# 87TH ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS®

## OSCAR7 NOMINATIONS FACT SHEET

#### **Best Motion Picture of the Year:**

American Sniper (Warner Bros.) [Produced by Clint Eastwood, Robert Lorenz, Andrew Lazar, Bradley Cooper and Peter Morgan.] - This is the 11th nomination and the fifth in this category for Clint Eastwood. He won Oscars® for Best Picture and Directing in 1992 for *Unforgiven* and in 2004 for *Million Dollar Baby*. His other Best Picture and Directing nominations were for *Mystic River* (2003) and *Letters from Iwo Jima* (2006). He was also nominated for his leading roles in *Unforgiven* and *Million Dollar Baby*. He received the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award in 1994.

This is the third nomination for Robert Lorenz. His previous Best Picture nominations were for *Mystic River* (2003) and *Letters from Iwo Jima* (2006).

This is the first nomination in this category for Bradley Cooper. He is also nominated this year for his leading role in *American Sniper*. He was previously nominated for his leading role in *Silver Linings Playbook* (2012) and his supporting role in *American Hustle* (2013).

This is the first nomination for both Andrew Lazar and Peter Morgan.

Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (Fox Searchlight) [Produced by Alejandro G. Iñárritu, John Lesher and James W. Skotchdopole.] - This is the second nomination in this category for Alejandro G. Iñárritu. He is also nominated this year in the Directing and Original Screenplay categories. His previous Best Picture nomination was for *Babel* (2006), for which he also received a Directing nomination.

This is the first nomination for both John Lesher and James W. Skotchdopole.

**Boyhood** (IFC Films) [Produced by Richard Linklater and Cathleen Sutherland.] - This is the first nomination in this category for Richard Linklater. He is also nominated this year in the Directing and Original Screenplay categories. He was previously nominated for the adapted screenplays for *Before Sunset* (2004) and *Before Midnight* (2013).

This is the first nomination for Cathleen Sutherland.

*The Grand Budapest Hotel* (Fox Searchlight) [Produced by Wes Anderson, Scott Rudin, Steven Rales and Jeremy Dawson.] - This is the first nomination in this category for Wes Anderson. He is also nominated this year in the Directing and Original Screenplay categories. He was previously nominated for the original screenplays for *The Royal Tenenbaums* (2001) and *Moonrise Kingdom* (2012) and in the Animated Feature Film category for *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (2009).

This is the seventh nomination for Scott Rudin, who won the award in 2007 for *No Country for Old Men*. He was also nominated for *The Hours* (2002), *The Social Network* (2010), *True Grit* (2010), *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* (2011) and *Captain Phillips* (2013).

This is the first nomination for both Steven Rales and Jeremy Dawson.

*The Imitation Game* (The Weinstein Company) [Produced by Nora Grossman, Ido Ostrowsky and Teddy Schwarzman.] - This is the first nomination for all three.

*Selma* (Paramount) [Produced by Christian Colson, Oprah Winfrey, Dede Gardner and Jeremy Kleiner.] - This is the third nomination for Christian Colson, who won the award in 2008 for *Slumdog Millionaire*. His other Best Picture nomination was for *127 Hours* (2010).

This is the first nomination in this category for Oprah Winfrey. She was nominated for her supporting role in *The Color Purple* (1985). She received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award from the Academy's Board of Governors in 2011.

This is the third nomination for Dede Gardner, who won last year for 12 Years a Slave. Her other Best Picture nomination was for The Tree of Life (2011).

This is the second nomination for Jeremy Kleiner, who won last year for 12 Years a Slave.

*The Theory of Everything* (Focus Features) [Produced by Tim Bevan, Eric Fellner, Lisa Bruce and Anthony McCarten.] - This is the fourth nomination for Tim Bevan. His previous Best Picture nominations were for *Elizabeth* (1998), *Atonement* (2007) and *Les Misérables* (2012).

This is the fifth nomination for Eric Fellner. His previous Best Picture nominations were for *Elizabeth* (1998), *Atonement* (2007), *Frost/Nixon* (2008) and *Les Misérables* (2012).

This is the first nomination for both Lisa Bruce and Anthony McCarten.

Whiplash (Sony Pictures Classics) [Produced by Jason Blum, Helen Estabrook and David Lancaster.] - This is the first nomination for all three.

## **Achievement in Directing:**

- Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) Alejandro G. Iñárritu This is his second nomination in this category. He is also nominated this year in the Best Picture and Original Screenplay categories. His previous Directing nomination was for *Babel* (2006), for which he also received a Best Picture nomination.
- Boyhood Richard Linklater This is his first nomination in this category. He is also nominated this year in the Best Picture and Original Screenplay categories. He was previously nominated for the adapted screenplays for Before Sunset (2004) and Before Midnight (2013).

