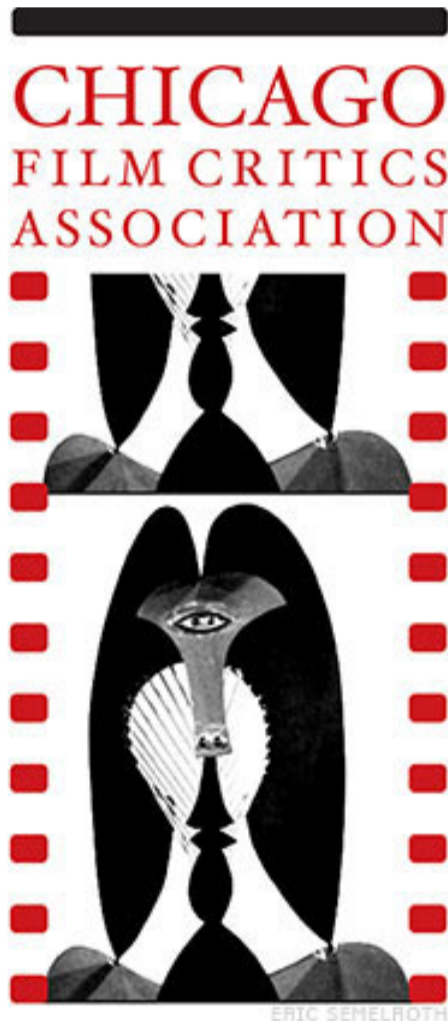


## ‘The Dark Knight,’ ‘Slumdog Millionaire’ Lead Nominees From Chicago Film Critics Association

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CHICAGO – The Chicago Film Critics Association announced its choices for the best of 2008 on Monday morning. The biggest blockbuster of the year, “The Dark Knight,” and the sleeper hit of the season, “Slumdog Millionaire,” tied for the most nominations and will compete for best picture of the year from Chicago film critics.



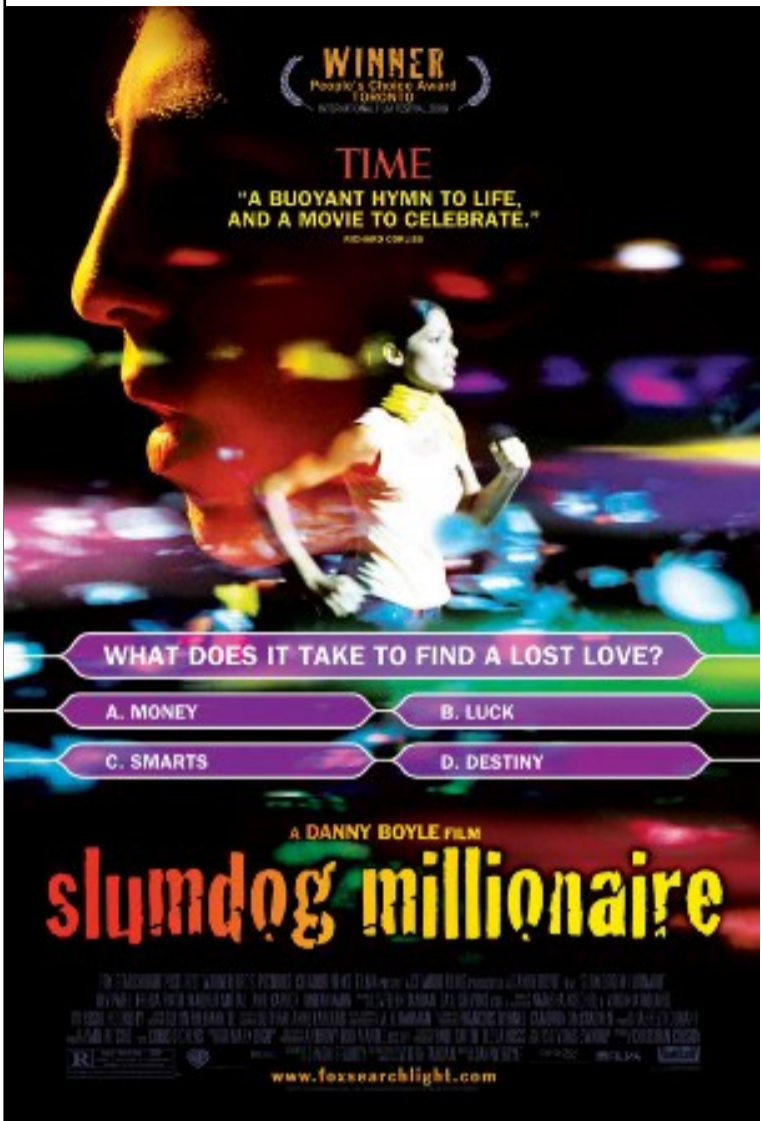
The Chicago Film Critics Association

“The Dark Knight”, the massively successful continuation of the Batman franchise, and “Slumdog Millionaire”, the magical tale of a young man forced to prove he didn’t cheat on a game show, scored six nods a piece, including Best Director, Best Screenplay, and Picture.

