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# Chill Out

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Celebs who are really huge fans of motorcycles include Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Taylor Laughtner, Orlando Bloom, Ewan McGregor and Matthew McConaughey.

## The King's Speech leads Oscar nominations

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THE British monarchy saga *The King's Speech* leads the Academy Awards with 12 nominations, including best picture and acting honours for Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter and Geoffrey Rush.

Also nominated for best picture on Tuesday were the psychosexual thriller *Black Swan*; the boxing drama *The Fighter*; the sci-fi blockbuster *Inception*; the lesbian-family tale *The Kids Are All Right*; the survival story *127 Hours*; the Facebook chronicle *The Social Network*; the animated smash *Toy Story 3*; the Western *True Grit*; and the Ozarks crime thriller *Winter's Bone*.

*True Grit* ran second with 10 nominations, including acting honours for Jeff Bridges and Hailee Steinfeld.

The February 27 Oscars set up a best-picture showdown between two favourites, *The King's Speech* and *The Social Network*.

*The Social Network* won best drama at the Golden Globes and was picked as the year's best by key critics groups, while *The King's Speech* pulled an upset last weekend by winning the Producers Guild of America Awards top prize, whose recipient often goes to claim best picture at the Oscars.

The favourites in the male-acting categories both were nominated, Globe winners Firth as best actor for *The King's Speech* and Christian Bale as supporting actor for *The Fighter*.

The best-actress field shapes up as a two-woman race between Annette Bening for *The Kids Are All Right*, who won the Globe for actress in a musical or comedy, and Natalie Portman for *Black Swan*, who received the Globe for dramatic actress.

The supporting-actress Oscar could prove the most competitive among acting prizes. Melissa Leo won the Globe for *The Fighter*, but she faces strong challenges from that film's co-star Amy Adams and 14-year-old newcomer Steinfeld for *True Grit*.

*The King's Speech* nominations also include best director for Tom Hooper and supporting-acting slots for Bonham Carter as the king's devoted wife and Rush as his wily speech therapist.

David Fincher is the best-directing

favourite for *The Social Network* after winning that prize at the Globes.

Along with Firth and Eisenberg, best-actor contenders are Javier Bardem as a dying father in the Spanish-language drama *Biutiful*, which also is up for best foreign-language film; Bridges as boozy lawman Rooster Cogburn in *True Grit*, a role that earned John Wayne an Oscar for the 1969 adaptation of the Western novel; and James Franco in the real-life tale of a climber trapped in a crevasse after a boulder crushes his arm in *127 Hours*.

Bening was nominated for best actress as a lesbian mom whose family is thrown into turmoil after her teenage children seek out their sperm-donor father in *The Kids Are All Right*. Portman was nominated as a ballerina losing her grip on reality in *Black Swan*.

Other best-actress nominees are Nicole Kidman as a grieving mother in *Rabbit Hole*; Jennifer Lawrence as a teen trying to find her missing father amid the Ozark Mountains' criminal underbelly in *Winter's Bone*; and Michelle Williams as a wife in a failing marriage in *Blue Valentine*.

Joining Fincher among best-director picks are Darren Aronofsky for *Black Swan*; Joel and Ethan Coen for *True Grit*; Tom Hooper for *The King's Speech*; and David O Russell for *The Fighter*.

One notable snub was the omission of director Christopher Nolan for *Inception*, though he got a nod for original screenplay. Nolan also missed out on a directing Oscar nomination for *The Dark Knight*, which was famously not nominated for best picture.

The directing category is back to an all-male lineup after Kathryn Bigelow became the first woman to win that prize last year for *The Hurt Locker*, which also claimed best picture.

Bale, the star of Nolan's *Batman* franchise, is a strong favourite to win supporting actor as former boxer Dicky Eklund, who helps his half-brother to a title shot after his own career unraveled amid drugs and crime in *The Fighter*. The film's star, Mark Wahlberg, missed out on a nomination as Eklund's half-brother, boxer Micky Ward.

Natalie Portman

Annette Bening

Nicole Kidman

Michelle Williams

Colin Firth

James Blanco

Jeff Bridges

Javier Bardem

**BEST PICTURE**

*Black Swan*,  
*The Fighter*  
*Inception*,  
*The Kids Are All Right*  
*The King's Speech*  
*True Grit*  
*Winter's Bone*

**ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE**

Javier Bardem (*Biutiful*)  
Jeff Bridges (*True Grit*)  
Jesse Eisenberg  
(*The Social Network*)  
Colin Firth (*The King's Speech*)  
James Franco (*127 Hours*)

**ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE**

Christian Bale (*The Fighter*)  
John Hawkes (*Winter's Bone*)  
Jeremy Renner (*The Town*)  
Mark Ruffalo (*The Kids Are All Right*)  
Geoffrey Rush (*The King's Speech*)

**ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE**

Annette Bening (*The Kids Are All Right*)  
Nicole Kidman (*Rabbit Hole*)  
Jennifer Lawrence (*Winter's Bone*)  
Natalie Portman (*Black Swan*)  
Michelle Williams (*Blue Valentine*)

**ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE**

Amy Adams (*The Fighter*)  
Helena Bonham Carter (*The King's Speech*)  
Melissa Leo (*The Fighter*)  
Hailee Steinfeld (*True Grit*)

**THE 83RD ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS**  
And the nominees are...

Jacki Weaver (*Animal Kingdom*)

**ANIMATED FEATURE FILM**

*How to Train Your Dragon*  
*The Illusionist*  
*Toy Story 3*

**CINEMATOGRAPHY**

Matthew Libatique (*Black Swan*)  
Wally Pfister (*Inception*)  
Danny Cohen (*The King's Speech*)  
Jeff Cronenweth  
(*The Social Network*)  
Roger Deakins (*True Grit*)

**DIRECTING**

Darren Aronofsky (*Black Swan*)  
David O. Russell (*The Fighter*)  
Tom Hooper (*The King's Speech*)  
David Fincher (*The Social Network*)  
Joel Coen and Ethan Coen  
(*True Grit*)

**FILM EDITING**

*Black Swan*  
*The Fighter*  
*The King's Speech*  
*127 Hours*  
*The Social Network*

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM**

*Biutiful*, Mexico  
*Dogtooth*, Greece  
*In a Better World*, Denmark  
*Incendies*, Canada  
*Outside the Law (Hors-la-loi)*, Algeria

**MUSIC (ORIGINAL SCORE)**

*How to Train Your Dragon*, John Powell  
*Inception*, Hans Zimmer  
*The King's Speech*, Alexandre Desplat  
*127 Hours*, A.R. Rahman  
*The Social Network*, Trent Reznor and  
Atticus Ross

**WRITING (ADAPTED SCREENPLAY)**

*127 Hours*, Screenplay by Danny Boyle &  
Simon Beaufoy  
*The Social Network*, Screenplay by

Aaron Sorkin  
*Toy Story 3*, Screenplay by Michael Arndt;  
Story by John Lasseter, Andrew Stanton  
and Lee Unkrich  
*True Grit*, Written for the screen by Joel  
Coen & Ethan Coen  
*Winter's Bone*, Adapted for the screen by  
Debra Granik & Anne Rosellini

**WRITING (ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY)**

*Another Year*, Written by Mike Leigh  
*The Fighter*, Screenplay by Scott Silver and  
Paul Tamasy & Eric Johnson; Story by Keith  
Dorrington & Paul Tamasy & Eric Johnson  
*Inception*, Written by Christopher Nolan  
*The Kids Are All Right*, Written by Lisa  
Cholodenko & Stuart Blumberg  
*The King's Speech*, Screenplay by  
David Seidler