



# 2012 NOMINEES

## BEST FEATURE

(Award given to the producer)

\* Executive Producers are not listed.

### 50/50

PRODUCERS: Evan Goldberg, Ben Karlin, Seth Rogen

### BEGINNERS

PRODUCERS: Miranda de Pencier, Lars Knudsen, Leslie Urdang, Dean Vanech, Jay Van Hoy

### DRIVE

PRODUCERS: Michel Litvak, John Palermo, Marc Platt, Gigi Pritzker, Adam Siegel

### TAKE SHELTER

PRODUCERS: Tyler Davidson, Sophia Lin

### THE ARTIST

PRODUCER: Thomas Langmann

### THE DESCENDANTS

PRODUCERS: Jim Burke, Alexander Payne, Jim Taylor

## BEST DIRECTOR

**MICHEL HAZANAVICIUS** - *The Artist*

**MIKE MILLS** - *Beginners*

**JEFF NICHOLS** - *Take Shelter*

**ALEXANDER PAYNE** - *The Descendants*

**NICOLAS WINDING REFN** - *Drive*

## BEST SCREENPLAY

**JOSEPH CEDAR** - *Footnote*

**MICHEL HAZANAVICIUS** - *The Artist*

**TOM McCARTHY** - *Win Win*

**MIKE MILLS** - *Beginners*

**ALEXANDER PAYNE, NAT FAXON & JIM RASH**  
*The Descendants*

## BEST FIRST FEATURE

(Award given to the director and producer)

### ANOTHER EARTH

DIRECTOR: Mike Cahill  
PRODUCERS: Mike Cahill, Hunter Gray, Brit Marling, Nicholas Shumaker

### IN THE FAMILY

DIRECTOR: Patrick Wang  
PRODUCERS: Robert Tonino, Andrew van den Houten, Patrick Wang

### MARGIN CALL

DIRECTOR: J.C. Chandor  
PRODUCERS: Robert Ogden Barnum, Michael Benaroya, Neal Dodson, Joe Jenckes, Corey Moosa, Zachary Quinto

### MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE

DIRECTOR: Sean Durkin  
PRODUCERS: Antonio Campos, Patrick Cunningham, Chris Maybach, Josh Mond

### NATURAL SELECTION

DIRECTOR: Robbie Pickering  
PRODUCERS: Brion Hambel, Paul Jensen

## BEST FIRST SCREENPLAY

**MIKE CAHILL & BRIT MARLING** -

*Another Earth*

**J.C. CHANDOR** - *Margin Call*

**PATRICK DeWITT** - *Terr*

**PHIL JOHNSTON** - *Cedar Rapids*

**WILL REISER** - *50/50*

## JOHN CASSAVETES AWARD

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

\* Executive Producers are not listed.

### BELFLOWER

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Evan Glodell  
PRODUCERS: Evan Glodell, Vincent Grashaw

### CIRCUMSTANCE

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Maryam Keshavarz  
PRODUCERS: Karin Chien, Maryam Keshavarz, Melissa Lee

### HELLO LONESOME

WRITER/DIRECTOR/ PRODUCER: Adam Reid

### PARIAH

WRITER/DIRECTOR: Dee Rees  
PRODUCER: Nekisa Cooper

### THE DYNAMITER

WRITER: Brad Inglesby  
DIRECTOR: Matthew Gordon  
PRODUCERS: Kevin Abrams, Matthew Gordon, Merrilee Holt, Art Jones, Mike Jones, Nate Tuck, Amile Wilson