Four films nearly matched the big two this year for the CFCA with “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button”, “Doubt”, “Milk”, and “WALL-E” all landing five nods. Jonathan Demme’s “Rachel Getting Married” scored four nominations and the Swedish vampire film “Let the Right One In” came away with three.

Major acting nominees for the Chicago Film Critics Association include Clint Eastwood, Sean Penn, Mickey Rourke, Anne Hathaway, Angelina Jolie, Meryl Streep, Heath Ledger, Penelope Cruz, and Kate Winslet alongside nominated newcomers like Sally Hawkins, Melissa Leo, Michael Shannon, and Rosemarie DeWitt.

The members of the CFCA, which includes HollywoodChicago.com Publisher Adam Fendelman and Content Director Brian Tallerico, are currently in the midst of their second and final round of voting and the winners will be announced on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 18 on WGN-TV in three chunks at 6:50 AM, 7:50 AM and 8:50 AM with Richard Roeper, Dean Richards and CFCA President Dann Gire. They will be released to the public immediately afterwards.



Slumdog Millionaire

BEST PICTURE

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- The Dark Knight
- Milk
- Slumdog Millionaire
- WALL\*E

BEST DIRECTOR

- Danny Boyle—Slumdog Millionaire
- David Fincher—The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- Christopher Nolan—The Dark Knight
- Andrew Stanton—WALL\*E
- Gus Van Sant—Milk

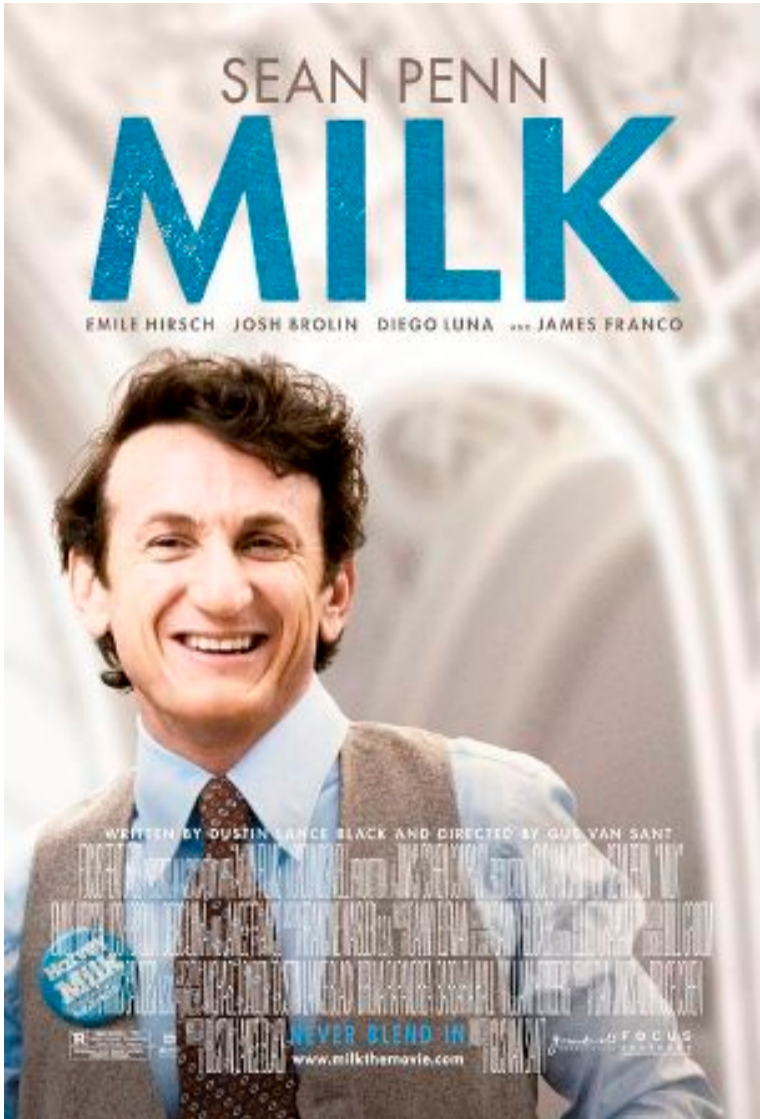
BEST ACTOR

- Clint Eastwood—Gran Torino
- Richard Jenkins—The Visitor
- Frank Langella—Frost/Nixon
- Sean Penn—Milk
- Mickey Rourke—The Wrestler

BEST ACTRESS

- Anne Hathaway—Rachel Getting Married
- Sally Hawkins—Happy-Go-Lucky
- Angelina Jolie—Changeling
- Melissa Leo—Frozen River
- Meryl Streep—Doubt





Milk

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

- Robert Downey Jr.—Tropic Thunder
- Philip Seymour Hoffman—Doubt
- Bill Irwin—Rachel Getting Married
- Heath Ledger—The Dark Knight
- Michael Shannon—Revolutionary Road

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

- Amy Adams—Doubt
- Penelope Cruz—Vicky Cristina Barcelona
- Viola Davis—Doubt
- Rosemarie DeWitt—Rachel Getting Married
- Kate Winslet—The Reader

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

- In Bruges—Martin McDonagh
- Milk—Dustin Lance Black
- Rachel Getting Married—Jenny Lumet
- