

84th Academy Awards Announced Categories

Best motion picture of the year:

- "The Artist" (The Weinstein Company)
A La Petite Reine/Studio 37/La Classe Américaine/JD Prod/
France3 Cinéma/Jouror Productions/uFilm Production
Thomas Langmann, Producer
- "The Descendants" (Fox Searchlight)
An Ad Hominem Enterprises Production
Jim Burke, Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor, Producers
- "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close" (Warner Bros.)
A Warner Bros. Pictures Production
Scott Rudin, Producer
- "The Help" (Touchstone)
A DreamWorks Pictures Production
Brunson Green, Chris Columbus and Michael Barnathan, Producers
- "Hugo" (Paramount)
A Paramount Pictures and GK Films Production
Graham King and Martin Scorsese, Producers
- "Midnight in Paris" (Sony Pictures Classics)
A Pontchartrain Production
Letty Aronson and Stephen Tenenbaum, Producers
- "Moneyball" (Sony Pictures Releasing)
A Columbia Pictures Production
Michael De Luca, Rachael Horovitz and Brad Pitt, Producers
- "The Tree of Life" (Fox Searchlight)
A River Road Entertainment Production
Nominees to be determined
- "War Horse" (Touchstone)
A DreamWorks Pictures Production
Steven Spielberg and Kathleen Kennedy, Producers

Best animated feature film of the year:

- "A Cat in Paris" (GKIDS)
Alain Gagnol and Jean-Loup Felicioli
- "Chico & Rita" (GKIDS)
Fernando Trueba and Javier Mariscal
- "Kung Fu Panda 2" (DreamWorks Animation, Distributed by Paramount)
Jennifer Yuh Nelson
- "Puss in Boots" (DreamWorks Animation, Distributed by Paramount)
Chris Miller
- "Rango" (Paramount)
Gore Verbinski

Performance by an actor in a leading role:

- Demián Bichir in "A Better Life" (Summit Entertainment)
- George Clooney in "The Descendants" (Fox Searchlight)
- Jean Dujardin in "The Artist" (The Weinstein Company)
- Gary Oldman in "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" (Focus Features)
- Brad Pitt in "Moneyball" (Sony Pictures Releasing)

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Performance by an actor in a supporting role:

Kenneth Branagh in "My Week with Marilyn" (The Weinstein Company)
Jonah Hill in "Moneyball" (Sony Pictures Releasing)
Nick Nolte in "Warrior" (Lionsgate)
Christopher Plummer in "Beginners" (Focus Features)
Max von Sydow in "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close" (Warner Bros.)

Performance by an actress in a leading role:

Glenn Close in "Albert Nobbs" (Roadside Attractions)
Viola Davis in "The Help" (Touchstone)
Rooney Mara in "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" (Sony Pictures Releasing)
Meryl Streep in "The Iron Lady" (The Weinstein Company)
Michelle Williams in "My Week with Marilyn" (The Weinstein Company)

Performance by an actress in a supporting role:

Bérénice Bejo in "The Artist" (The Weinstein Company)
Jessica Chastain in "The Help" (Touchstone)
Melissa McCarthy in "Bridesmaids" (Universal)
Janet McTeer in "Albert Nobbs" (Roadside Attractions)
Octavia Spencer in "The Help" (Touchstone)

Achievement in directing:

"The Artist" (The Weinstein Company), Michel Hazanavicius
"The Descendants" (Fox Searchlight), Alexander Payne
"Hugo" (Paramount), Martin Scorsese
"Midnight in Paris" (Sony Pictures Classics), Woody Allen
"The Tree of Life" (Fox Searchlight), Terrence Malick

Adapted screenplay:

"The Descendants" (Fox Searchlight), Screenplay by Alexander Payne and Nat Faxon & Jim Rash
"Hugo" (Paramount), Screenplay by John Logan
"The Ides of March" (Sony Pictures Releasing), Screenplay by George Clooney & Grant Heslov and Beau Willimon
"Moneyball" (Sony Pictures Releasing), Screenplay by Steven Zaillian and Aaron Sorkin. Story by Stan Chervin
"Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" (Focus Features), Screenplay by Bridget O'Connor & Peter Straughan

Original screenplay:

"The Artist" (The Weinstein Company), Written by Michel Hazanavicius
"Bridesmaids" (Universal), Written by Annie Mumolo & Kristen Wiig
"Margin Call" (Roadside Attractions), Written by J.C. Chandor
"Midnight in Paris" (Sony Pictures Classics), Written by Woody Allen
"A Separation" (Sony Pictures Classics), Written by Asghar Farhadi

Best foreign language film of the year:

"Bullhead"	Belgium
"Footnote"	Israel
"In Darkness"	Poland
"Monsieur Lazhar"	Canada
"A Separation"	Iran