## BEST FEMALE LEAD

**LAUREN AMBROSE** - *Think of Me*

**RACHAEL HARRIS** - *Natural Selection*

**ADEPERO ODUYE** - *Pariah*

**ELIZABETH OLSEN** - *Martha Marcy May Marlene*

**MICHELLE WILLIAMS** - *My Week with Marilyn*

## BEST MALE LEAD

**DEMIÁN BICHIR** - *A Better Life*

**JEAN DUJARDIN** - *The Artist*

**RYAN GOSLING** - *Drive*

**WOODY HARRELSON** - *Rampart*

**MICHAEL SHANNON** - *Take Shelter*

## BEST SUPPORTING FEMALE

**JESSICA CHASTAIN** - *Take Shelter*

**ANJELICA HUSTON** - *50/50*

**JANET McTEER** - *Albert Nobbs*

**HARMONY SANTANA** - *Gun Hill Road*

**SHAILENE WOODLEY** - *The Descendants*

## BEST SUPPORTING MALE

**ALBERT BROOKS** - *Drive*

**JOHN HAWKES** - *Martha Marcy May Marlene*

**CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER** - *Beginners*

**JOHN C. REILLY** - *Cedar Rapids*

**COREY STOLL** - *Midnight in Paris*

## BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

**JOEL HODGE** - *Bellflower*

**BENJAMIN KASULKE** - *The Off Hours*

**DARIUS KHONDJI** - *Midnight in Paris*

**GUILLAUME SCHIFFMAN** - *The Artist*

**JEFFREY WALDRON** - *The Dynamiter*

## BEST DOCUMENTARY

(Award given to the director and producer)

### AN AFRICAN ELECTION

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Jarreth Merz

### BILL CUNNINGHAM NEW YORK

DIRECTOR: Richard Press

PRODUCER: Philip Gelter

### THE INTERRUPTERS

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Steve James

PRODUCER: Alex Kotlowitz

### THE REDEMPTION OF GENERAL BUTT NAKED

DIRECTORS/PRODUCERS: Eric Strauss, Daniele Anastasion

### WE WERE HERE

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: David Weissman

## BEST INTERNATIONAL FILM

(Award given to the director)

### A SEPARATION (Iran)

DIRECTOR: Asghar Farhadi

### MELANCHOLIA

(Denmark, Swed, France, Germany)

DIRECTOR: Lars Von Trier

### SHAME (UK)

DIRECTOR: Steve McQueen

### THE KID WITH A BIKE (Belgium, France, Italy)

DIRECTOR: Jean-Pierre Dardenne and Luc Dardenne

### TYRANNOSAUR (UK)

DIRECTOR: Paddy Considine

## ROBERT ALTMAN AWARD

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

### MARGIN CALL

DIRECTOR: J.C. Chandor

CASTING DIRECTORS: Tiffany Little Canfield,

Bernard Telsey

ENSEMBLE CAST: Penn Badgley, Simon Baker, Paul

Bettany, Jeremy Irons, Mary McDonnell, Demi

Moore, Zachary Quinto, Kevin Spacey, Stanley

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# FILMMAKER GRANT NOMINEES

## PIAGET PRODUCERS AWARD



The 15th annual Piaget Producers Award 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** producer of *MOSQUITA Y MARI*
- SOPHIA LIN** producer of *TAKE SHELTER*
- JOSH MOND** producer of *MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE*

**Piaget Producers Award Nominating Committee:**  
Brian Udovich (Chair), Anish Savjani, Lynette Howell, Amy Kaufman

## AUDI SOMEONE TO WATCH AWARD



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The 18th annual Audi Someone To Watch Award recognizes a talented filmmaker of singular vision who has not yet received appropriate recognition. The award includes a \$25,000 unrestricted grant. The Finalists are:

- SIMON ARTHUR** director of *SILVER TONGUES*
- MARK JACKSON** director of *WITHOUT*
- NICHOLAS OZEKI** director of *MAMITAS*

**Someone To Watch Award Nominating Committee:**  
Alison Dickey (Chair), Jay Duplass, Lisa Kennedy, Daniel Stamm, James Faust

## NOKIA TRUER THAN FICTION AWARD



The 17th annual Nokia Truer Than Fiction Award is presented to an emerging director of non-fiction features who has not yet received significant recognition. The award includes a \$25,000 unrestricted grant. The Finalists are:

- HEATHER COURTNEY** director of *WHERE SOLDIERS COME FROM*
- DANFUNG DENNIS** director of *HELL AND BACK AGAIN*
- ALMA HAR'EL** director of *BOMBAY BEACH*

**Truer Than Fiction Nominating Committee:**  
Wesley Morris (Chair), Ava DuVernay, Laura Poitras, PJ Raval, Laura Thielen

## JAMESON FIND YOUR AUDIENCE AWARD



The 2nd annual Jameson FIND Your Audience Award was established to help make it possible for one Spirit Award-nominated film to find a broader audience. The Award includes a \$40,000 marketing and distribution grant, funded by Jameson Irish Whiskey. The grant is designed to meet the filmmakers' biggest challenge today: How to get their films out into the marketplace. A blue-ribbon committee will determine the winner. The deadline to submit is Friday, December 2, 2011.

**All of the winners of our filmmaker grants will be highlighted at the Spirit Awards ceremony and announced at the Spirit Awards Nominee Brunch on January 14 at BOA Steakhouse in West Hollywood.**