Foxcatcher - Bennett Miller - This is his second nomination. His previous Directing nomination was for Capote (2005).

The Grand Budapest Hotel - Wes Anderson - This is his first nomination in this category. He is also nominated this year in the Best Picture and Original Screenplay categories. He was previously nominated for the original screenplays for *The Royal Tenenbaums* (2001) and *Moonrise Kingdom* (2012) and in the Animated Feature Film category for Fantastic Mr. Fox (2009).

*The Imitation Game - Morten Tyldum - This is his first nomination.* 

# Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role:

Steve Carell ("John du Pont" in Foxcatcher) - This is his first nomination.

**Bradley Cooper** ("Chris Kyle" in *American Sniper*) - This is his third consecutive acting nomination and the second in this category. He is also nominated this year in the Best Picture category for *American Sniper*. He was previously nominated for his leading role in *Silver Linings Playbook* (2012) and for his supporting role in *American Hustle* (2013).

Benedict Cumberbatch ("Alan Turing" in *The Imitation Game*) - This is his first nomination.

Michael Keaton ("Riggan" in Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)) - This is his first nomination.

**Eddie Redmayne** ("Stephen Hawking" in *The Theory of Everything*) - This is his first nomination.

#### Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role:

- **Robert Duvall** ("Joseph Palmer" in *The Judge*) This is his seventh nomination and the fourth in this category. He won an Oscar for his leading role in *Tender Mercies* (1983). He was nominated for his supporting roles in *The Godfather* (1972), *Apocalypse Now* (1979) and *A Civil Action* (1998), and for his leading roles in *The Great Santini* (1980) and *The Apostle* (1997).
- **Ethan Hawke** ("Dad" in *Boyhood*) This is his fourth nomination and the second in this category. He was nominated for his supporting role in *Training Day* (2001) and received nominations for the adapted screenplays for *Before Sunset* (2004) and *Before Midnight* (2013).
- **Edward Norton** ("Mike" in *Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)*) This is his third nomination and the second in this category. His previous nominations were for his supporting role in *Primal Fear* (1996) and for his leading role in *American History X* (1998).
- **Mark Ruffalo** ("David Schultz" in *Foxcatcher*) This is his second nomination in this category. His previous nomination was for *The Kids Are All Right* (2010).
- **J.K. Simmons** ("Fletcher" in *Whiplash*) This is his first nomination.

## Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role:

- **Marion Cotillard** ("Sandra" in *Two Days, One Night*) This is her second nomination in this category. She won an Oscar for her performance in *La Vie en Rose* (2007).
- **Felicity Jones** ("Jane Hawking" in *The Theory of Everything*) This is her first nomination.
- **Julianne Moore** ("Alice Howland" in *Still Alice*) This is her fifth nomination and the third in this category. Her previous nominations were for her leading roles in *The End of the Affair* (1999) and *Far from Heaven* (2002), and for her supporting roles in *Boogie Nights* (1997) and *The Hours* (2002).
- Rosamund Pike ("Amy Dunne" in Gone Girl) This is her first nomination.
- **Reese Witherspoon** ("Cheryl" in *Wild*) This is her second nomination in this category. She won an Oscar for her performance in *Walk the Line* (2005).

# Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role:

- **Patricia Arquette** ("Mom" in *Boyhood*) This is her first nomination.
- **Laura Dern** ("Bobbi" in *Wild*) This is her second nomination and the first in this category. Her previous nomination was for her leading role in *Rambling Rose* (1991).
- **Keira Knightley** ("Joan Clarke" in *The Imitation Game*) This is her second nomination and the first in this category. Her previous nomination was for her leading role in *Pride & Prejudice* (2005).
- Emma Stone ("Sam" in Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)) This is her first nomination.
- Meryl Streep ("Witch" in *Into the Woods*) This is her 19th nomination and the fourth in this category. She won Oscars for her supporting role in *Kramer vs. Kramer* (1979) and her leading roles in *Sophie's Choice* (1982) and *The Iron Lady* (2011). Her other supporting role nominations were for *The Deer Hunter* (1978) and *Adaptation* (2002). Her other leading role nominations were for *The French Lieutenant's Woman* (1981), *Silkwood* (1983), *Out of Africa* (1985), *Ironweed* (1987), *A Cry in the Dark* (1988), *Postcards from the Edge* (1990), *The Bridges of Madison County* (1995), *One True Thing* (1998), *Music of the Heart* (1999), *The Devil Wears Prada* (2006), *Doubt* (2008), *Julie & Julia* (2009) and *August: Osage County* (2013).

