

## Film News: ‘Moonlight’ Tops Chicago Film Critics Association 2016 Best Film Nominees

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CHICAGO – The poignant journey of “Moonlight” topped the 2016 Chicago Film Critics Association nominations list with 11, as announced on Monday, December 12th. Other notable multi-category nominees included the biopic “Jackie,” the drama “Manchester by the Sea” and the musical “La La Land.” Janelle Monae (“Hidden Figures”), Lily Gladstone (“Certain Women”) and Lucas Hedges (“Manchester by the Sea”) scored double nominations in the Best Supporting Actress and Actor categories, as well as Most Promising Performer.



Scene from ‘Moonlight,’ Honored with 11 Nominations for 2016 from the Chicago Film Critics Association

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The Chicago Film Critics Association is an organization that oversees many events in the Chicagoland area, including the Chicago Film Critics Awards, the Chicago Critics Film Festival and various film discussions and events around the city and surrounding suburbs. The nominees for the CFCA best of 2016 films are...

**Best Picture**

The Handmaiden

Jackie

La La Land

Manchester by the Sea

Moonlight

**Best Director**

Damien Chazelle – La La Land

Barry Jenkins – Moonlight

Pablo Larrain – Jackie

Kenneth Lonergan – Manchester by the Sea

Chan-wook Park – The Handmaiden

**Best Actress**

Amy Adams – Arrival

Rebecca Hall – Christine

Isabelle Huppert – Elle

Natalie Portman – Jackie

Emma Stone – La La Land

**Best Actor**

Casey Affleck – Manchester by the Sea

Adam Driver – Paterson

Joel Edgerton – Loving

Colin Farrell – The Lobster

Denzel Washington – Fences

**Best Supporting Actress**

Viola Davis – Fences

Lily Gladstone – Certain Women

Naomie Harris – Moonlight

Janelle Monae – Hidden Figures

Michelle Williams – Manchester by the Sea

**Best Supporting Actor**

Mahershala Ali – Moonlight

Alden Ehrenreich – Hail, Caesar!

Ben Foster – Hell or High Water

Lucas Hedges – Manchester by the Sea

Trevante Rhodes – Moonlight

Michael Shannon – Nocturnal Animals

**Best Original Screenplay**

Hell or High Water – Taylor Sheridan

Jackie – Noah Oppenheim

The Lobster – Yorgos Lanthimos & Efthymis Filippou

Manchester by the Sea – Kenneth Lonergan

Moonlight – Barry Jenkins

**Best Adapted Screenplay**

Arrival – Eric Heisserer

Elle – David Birke

The Handmaiden – Seo-Kyung Chung & Chan-wook Park

Love & Friendship – Whit Stillman

Silence – Jay Cocks & Martin Scorsese

**Best Foreign Language Film**

Elle

The Handmaiden

Julieta

Neruda

Toni Erdmann

**Best Documentary**

Cameraperson  
Life, Animated  
OJ: Made in America  
Tower  
Weiner

**Best Animated Feature**

Kubo and the Two Strings  
Moana  
The Red Turtle  
Tower  
Zootopia

**Best Art Direction/Production Design**

The Handmaiden  
Jackie  
La La Land  
The Neon Demon  
The Witch

**Best Cinematography**

The Handmaiden – Chung-hoon Chung  
Jackie – Stephane Fontaine  
La La Land – Linus Sandgren  
Moonlight – James Laxton  
Silence – Rodrigo Prieto

**Best Editing**

Cameraperson – Nels Bangerter  
Jackie – Sebastian Sepulveda  
La La Land – Tom Cross  
Manchester by the Sea – Jennifer Lame  
Moonlight – Joi McMillon & Nat Sanders

**Best Original Score**

Arrival – Johann Johannsson  
Jackie – Mica Levi  
La La Land – Justin Hurwitz  
Moonlight – Nicholas Britell  
The Neon Demon – Cliff Martinez

**Most Promising Performer**

Lily Gladstone – Certain Women  
Lucas Hedges – Manchester by the Sea  
Royalty Hightower – The Fits  
Janelle Monae – Hidden Figures and Moonlight  
Trevante Rhodes – Moonlight

**Most Promising Filmmaker**

Kelly Fremon Craig – The Edge of Seventeen  
Robert Eggers – The Witch  
Anna Rose Holmer – The Fits  
Travis Knight – Kubo and the Two Strings  
Trey Edward Shults – Krisha

*The best of 2016 films will be announced by the Chicago Film Critics Association on Thursday, December 15th. For more information about the nominees and the CFCA, [click here](#). [24]*



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