

Houston critics select "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

The Houston Film Critics Society has announced their 2008 slate of year-end award winning films. The critics group, based in the nation's fourth largest city, spread the accolades around, honoring ten different films. The membership showed the most attention to "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button", awarding the film with their best picture honor and Claudio Miranda with an award for Best Cinematography.

The HFCS members awarded three outstanding achievement awards this year, honoring Andrea Grover and The Aurora Picture Show, Marian Luntz and The Museum of Fine Arts Houston's Film Department, and Roger Ebert for his advancement of film criticism.

The HFCS will officially announce the 2008 winners during a ceremony and reception at The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston on December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 P.M. in the Museum's Brown Auditorium.

The HFCS complete list of 2008 winners are:

Best Picture – "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"

Best Director of a Motion Picture – Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role – Sean Penn, "Milk"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role – Anne Hathaway, "Rachel Getting Married"

Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role – Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role – Viola Davis, "Doubt"

Best Performance by an Ensemble Cast – "Doubt"

Best Screenplay – Simon Beaufoy, "Slumdog Millionaire"

Best Animated Film – "Wall-E"

Best Cinematography – Claudio Miranda, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"

Best Documentary Feature – "Man on Wire"

Best Foreign Language Film – "Mongol"

Best Original Score – "Miracle at St. Anna" by Terence Blanchard

Best Original Song – "Down to Earth" from "Wall-E"

Outstanding Achievement in Cinema – Andrea Grover and The Aurora Picture Show

Outstanding Achievement in Film Programming – Marian Luntz and The Museum of Fine Arts Houston's Film Department

Outstanding Achievement in Film Criticism – Roger Ebert

The Houston Film Critics Society Top Ten Films for 2008:

1. The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
2. Slumdog Millionaire
3. The Dark Knight
4. Milk
5. Wall-E
6. Frost/Nixon
7. The Wrestler
8. Rachel Getting Married
9. The Reader
10. Gran Torino

For further information about the HFCS or their 2008 awards, contact Nick Nicholson, President of the or Michael Bergeron, Vice President of the HFCS.