



41st Annual ANNIE AWARDS

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41ST ANNIE AWARDS NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

BURBANK, CA (December 2, 2013) – The International Animated Film Society, ASIFA-Hollywood, announced nominations today for its 41st Annual Annie Awards™ recognizing the year’s best in the field of animation. The Annie Awards cover 30 categories and include Best Animated Feature, Best Animated Special Production, Commercials, Short and Outstanding Individual Achievements.

The slate of nominations for Best Animated Features this year include: **A Letter to Momo** (GKIDS), **Despicable Me 2** (Universal Pictures), **Ernest & Celestine** (GKIDS), **Frozen** (Walt Disney Animation Studios), **Monsters University** (Pixar Animation Studios), **The Croods** (DreamWorks Animations), and **The Wind Rises** (Studio Ghibli and The Walt Disney Studios).

“I am very excited about this year’s slate of nominees!” remarked ASIFA-Hollywood president, Frank Gladstone. “We had more submissions to choose from this year running the gamut from big studio features to indie films, television series to internet shows, games, shorts and student films, as well as a wonderful group of juried award recipients, all showcasing the huge variety of venues, creativity, technical innovation and story-telling that our art form has to offer.”

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Juried awards, honoring career achievement and exceptional contributions to animation, will also be presented. Three **Winsor McCay** recipients have been selected by the ASIFA-Hollywood Board of Directors – **Katsuhiro Otomo**, **Steven Spielberg** and **Phil Tippett** for their career contributions to the art of animation; **June Foray Award** – **Alice Davis** for her significant and benevolent or charitable impact on the art and industry of animation; and **Certificate of Merit** – “**I Know That Voice**” (Documentary).

Winners will be announced at the 41st Annual Annie Awards ceremony on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at UCLA’s Royce Hall, in Los Angeles, CA. **For a complete list of Annie Award nominations, ticket and event information, please visit www.annieawards.org.**

The Annie Awards black-tie ceremony will feature a lively mix of animation luminaries, celebrity presenters and comedic talent to celebrate the animation industry’s best of the best. A pre-reception and press line begins at 5:00 pm with the awards ceremony following at 7:00 pm. A post-show celebration immediately follows the ceremony. All events will be held at Royce Hall on the campus of UCLA.

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ASIFA-Hollywood is the world's first and foremost professional organization dedicated to promoting the art of animation and celebrating the people who create it. Today, ASIFA-Hollywood, the largest chapter of the international organization ASIFA, supports a range of animation activities and preservation efforts through its membership. Current initiatives include the animation archive, animation film preservation, special events, classes and screenings.

Created in 1972 by veteran voice talent June Foray, the Annie Awards have grown in scope and stature for four decades.

For up-to-the minute information on the Annie Awards, please visit www.annieawards.org. And, for information on ASIFA-Hollywood, please visit www.asifa-hollywood.org.

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