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The International Press Academy 2012 Satellite Awards



Adrienne Papp at the 2012 International Press Academy Awards

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At the beginning of December you can feel the buzz increase as the entertainment awards season starts to pick up steam. There is talk of [Oscar](#) and [Golden Globes](#) nominations and even less glamorous sub category awards like those presented by the [Screen Actors](#) and [Director's Guilds](#). But before any of those happen it's the [Satellite Awards](#) that take the stage and sets the tone for the many other awards shows to come.

On December 16th the winners of the [17th Annual Satellite Awards](#) were announced at a ceremony at the Intercontinental Hotel in Century City. The big winner for 2012 was [David O. Russell](#)'s "[Silver Linings Playbook](#)." The film about love and mental illness swept all the coveted categories, including Best Motion Picture, Best Director for Russell, Best Actor for [Bradley Cooper](#), and Best Actress for [Jennifer Lawrence](#). [Jay Cassidy](#) and [Crispin Struthers](#) also shared the Best Editing trophy for their work in the movie.

The Satellite Awards show also celebrated the career of actor [Terence Stamp](#) with the [Mary Pickford Award](#), songwriter [Paul Williams](#) with the [Honorary Satellite Award for Lifetime Achievement](#). Director [Benh Zeitlin](#) ("[Beasts of the Southern Wild](#)") also received the [Humanitarian Award](#) in an emotional ceremony that honored films on both large and small scale from all over the world. [Paul Williams'](#) moving acceptance for the Auteur Award was an impassioned statement about the importance of young singer/songwriter's having the ability to make a living at their craft.

[Mirjana Van Blaricom](#), International Press Academy President, began the evening by saying "As we meet again in a world plagued and divided by conflict, violence, hunger, and natural disasters, we share our mutual hope that film and television can play a part in bridging gaps and emphasizing the universality of love, loyalty, and compassion – and thereby increasing a realistic hope for true peace and true brotherhood between nations." In its regard for the international nature of film to truly move us and to heal, the International Press Academy has to be commended for considering not only high profile major studio Oscar contenders, but also the smaller and lesser known films that may have flown under Hollywood's radar but are deserving of recognition.

The nominations included worthy nominees from the specialty and foreign-language sector, as well as some of the higher profile favorites. In the winner's categories, David O. Russell's "Silver Linings" took most of the key categories, while "[Skyfall](#)," the latest installment in the [James Bond](#) franchise, claimed its first prize of the awards season when actor [Javier Bardem](#), won for Best Supporting Actor. [Tom Hooper](#)'s well-received "[Les Miserables](#)" provided a setting that allowed [Anne Hathaway](#) to take home the Best Supporting Actress award for her role as Fantine. The critical and fan favorite also received two other awards – Best Song for "Suddenly" and for Motion Picture Ensemble. [Ang Lee](#)'s "[Life of Pi](#)" was another winner with multiple awards. The visually-stunning survival drama was honored with awards for Best Adapted Screenplay (from the Booker-Prize winning novel by [Yann Martel](#)) for [David Magee](#) and Best Cinematography. [Jeff Orlowski](#) won Best Documentary for "[Chasing Ice](#)," which, he said, "was made with money from friends and family, about \$650,000, if you can believe that!"



Adrienne Papp Interviewing Jason Isaacs at the 2012 International Press Academy Awards



In accepting her award for Best Actress, [Jennifer Lawrence](#) said "The characters in the film are identifiably David's. They skew off center, have extreme ups and downs, and are so nuanced and a story lies beneath each one of them. I found a real freedom in playing Tiffany. She was so unusual for me because she laid it all out on the table – was tough, and a no-bull kind of girl."

[Gale Anne Hurd](#) followed Lawrence's acceptance as the presenter for [Paul Williams'](#) Auteur Award, and also represented AMC's '[The Walking Dead](#)', a show on which she is a producer, to accept Best Ensemble, Television. Actors [Michael Rooker](#), [Danai Gurira](#), and [Scott Wilson](#) accompanied her on

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Adrienne Papp and Bruce Davison at the 2012 International Press Academy Satellite Award Dinner

stage to pick up the statue. It is a moving experience to see such an iconic producer as Gale Anne Hurd getting one award after another in a largely male dominated industry especially when we talk about working behind the camera. (She was honored just a few weeks prior by the [Caucus for Producers, Writers and Directors](#))

The evening's events included a tie in the category of Best International Film between KIM Ki-duk's "Pieta" (South Korea) and France's "[The Intouchables](#)." Soo Jin Hwang from KOFIC and Jin Sung from KCCLA were present; Soo Jin accepted the award on behalf of writer/director Kim Ki-duk, stating the importance of this recognition for their country on the heels of the film winning the Golden Lion at Venice earlier in the year.

"[Beasts of the Southern Wild](#)" received two Special Achievement Awards. Its charming young lead actress [Quvenzhane Wallis](#) was honored with the Newcomer Award, while the film's director [Benh Zeitlin](#) received the aforementioned Humanitarian Award. In presenting the Humanitarian Award, actor [Dennis Haysbert](#) said "in the face of such heart-wrenching tragedy, we have a symbol of hope, an emblem of resilience who might help the survivors, young and old, to hold back the beast known as fear: that emblem is a little girl named Quvenzhane Wallis, IPA' Newcomer Award recipient for 2012."

Haysbert went on to say that "her performance in '[Beasts of the Southern Wild](#)' rocks you back when you see her mini tour-de-force as a coup-de-grace that vanquishes the monster called Fear. If she can do it, we can do it... and before writer/director [Benh Zeitlin](#) comes up to accept for her, Benh, we'd like to let you know that you are our Humanitarian honoree for your compassion, kindness, and emotional fortitude in bringing the world's attention to the plight of one to shine light on the lives of many. We hope that your film '[Beasts of the Southern Wild](#)' is a source of strength for all children, parents, teachers, caregivers, and even the global community, in its ability to communicate a strategy for standing firm in the face of anything."

It was a fitting remark on a night that celebrated the diversity of film on an international scale, a tip of the hat to the greatness that was 2012 in film and maybe an indication as to where the chips may fall as Hollywood and the entertainment business now moves full steam ahead into the awards season.

P.S.: After the memorable evening of the Satellite Awards we've just learned that one of the youngest directors, Benh Zeitlin was nominated for an Oscar for Best Director for "Beasts of the Southern Wild"



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2012 Satellite Awards Winners in Film:

Motion picture: "Silver Linings Playbook"

Director: David O. Russell, "Silver Linings Playbook"

Actor: Bradley Cooper, "Silver Linings Playbook"

Actress: Jennifer Lawrence, "Silver Linings Playbook"

Supporting Actor: Javier Bardem, "Skyfall"

Supporting Actress: Anne Hathaway, "Les Miserables"



Benh Zeitlin, Director of "Beasts of the Southern Wild"

Original Screenplay: Mark Boal, "Zero Dark Thirty (2012)"

Adapted Screenplay: David Magee, "Life of Pi"

Motion Picture, Animated or Mixed Media: "Rise of the Guardians"

Motion Picture, Documentary: "Chasing Ice"

Motion Picture, International: (tie) "The Intouchables" and "Pieta"

Cinematography: Claudio Miranda, "Life of Pi"

Editing: Jay Cassidy and Crispin Struthers, "Silver Linings Playbook"

Score: Alexandre Desplat, "Argo"

Song: "Suddenly" from "Les Miserables"

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Sound (editing and mixing): Andy Nelson, John Warhurst, Lee Walpole, Simon Hayes, "Les Miserables"

Visual Effects: Michael Lantieri, Kevin Baillie, Ryan Tidhope, Jim Gibbs, "Flight"

Art direction & production design: Rick Carter, Curt Beech, David Crank, Leslie McDonald, "Lincoln"

Costume design: Manon Rasmussen, "A Royal Affair"



Adrienne Papp at the INternational Press
Academy Satellite Dinner Award

Special Achievement Awards:

Outstanding contribution to the entertainment industry: Terence Stamp



Nikola Tesla Award: Walter Murch

Auteur Award: Paul Williams

Honorary Satellite Award: Bruce Davison

Adrienne Papp Interviewing Jason Isaacs at the 2012

Newcomer Award: International Press Academy Awards

Quvenzhane Wallis, "Beasts of the Southern Wild"

Humanitarian Award: Benh Zeitlin, "Beasts of the Southern Wild"

Motion Picture Ensemble: "Les Miserables"

Television Ensemble: "The Walking Dead"

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I never heard about this award before....thank you for letting us know.

Delan

Jan 10, 2013, 23:45

Era
Jan 10, 2013, 23:46

This seems like it was a sensational event!

Eva H.
Jan 10, 2013, 23:47

It looks like this professional event preselects the winners. I saw some of the same people nominated for an Oscar, etc...

Erin
Jan 10, 2013, 23:48

I enjoyed the photos and the quotes.

Diadra
Jan 10, 2013, 23:49

Look who got elected for an Oscar! I enjoyed this piece. Thank you!

Thomas
Jan 15, 2013, 21:15

Lovely Article, they should be better known.....the Award itself....

Debra
Jan 15, 2013, 21:15

It is lovely to see Terence Stamp to get this award, he is an amazing artist!

Emese
Jan 15, 2013, 21:16

Wow, I would have liked to know if there were by any chance going to be any more Potter movies. I love Jason Isaacs. He was sooo good in those films.

Kim
Jan 15, 2013, 21:50

I am so happy that Bruce Davison got recognized. I have seen him in so many movies. He is an amazing actor!

Zsolt
Jan 15, 2013, 21:51

I never saw anything about this event. I think it would be nice hearing more about it. I enjoyed reading this.

Steven
Jan 15, 2013, 21:52

Great article, clean website, easy to look at, easy to read, not many like this lately....every website is painful and too much is going on. In my book this site is excellent.

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