

HOUSTON CRITICS SELECT "NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN."

THE HOUSTON FILM CRITICS SOCIETY ANNOUNCED THEIR 2007 SLATE OF YEAR-END AWARD WINNING FILMS. THE CRITICS GROUP, BASED IN THE NATION'S FOURTH LARGEST CITY, SPREAD THE ACCOLADES AROUND, HONORING THIRTEEN DIFFERENT FILMS. THE MEMBERSHIP SHOWED THE MOST ATTENTION TO "NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN," AWARDING THE FILM WITH THEIR BEST PICTURE HONOR AND JAVIER BARDEM WITH AN AWARD FOR BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR.

THE HFCS WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH THE FILM THAT THEY NAMED "NO COUNTRY'S" CO-DIRECTORS, JOEL AND ETHAN COEN, AS HONORARY TEXANS. "IT WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR FILMS SET IN THE LONE STAR STATE," SAID HFCS PRESIDENT NICK NICHOLSON. "WE WERE SO IMPRESSED WITH "NO COUNTRY" THAT WE WANTED TO LET THE COEN BROTHERS KNOW THEY ARE WELCOME TO SHOOT IN OUR STATE ANY TIME THEY WANT, AS LONG AS THEY DON'T LET THEIR PIT BULLS ANYWHERE NEAR US."

THE HFCS MEMBERS WERE ALSO IMPRESSED WITH PHILIP SEYMOUR HOFFMAN, HONORING HIM WITH A SPECIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMA FOR HIS THREE MEMORABLE PERFORMANCES THIS YEAR FROM "CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR," "THE SAVAGES," AND "BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD."

THE HFCS COMPLETE LIST OF 2007 WINNERS ARE:

BEST PICTURE – "NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN"

BEST DIRECTOR OF A MOTION PICTURE – TIM BURTON, "SWEENEY TODD."

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE – DANIEL DAY LEWIS, "THERE WILL BE BLOOD"

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE – JULIE CHRISTIE, "AWAY FROM HER"

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE – JAVIER BARDEM, "NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN"

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE – AMY RYAN, "GONE BABY GONE"

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ENSEMBLE CAST – "HAIRSPRAY"

BEST SCREENPLAY – DIABLO CODY, "JUNO"

BEST ANIMATED FILM – "RATATOUILLE"

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY – ROGER DEAKINS, “THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD”
BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE – “THE KING OF KONG: A FISTFUL OF QUARTERS”
BEST FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM – “THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY”
BEST ORIGINAL SCORE – “ATONEMENT” BY DARIO MARIANELLI
BEST ORIGINAL SONG – “FALLING SLOWLY” FROM “ONCE”
HONORARY TEXAN AWARD – JOEL AND ETHAN COEN
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMA – PHILIP SEYMOUR HOFFMAN
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMA – THE GREENWAY THREE THEATRE FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO HOUSTON’S ART-HOUSE FILM COMMUNITY.

THE HOUSTON FILM CRITICS SOCIETY TOP TEN FILMS FOR 2007:

1. NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN
2. JUNO
3. ATONEMENT
4. MICHAEL CLAYTON
5. INTO THE WILD
6. SWEENEY TODD
7. THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY
8. BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU’RE DEAD
9. CHARLIE WILSON’S WAR
10. I’M NOT THERE

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