



# 2015 NOMINEES

## BEST FEATURE

(Award given to the producer)

\* Executive Producers are not awarded.

### BIRDMAN OR (THE UNEXPECTED VIRTUE OF IGNORANCE)

PRODUCERS: Alejandro G. Iñárritu, John Lesher, Arnon Milchan, James W. Skotchdopole

### BOYHOOD

PRODUCERS: Richard Linklater, Jonathan Sehring, John Sloss, Cathleen Sutherland

### LOVE IS STRANGE

PRODUCERS: Lucas Joaquin, Lars Knudsen, Ira Sachs, Jayne Baron Sherman, Jay Van Hoy

### SELMA

PRODUCERS: Christian Colson, Dede Gardner, Jeremy Kleiner, Oprah Winfrey

### WHIPLASH

PRODUCERS: Jason Blum, Helen Estabrook, David Lancaster, Michael Litvak

## BEST FIRST FEATURE

(Award given to the director and producer)

### A GIRL WALKS HOME ALONE AT NIGHT

DIRECTOR: Ana Lily Amirpour

PRODUCERS: Justin Begnaud, Sina Sayyah

### DEAR WHITE PEOPLE

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Justin Simien

PRODUCERS: Effie T. Brown, Ann Le, Julia Lebedev, Angel Lopez, Lena Waithe

### NIGHTCRAWLER

DIRECTOR: Dan Gilroy

PRODUCERS: Jennifer Fox, Tony Gilroy, Jake Gyllenhaal, David Lancaster, Michel Litvak

### OBVIOUS CHILD

DIRECTOR: Gillian Robespierre

PRODUCER: Elisabeth Holm

### SHE'S LOST CONTROL

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Anja Marquardt

PRODUCERS: Mollye Asher, Kiara C. Jones

## JOHN CASSAVETES AWARD

(Award given to the best feature made for under \$500,000; award given to the writer, director, and producer)

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### BLUE RUIN

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Jeremy Saulnier

PRODUCERS: Richard Peete, Vincent Savino, Anish Savjani

### IT FELT LIKE LOVE

WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Eliza Hittman

PRODUCERS: Shrihari Sathe, Laura Wagner

### LAND HO!

WRITERS/DIRECTORS: Aaron Katz,

Martha Stephens

PRODUCERS: Christina Jennings, Mynette Louie, Sara Murphy

### MAN FROM RENO

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Dave Boyle

WRITERS: Joel Clark, Michael Lerman

PRODUCER: Ko Mori

### TEST

WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER:

Chris Mason Johnson

PRODUCER: Chris Martin

## BEST DIRECTOR

DAMIEN CHAZELLE – Whiplash

AVA DUVERNAY – Selma

ALEJANDRO G. IÑÁRRITU – Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)

RICHARD LINKLATER – Boyhood

DAVID ZELLNER – Kumiko, The Treasure Hunter

## BEST SCREENPLAY

SCOTT ALEXANDER, LARRY KARASZEWSKI – Big Eyes

J.C. CHANDOR – A Most Violent Year

DAN GILROY – Nightcrawler

JIM JARMUSCH – Only Lovers Left Alive

IRA SACHS, MAURICIO ZACHARIAS – Love is Strange

## BEST FIRST SCREENPLAY

DESIREE AKHAVAN – Appropriate Behavior

SARA COLANGELO – Little Accidents

JUSTIN LADER – The One I Love

ANJA MARQUARDT – She's Lost Control

JUSTIN SIMIEN – Dear White People

## BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

DARIUS KHONDJI – The Immigrant

EMMANUEL LUBEZKI – Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)

SEAN PORTER – It Felt Like Love

LYLE VINCENT – A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night

BRADFORD YOUNG – Selma

## BEST EDITING

SANDRA ADAIR – Boyhood

TOM CROSS – Whiplash

JOHN GILROY – Nightcrawler

RON PATANE – A Most Violent Year

ADAM WINGARD – The Guest

## BEST MALE LEAD

ANDRÉ BENJAMIN – Jimi: All Is By My Side

JAKE GYLLENHAAL – Nightcrawler

MICHAEL KEATON – Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)

JOHN LITHGOW – Love is Strange

DAVID OYELOWO – Selma

## BEST FEMALE LEAD

MARION COTILLARD – The Immigrant

RINKO KIKUCHI – Kumiko, The Treasure Hunter

JULIANNE MOORE – Still Alice

JENNY SLATE – Obvious Child

TILDA SWINTON – Only Lovers Left Alive

## BEST SUPPORTING MALE

RIZ AHMED – Nightcrawler

ETHAN HAWKE – Boyhood

ALFRED MOLINA – Love is Strange

EDWARD NORTON – Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)

