

## **Academy Award Nominations and Winners for the Oscars 2015**

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences nominated the film achievements of 2014 which were presented in the Academy Awards (commonly referred to as Oscars) in 24 categories.

The nominees were presented and prized in the ceremony on Oscar  
**Sunday, February 22, 2015,**  
at the Dolby Theatre® at Hollywood & Highland Center®.

### **The Nominations for the Category *Best Picture* were ...**

#### **American Sniper**

Clint Eastwood, Robert Lorenz, Andrew Lazar, Bradley Cooper and Peter Morgan;

#### **Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)**

Lejandro G. Inarritu, John Lesher and Kames W. Skotchdopole;

#### **Boyhood**

Richard Linklater and Cathleen Sutherland;

#### **The Grand Budapest Hotel**

Wes Anderson, Scott Rudin, Steven Rales and Jeremy Dawson;

#### **The Imitation Game**

Nora Grossman, Ido Ostrowsky and Teddy Schwarzman;

#### **Selma**

Christian Colson, Oprah Winfrey, Dede Gardner and Jeremy Kleiner;

#### **The Theory of Everything**

Tim Bevan, Eric Fellner, Lisa Bruce and Anthony Mc Carten;

#### **Whiplash**

Jason Blum, Helen Estabrook and David Lancaster;

The **Winner** for the Category  
***Best Picture***  
is ...



**Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)**

Alejandro G. Inarritu, John Leshner and James W. Skotchdopole.

***Film Synopsis***

Best known to the public as Birdman, the superhero he once played in a series of films, Riggan Thomson hopes to reestablish himself as a serious actor by mounting his own dramatic production on Broadway. With his self-doubt hindering the project, Thomson also finds himself threatened by the presence of a high-profile, egoistical movie star in his cast.

***Academy Awards History***

Including his nominations this year for Directing and Original Screenplay for BIRDMAN OR (THE UNEXPECTED VIRTUE OF IGNORANCE), this is the fifth Academy Award nomination for Alejandro G. Iñárritu.

He was previously nominated for:

BABEL (2006)

Nominee, Directing;

BABEL (2006)

Nominee, Best Picture.

***About the winners***

**Alejandro González Iñárritu** is a Mexican film director, producer, screenwriter, and composer, known for Birdman (2014), Beautiful (2010), Babel (2006), 21 Grams (2003) and Amores perros (2000).

**John Leshner** is a producer, known for Birdman (2014), Fury (2014) Blood Ties (2013) and End of Watch (2012).

**James W. Skotchdopole** is an assistant director and producer, known for Django Unchained (2012), True romance (1993) and Sleepless in Seattle (1993).



Kames W. Skotchdopole, Sean Penn, Alejandro G. Inarritu, John Leshner.