Frassinelli

OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE

Encanto; Mirabel Madrigal

Kelly McClanahan
Sergi Caballer
Mary Twohig
Jose Luis "Weecho" Velasquez

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Luca; Luca

Gwendelyn Enderoglu
Laurie Nguyen Kim
Tanja Krampfert
Maria Lee

Raya and the Last Dragon; Tuk Tuk

Brian Menz
Punn Wiantrakoon
Erik Hansen
Vicky YuTzu Lin

The Mitchells vs. The Machines; Katie Mitchell

Lindsey Olivares
Kurt Judson
Soh-I Jeong
Rohini Kumar

OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN AN EPISODE OR REAL-TIME PROJECT

Lisey's Story; The Long Boy

Mohsen Mousavi
Salauddin "Sallu" Kazi
Mattias Brunosson
Pablovsky Ramos-Nieves

Love, Death & Robots; Snow in the Desert; Hiral

Maxime Luere
Zoé Pelegrin-Bomel
Laura Guerreiro
Florent Duport

The Witcher; Leshy Eskel ; Tree Branch Creature

Hannes Faupel
Stéphane Paccolat
Ivan Cadena Ayala
Laurent Fortin

The Witcher; Nivellen the Cursed Man

Marko Chulev
Rasely Ma
Mike Beaulieu
Robin Witzsche

Y: The Last Man; Ampersand

Mike Beaulieu
Michael Dharney
Peter Pi
Aidana Sakhvaliyeva

OUTSTANDING ANIMATED CHARACTER IN A COMMERCIAL

Avanti West Coast; Feel Good Travel; Terri

Tom Raynor
Chloe Dawe
Suvi Jokiniemi
Alex Doyle

Far Cry 6; Chicharrón

Elin Laven
Gustav Ahren
Anton Stattin
Simon Decombel

France Télévision; Sumo

Geoffroy Barbet-Massin
Vincent Venchiarutti
Antoine Antin
Mathias Lachal

ING; Do Your Thing; Roary the Lion

Chris Welsby
Clementine Supiot
Kiril Mirkov
Arnau Gilabert

Smart Energy; Einstein Knows Best; Einstein

Alex Hammond
Harsh Borah
Clare Williams
Andreas Graichen

OUTSTANDING CREATED ENVIRONMENT IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE

Dune; Arrakeen City

Rhys Salcombe
Seungjin Woo
Jeremie Touzery
Marc Austin

Jungle Cruise; Waterfall Canyon

Mark McNicholl
Frédéric Valleur
Hamish Beachman
Mark Wainwright

Spider-Man: No Way Home; The Mirror Dimension

Eric Le Dieu de Ville
Thomas Dotheij
Ryan Olliffe
Claire Le Teuff

The Suicide Squad; Valle Del Marre

Nick Cattell
Jason Desjarlais
Matt Fitzgerald
Jerome Moo

OUTSTANDING CREATED ENVIRONMENT IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE

Encanto; Antonio's Room

Camille Andre
Andrew Finley
Chris Patrick O'Connell
Amol Sathe

Luca; Portorosso Piazza

Airton Dittz, Jr.
Jack Hattori
Michael Rutter
Joshua West

Raya and the Last Dragon; Talon

Mingjue Helen Chen
Chaiwon Kim
Virgilio John Aquino
Diana Jiang LeVangie

Sing 2; Crystal Theater

Ludovic Ramière
Théo Rivoalen
Henri Deruer
Frédéric Mainil

Vivo; Mambo Cabana

Bertrand Bry-Marfaing
Josef Dylan Swift
Geeta Basantani
Jeremy Kim

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

Foundation; Trantor Cityscape

Samuel Simanjuntak
Melaina Mace
Benjamin Ruiz
Alessandro Vastalegna

Hawkeye; Echoes; Manhattan Bridge

Nicholas Hodgson
David Abbott
Nick Cattell
Jin Choi

Hawkeye; Season 1, Episode 6; Rockefeller Center

John O'Connell
Tiffany Yung
Orion Terry
Ho Kyung Ahn

Sheba; Hope Reef

Henrique Campanha
Baptiste Roy
Luca Veronese
Timothee Maron

OUTSTANDING VIRTUAL CINEMATOGRAPHY IN A CG PROJECT

Encanto; We Don't Talk about Bruno

Nathan Detroit Warner
Dorian Bustamante
Tyler Kupferer
Michael Woodside

Godzilla vs. Kong; Ocean Battle

Shawn Hull
Robert Wiese
Steven Tom
Eric Petey

Loki; Lamentis; Race to the Ark

Jesse Lewis-Evans
Luke Avery
Autumn Durald Arkapaw
Scott Inkster

Raya and the Last Dragon

Rob Dressel
Adolph Lusinsky
Paul Felix

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings

Sebastian Trujillo
Louis-Daniel Poulin
Nathan Abbot
Shannon Justison

OUTSTANDING MODEL IN A PHOTOREAL OR ANIMATED PROJECT

Black Widow; The Red Room

Tristan John Connors
Bo Kwon
James Stuart
Ryan Duhaime

Dune; Royal Ornithopter

Marc Austin
Anna Yamazoe
Michael Chang
Rachael Dunk

Encanto; Casita Madrigal

Jonathan Lin
Chris Patrick O'Connell
Christoffer Pedersen
Alberto Abril

The Suicide Squad; Jotunheim

Simon Dean Morley
Cedric Enriquez Canlas
Layne Howe
Alberto R. S. Hernandez

OUTSTANDING EFFECTS SIMULATIONS IN A PHOTOREAL FEATURE

Dune; Dunes of Arrakis

Gero Grimm
Ivan Larinin
Hideki Okano
Zuny An

Godzilla vs. Kong; Ocean Water & Battle Destruction

Jonathan Freisler
Nahuel Alberto Letizia
Eloi Andaluz Fullà
Saysana Rintharamy

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings; Water, Bubbles & Magic

Simone Riginelli
Claude Schitter
Teck Chee Koi
Arthur Graff

The Suicide Squad; Corto Maltese City Destruction

David R. Davies
Rogier Fransen
Sandy Sutherland
Brandon James Fleet

OUTSTANDING EFFECTS SIMULATIONS IN AN ANIMATED FEATURE

Encanto

Francisco Rodriguez
Christopher Hendryx
Brent Burley
David Hutchins

Luca

Amit Baadkar
Greg Gladstone
Emron Grover
Tim Speltz

Raya and the Last Dragon

Le Joyce Tong
Henrik Fält
Rattarin Sirinaruemarn
Jacob Rice

Sing 2

Richard Adenot
Guillaume Gay
Frédéric Valz-Gris
Antoine Brémont

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

Foundation; Collapse of the Galactic Empire

Giovanni Casadei
Mikel Zuloaga
Steven Moor
Louis Manjarres

Loki; Journey Into Mystery; Alioth Cloud

George Kuruvilla
Menno Dijkstra
Matthew Hanger
Jiyong Shin

The Nevers

David Stopford
Michele Stocco
Mike Hsu
Justin Mitchell

WandaVision; Vision's Destruction

Sylvain Nouveau
Hakim Harrouche
Omar Meradi
Laurent Meste

OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING & LIGHTING IN A FEATURE

Black Widow; Red Room Crashing Back to Earth

Michael Melchiorre
Simon Twine
Daniel Harkness
Tim Crowson

Dune; Attack on Arrakeen

Gregory Haas
Francesco Dell'Anna
Abhishek Chaturvedi
Cleve Zhu

Dune; Hologram & Hunter Seeker

Patrick Heinen
Jacob Maymudes
Tj Burke
James Jooyoung Lee

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings; Macau City

Jeremie Maheu
Mathieu Dupuis
Karthic Ramesh
Jiri Kilevnik

Spider-Man: No Way Home; Liberty Island Battle & Christmas Swing Finale

Zac Campbell
Frida Nerdal
Louis Corr
Kelvin Yee

OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING & LIGHTING IN AN EPISODE

Loki; Lamentis; Shuroo City Destruction

Paul Chapman
Tom Truscott
Biagio Figliuzzi
Attila Szalma

The Falcon and the Winter Soldier; New World Order

Nathan Abbot
Beck Veitch
Markus Reithoffer
James Aldous

WandaVision; Goodbye, Vision

David Zaretti
Bimpe Alliu
Michael Duong
Mark Pascoe

WandaVision; The Hex

Charles Labbé
Xavier Fourmond
Reuben Barkataki
Vanessa Delarosbil

OUTSTANDING COMPOSITING & LIGHTING IN A COMMERCIAL

Toyota - Never Stop

Michael Ralla
Alejandro Villabon
Alexander Osvaldsson
Paul Krist

Toyota - Upstream

JD Yepes
Paul Krist
Carlos Adarraga Gomez
Minsang Lee

Verizon; The Reset

David Piombino
Rajesh Kaushik
Manideep Sanisetty
Tim Crean

Zillow; The Journey

Ben Kwok
Yebin Ahn
Robert Bruce
Tuna Unalan

OUTSTANDING SPECIAL (PRACTICAL) EFFECTS IN A PHOTOREAL PROJECT

Eternals

Neil Corbould
Keith Corbould
Ray Ferguson
Chris Motjuoadi

Jungle Cruise

JD Schwalm
Nick Rand
Robert Spurlock
Nick Byrd

The Matrix Resurrections

JD Schwalm
Brendon O'Dell
Michael Kay
Pau Costa Moeller

The Tomorrow War

JD Schwalm
Wayne Rowe
Jim Schwalm
Haukur Karlsson

OUTSTANDING VISUAL EFFECTS IN A STUDENT PROJECT

Green

Camille Poiriez
Arielle Cohen
Eloise Thibaut
Louis Florean

Le Souffleur de Rêves

Lea Desrozier

Paul Denis

Gregoire Hoarau

Lisa Ripper

Neoshin Episode 01: Cold Blood

Sebastian Selg

Ramon Schauer

Jiayan Chen

Bea Hoeller

Relativity

Hugo Astesano

Loïc Ciaux

Guillaume Hulot

Loïc Remy

NOTE: While ticket sales for the VES Awards are typically open by the time we announce the nominations, as stated, due to the ongoing pandemic we are still considering the format and timing for this year's show. Stay tuned for further information.

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' more than 4,000 members in over 40 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 and follow us on Twitter @VFX Society. Read our award-winning signature publication *VFX Voice* at www.vfxvoice.com.