J.K. SIMMONS – Whiplash

## BEST SUPPORTING FEMALE

PATRICIA ARQUETTE – Boyhood

JESSICA CHASTAIN – A Most Violent Year

CARMEN EJOGO – Selma

ANDREA SUAREZ PAZ – Stand Clear of the Closing Doors

EMMA STONE – Birdman or

(The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)

## BEST INTERNATIONAL FILM

FORCE MAJEURE (Sweden)

DIRECTOR: Ruben Östlund

IDA (Poland)

DIRECTOR: Pawel Pawlikowski

LEVIATHAN (Russia)

DIRECTOR: Andrey Zvyagintsev

MOMMY (Canada)

DIRECTOR: Xavier Dolan

NORTE, THE END OF HISTORY (Philippines)

DIRECTOR: Lav Diaz

UNDER THE SKIN (United Kingdom)

DIRECTOR: Jonathan Glazer

## BEST DOCUMENTARY

(Award given to the director and producer)

20,000 DAYS ON EARTH

DIRECTORS: Iain Forsyth, Jane Pollard

PRODUCERS: Dan Bowen, James Wilson

CITIZENFOUR

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Laura Poitras

PRODUCERS: Mathilde Bonnefoy, Dirk Wilutzky

STRAY DOG

DIRECTOR: Debra Granik

PRODUCER: Anne Rosellini

THE SALT OF THE EARTH

DIRECTORS: Juliano Ribeiro Salgado, Wim Wenders

PRODUCER: David Rosier

VIRUNGA

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Orlando von Einsiedel

PRODUCER: Joanna Natasegara

## ROBERT ALTMAN AWARD

(Award given to one film's director, casting director and ensemble cast)

### INHERENT VICE

DIRECTOR: Paul Thomas Anderson

CASTING DIRECTOR: Cassandra Kulukundis

ENSEMBLE CAST: Josh Brolin, Hong Chau, Martin Donovan, Jena Malone, Joanna Newsom, Joaquin Phoenix, Sasha Pieterse, Eric Roberts, Maya Rudolph, Martin Short, Serena Scott Thomas, Benicio del Toro, Katherine Waterston, Owen Wilson, Reese Witherspoon, Michael Kenneth Williams

## SPECIAL DISTINCTION AWARD

FOXCATCHER

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Bennett Miller

WRITERS: E. Max Frye, Dan Futterman

PRODUCER: Anthony Bregman, Megan Ellison, Jon Kilik

CAST: Steve Carell, Mark Ruffalo, Channing Tatum

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## FILMMAKER GRANT NOMINEES

### 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PIAGET PRODUCERS AWARD

#### PIAGET

The 18th annual Producers Award, sponsored by Piaget, honors emerging producers who, despite highly limited resources demonstrate the creativity, tenacity, and vision required to produce quality, independent films. The award includes a \$25,000 unrestricted grant funded by Piaget. The finalists are:

**CHAD BURRIS**  
**ELISABETH HOLM**  
**CHRIS OHLSON**

### 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LENSRAFTERS TRUER THAN FICTION AWARD

#### LENSCRAFTERS®

The 20th annual Truer Than Fiction Award, sponsored by Lenscrafters, is presented to an emerging director of non-union features who has not yet received significant recognition. The award includes a \$25,000 unrestricted grant funded by LensCrafters. The finalists are:

**SARA DOSA** director of **THE LAST SEASON**  
**DAN KRAUSS** director of **THE KILL TEAM**  
**DARIUS CLARK MONROE** director of **EVOLUTION OF A CRIMINAL**  
**AMANDA ROSE WILDER** director of **APPROACHING THE ELEPHANT**

### 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL KIEHL'S SOMEONE TO WATCH AWARD



The 21st annual Someone To Watch Award sponsored by Kiehl's since 1851, recognizes a talented filmmaker of singular vision who has not yet received appropriate recognition. The award includes a \$25,000 unrestricted grant funded by Kiehl's. The finalists are:

**ANA LILY AMIRPOUR** director of **A GIRL WALKS HOME ALONE AT NIGHT**  
**RANIA ATTIEH & DANIEL GARCIA** directors of **H**  
**CHRIS ESKA** director of **THE RETRIEVAL**

All the winners of our filmmaker grants will be highlighted at the Spirit Awards ceremony and announced at the Spirit Awards Filmmaker Grant & Nominee Brunch on Saturday, January 10 at BOA Steakhouse in West Hollywood.