#### Adapted Screenplay:

- American Sniper Written by **Jason Hall** (based on the book by Chris Kyle with Scott McEwen and Jim DeFelice). This is his first nomination.
- The Imitation Game Written by **Graham Moore** (based on the book Alan Turing: The Enigma by Andrew Hodges). This is his first nomination.
- Inherent Vice Written for the screen by **Paul Thomas Anderson** (based on the novel by Thomas Pynchon). This is his fourth Writing nomination. He was nominated for the original screenplays for *Boogie Nights* (1997) and *Magnolia* (1999). He received Directing, Best Picture and Adapted Screenplay nominations for *There Will Be Blood* (2007).
- The Theory of Everything Screenplay by **Anthony McCarten** (based on the book *Travelling to Infinity: My Life with Stephen* by Jane Hawking). This is his first nomination in this category. He is also nominated this year in the Best Picture category.
- Whiplash Written by Damien Chazelle (based on the short film Whiplash). This is his first nomination.

## **Original Screenplay:**

Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) - Written by Alejandro G. Iñárritu, Nicolás Giacobone, Alexander Dinelaris, Jr. & Armando Bo. - This is the first nomination in this category for Alejandro G. Iñárritu. He is also nominated this year in the Best Picture and Directing categories. He received Best Picture and Directing nominations for Babel (2006).

This is the first nomination for Nicolás Giacobone, Alexander Dinelaris, Jr. and Armando Bo.

- Boyhood Written by **Richard Linklater**. This is his third Writing nomination. He is also nominated this year in the Best Picture and Directing categories. His previous nominations were for the adapted screenplays for *Before Sunset* (2004) and *Before Midnight* (2013).
- Foxcatcher Written by E. Max Frye and Dan Futterman. This is the first nomination for E. Max Frye.

This is the second nomination for Dan Futterman. His previous nomination was for the adapted screenplay for Capote (2005).

The Grand Budapest Hotel - Screenplay by **Wes Anderson**; Story by **Wes Anderson** & **Hugo Guinness**. - This is the third nomination in this category for Wes Anderson. He is also nominated this year in the Best Picture and Directing categories. He was previously nominated for the original screenplays for *The Royal Tenenbaums* (2001) and *Moonrise Kingdom* (2012) and in the Animated Feature Film category for *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (2009).

This is the first nomination for Hugo Guinness.

Nightcrawler - Written by **Dan Gilroy**. - This is his first nomination.

#### **Best Foreign Language Film:**

- Ida (**Poland**) [Directed by Pawel Pawlikowski.] This is the tenth nomination for Poland. Previous nominations were for *Knife in the Water* (1963), *Pharaoh* (1966), *The Deluge* (1974), *Land of Promise* (1975), *Nights and Days* (1976), *The Maids of Wilko* (1979), *Man of Iron* (1981), *Katyń* (2007) and *In Darkness* (2011).
- Leviathan (Russia) [Directed by Andrey Zvyagintsev.] This is the sixth nomination for Russia. Previous nominations were for Close to Eden (1992), Burnt by the Sun (1994), which won the Oscar, Prisoner of the Mountains (1996), The Thief (1997) and 12 (2007). Prior to 1992, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics received nine nominations, including three wins for War and Peace (1968), Dersu Uzala (1975) and Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears (1980). Other nominations were for The Brothers Karamazov (1969), Tchaikovsky (1971), The Dawns Here Are Quiet (1972), White Bim Black Ear (1978), Private Life (1982) and Wartime Romance (1984).

Tangerines (Estonia) [Directed by Zaza Urushadze.] - This is the first nomination for Estonia.

Timbuktu (Mauritania) [Directed by Abderrahmane Sissako.] - This is the first nomination for Mauritania.

Wild Tales (**Argentina**) [Directed by Damián Szifron.] - This is the seventh nomination for Argentina. Previous nominations were for *The Truce* (1974), *Camila* (1984), *The Official Story*, which won the Oscar for 1985, *Tango* (1998), *Son of the Bride* (2001) and *The Secret in Their Eyes*, which won the Oscar for 2009.

## **Best Animated Feature Film:**

Big Hero 6 (Walt Disney) - Don Hall, Chris Williams and Roy Conli - This is the first nomination for Don Hall and Roy Conli.

This is the second nomination in this category for Chris Williams. His previous nomination was for Bolt (2008).

The Boxtrolls (Focus Features) - Anthony Stacchi, Graham Annable and Travis Knight - This is the first nomination for all three.

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (20th Century Fox) - **Dean DeBlois** and **Bonnie Arnold** - This is the second nomination in this category for Dean DeBlois. His previous nomination was for How to Train Your Dragon (2010).

This is the first nomination for Bonnie Arnold.

Song of the Sea (GKIDS) - **Tomm Moore** and **Paul Young** - This is the second nomination in this category for Tomm Moore. His previous nomination was for *The Secret of Kells* (2009).

This is the first nomination for Paul Young.

The Tale of the Princess Kaguya (GKIDS) - Isao Takahata and Yoshiaki Nishimura - This is the first nomination for both.