

2014 Taurus World Stunt Awards Nominations

BEST FIGHT

1. Fast & Furious 6

Two fights take place simultaneously in a subway station. One fight features 2 guys taking on a bad guy and the other fight features 2 women. Fights feature hand to hand combat, a crash through a glass pane, and a fall down the subway stairs.

NOMINEES: Virginie Arnaud, Sybille Blouin, Mark Newman

WINNER

2. Kick-Ass 2

Kick-Ass takes on a group of bad guys in an alley. All of the fight was done practically and no wires or CGI were used.

NOMINEES: James Cox, Talila Craig, James Embree, Ian Pead, Lewis Young

3. Kick-Ass 2

Hit Girl pretends to fight ninjas during a cheerleading audition. Using gymnastics and fighting techniques, she defeats the imaginary ninjas.

NOMINEES: Ashley Beck, Talila Craig, James Embree, Mark Stanton-Kelly, Arran Topham

4. Parker

Jason Statham fights an attacker in a Florida hotel room. The fight crashes through the bathroom and living room areas, resulting in hard knocks on a television, bathroom counters, and mirrors. The fight ends with the bad guy going over the balcony. This was done with a descender.

NOMINEES: Daniel Bernhardt, James Embree, Mike Massa

5. The Wolverine

The Wolverine and Yukio take on assassins who are attacking a funeral. Hand to hand combat and gymnastic moves are used in most of the fight.

NOMINEES: Koichi Funayama, Jeremy Marinas, Renae Moneymaker, Daniel Stevens, Jon Valera

BEST HIGH WORK

1. Dead Man Down

A man is thrown from a 5th floor window with an electrical cord wrapped around his neck. Colin Ferrell then slides down the cord. This was done with a decelerator.

NOMINEES: Declan Mulvey

2. A Good Day to Die Hard

Two men jump through a window and fall through construction and scaffolding to the ground. The first part of the jump was a 50' high fall. The second part was done with wire decelerators to crash through breakaway scaffolding and fall 30'.

NOMINEES: JJ Dashnaw, Lance Gilbert

3. The Hangover Part 3

A man on the roof of Caesar's Palace attempts to jump to a balcony using bed sheets. Three falls make up the stunt. The first fall is a 15' fall while trying to grab the sheets. The second fall is another 15' fall, landing in the letters of Caesar's Palace. The final fall is a 20' jump from the letters to a balcony railing. A harness was worn for all falls and the 3rd fall was decreased in speed via decelerator rigging.

NOMINEES: Haydn Dalton

4. The Host

A woman crashes through a window and falls to the ground. The 40' fall was on a gold-tail and she had some foam mats to break the fall.

NOMINEES: Stacey Carino

5. Iron Man 3

Passengers sucked out of an airplane are saved by Iron Man. Skydivers were ratcheted out of a plane on a green screen stage. They then made parachute jumps from 14,000' by using parachutes rigged as part of their costumes. They used their aerial skills to act out of control until Iron Man caught them.

NOMINEES: Luke Aikins, Jon DeVore, Sarah Farooqui, Andy Farrington, Craig O'Brien

WINNER

BEST STUNT RIGGING

1. G.I. Joe: Retaliation

Ninjas fight with swords while ziplining on a cliff face. A combination of shots done on a real mountain and a large green screen wall were used. Ninjas were flying on 1000' zip lines between mountain peaks. CGI was used to make the green screen wall look like the face of the mountain.

NOMINEES: Paul Borne, Christian J. Fletcher, Dave Lane, Kurt Lott, Cord Walker

2. The Hangover Part 3

Man base jumps from the top of Caesar's Palace and lands on a moving limo. For this two-part stunt, double high lines were rigged between a hotel roof and a crane and then between two cranes. The stunt double moved in the parachute rig and landed on the limo roof.

NOMINEES: Nick Brett, Rico Burgos, Tim Drnec, Zac Henry, Pat Romano

3. The Incredible Burt Wonderstone

Magicians fall out of a plexi-glass box hanging mid-air. Safety lines were used, as the stunt was performed at height. The glass box was continuously being lowered from the crane arm, requiring constant adjustment on the lines. A descent rig was used to show one man falling on top of another.

NOMINEES: Jayson Dumenigo, Michael Li, Norbert Phillips, Jim Stephan

4. Iron Man 3

After being flung from a plane mid-flight, 13 passengers are dropped safely in the water by Iron Man. The passengers and Iron Man travel from a height of approximately 100' and a distance of 600'. They were dropped on a specific mark into the water at approximately 40 mph.

NOMINEES: Jack "Jake" Brake, Nick Brandon, James M. Churchman, Jeff Habberstad, Trevor Habberstad

WINNER

5. The Lone Ranger

Tonto and the Lone Ranger are snatched on a mail hook on the top of a moving train. They swing around, pick up a man and throw him through the train window. Stunt doubles were ratcheted from the top of the moving train, then suspended on a spinning rig to show the swing around the train. An overhead grid was suspended by 2 cranes that traveled with the stunt double and camera through the train window and out the other side. The stuntman was then ratcheted out the window of a moving train at 18mph and dropped to the ground.

NOMINEES: Michael Hansen, Will Harper, Shawn Kautz, David Schultz, Aaron R. Walters

6. Oz the Great and Powerful

The Wicked Witch gets on her broom, takes off through a crowd while doing an 80' arc, then flies an additional 100' off the set, reaching a top speed of close to 20 mph, all in one shot. The three dimensional flying arbor used for the stunt allowed the subject to rotate 180 degrees while maintaining an additional axis that controls or "puppets" the broom all at tremendous speeds. The "puppet" line took the broom from standing in a vertical position to a horizontal one as the Witch mounts the broom. The rotating feature allowed the Witch to point in the direction she was flying so that she could perform the sweeping arc.

NOMINEES: Randy Beckman, Chris Daniels, Jake Dewitt, Randy Haynie, Scott Rogers

BEST WORK WITH A VEHICLE

1. Fast & Furious 6

Police cars are flipped by a specialty car. Police cars flipping sideways down the street are shot out of a special effects cannon. The driver of the specialty car had a hand-operated lever which controlled rear hydraulic steering system so the car can crab over. The driver also drove head on at police cars with a pipe ramp attached to the front of the vehicle. Endo cannon was manned and pushed in the cannon car in front.

NOMINEES: Mark Higgins, Rob Hunt, Steve Kelso, Jalil Jay Lynch, Denney Pierce

2. Fast & Furious 6

Four BMWs are chased through the streets. Highlights of the chase include a sidewinder into a parked car, a cannon through a showroom, and a specialty car using a pipe ramp to turn over a BMW in a tunnel.

NOMINEES: Debbie Evans, Mark Higgins, Martin Ivanov, Steve Kelso, Denney Pierce

3. Fast & Furious 6

Cars and motorcycles chase a tank on a highway. Highlights of the chase include a practical jeep endo cannon, a tank running over unmanned cars, a Mustang being pushed by the tank, motorcycles riding through traffic and transferring to a jeep, and 2 cars cannon rolling together.

NOMINEES: Henry Kingi, Oakley Lehman, Jalil Jay Lynch, Mark Newman, Lee Millham

4. Gangster Squad

Vintage cars engage in a high speed chase at night on a dirt road. Retractable canons and a pipe ramp were used for turnovers and crashes. No CGI used and all driving was practical.

NOMINEES: JJ Dashnaw, Terry Jackson, Henry Kingi, Paul M. Lane, Malosi Leonard

5. A Good Day to Die Hard

A MRAP (mine-resistant ambush protected) vehicle chases a van, followed by a Unimog vehicle, through crowded city streets. Highlights of the chase include head on driving, multiple crashes, and 90, 180, and 360 degree spins. The Unimog does a multi roll cannon roll and the MRAP jumps an overpass guardrail to land among live traffic. Chase ends with a Mercedes G Wagon doing a k-rail slide turnover and the MRAP doing a cannon roll, flying off a bridge and t-boning a big rig.

NOMINEES: JJ Dashnaw, Steve Davison, Josh Kemble, Oakley Lehman, Larry Rippenkroeger
WINNER

BEST SPECIALTY STUNT

1. Dead Man Down

A man is engulfed in a full body burn when a vehicle crashes into a house.

NOMINEES: Tim Soergel

2. Iron Man 3

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NOMINEES: Luke Aikins, Jon DeVore, Sarah Farooqui, Andy Farrington, Craig O'Brien
WINNER

3. The Lone Ranger

The Lone Ranger rides his horse on top of a moving train. Stunt was executed with stationary shipping containers to simulate the train cars. The containers were 16' high and the horse was ridden over approximately 15 containers, jumping from one to the other. CGI was used to turn the containers into the moving train.

NOMINEES: Lynden Clarke

4. The Place Beyond the Pines

An escaping bank robber is riding through a neighborhood on a motorcycle and does a laydown, just missing another car.

NOMINEES: Rick Miller

5. This is the End

A man is engulfed in fire and runs through a house chasing his friends. The stuntman did several full burns while chasing the actors. At one point he crashed through a railing and dropped 15' to the floor below. A wire rig was used to decelerate his fall. CGI was only used for face replacement and all the fire was real.

NOMINEES: Brycen Counts

BEST OVERALL STUNT BY A STUNT WOMAN

1. The Conjuring

A woman falls down narrow basement stairs. The staircase was 30 wooden stairs and approximately 18'. Padding was only used on a couple of support beams she passed on the way down.

NOMINEES: Luci Romberg

2. Fast & Furious 6

A woman jumps from a motorcycle to jeep and hangs on as the jeep drives erratically. A safety rig was used for the motorcycle to jeep transfer.

NOMINEES: Zarene Dallas

3. Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters

A woman is thrown by a witch, crashing through a wall, falling to a roof, and then to the ground. After going through a breakaway wall, stuntwoman fell 8' to the roof and then fell 9' to face plant in a landing mat dug into the dirt.

NOMINEES: Maja Aro

4. The Host

A woman crashes her car on the open desert road. Driving at 55mph, the stuntwoman sent the car into a 90 degree spin and cannon rolled the vehicle 4 times.

NOMINEES: Heidi MoneyMaker

5. Identity Thief

A woman is hit by a car in the middle of the street. The car was traveling about 20 mph and she landed on the concrete.

NOMINEES: Luci Romberg

WINNER

6. Iron Man 3

A woman is sucked out of an airplane and is saved by Iron Man. She is ratcheted out of a plane on a green screen stage. She then made multiple parachute jumps from 14,000' and is eventually dropped into the ocean.

NOMINEES: Sarah Farooqui

HARDEST HIT

1. Grown Ups 2

Four nude men jump off a cliff into the water. The stunt doubles jumped about 35' and did not have clothing to protect them.

NOMINEES: Danny Downey, Heath Hensley, Greg Wattkis

2. Identity Thief

A woman is hit by a car in the middle of the street. The car was traveling about 20 mph and she landed on the concrete.

NOMINEES: Luci Romberg

3. The Lone Ranger

A man is swung by the Lone Ranger and Tonto and tossed through a train. He lands hard on the other side of the train. He was ratcheted out of the moving train at 18 mph and dropped about 6' to the ground.

NOMINEES: Eddie Fernandez

4. Lone Survivor

Four soldiers fall down a cliff. Broken up into multiple falls, each fall averaged about 10' to 15' in height and length. The only location using pads was the initial drop in the 2nd fall. They dropped 50' down a 70 degree rock face to a platform covered with boxes covered with pads. No wires or CGI were used to enhance the sequence.

NOMINEES: JJ Dashnaw, Zack Duhamel, Sean Graham, Ryan Staats

WINNER

5. The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones

A woman is thrown into the wall of a living room. A hand pull cable jerk was used to catapult her 15' back into the wall.

NOMINEES: Naomi Frenette

BEST STUNT COORDINATION AND/OR 2ND UNIT DIRECTION

1. **Fast & Furious 6**
NOMINEES: Andy Gill, Greg Powell, Spiro Razatos, Troy Robinson
WINNER
2. **Gangster Squad**
NOMINEES: Doug Coleman, Gary M. Hymes, Terry Leonard
3. **A Good Day to Die Hard**
NOMINEES: JJ Dashnaw, Steve Davison, Domonkos Pardanyi
4. **Iron Man 3**
NOMINEES: James M. Churchman, Jeff Habberstad, Markos Rounthwaite, Brian Smrz
5. **Kick-Ass 2**
NOMINEES: Jimmy O'Dee
6. **The Lone Ranger**
NOMINEES: Tad Griffith, Tommy Harper, Casey O'Neill

BEST ACTION IN A FOREIGN FILM

1. **Alarm for Cobra: Auferstehung (GERMANY)**
NOMINEES: Christoph Domanski
2. **Pioneer (NORWAY)**
NOMINEES: Deni Jordan
3. **Stalingrad (RUSSIA)**
NOMINEES: Sergei Golovkin, Victor Ivanov, Aleksandr Samokhvalov
WINNER
4. **Sueno (SPAIN)**
NOMINEES: Joaquin Ortega
5. **Who Killed Bambi? (SPAIN)**
NOMINEES: Julian Bucio, Antonio Ona, Cuco Usin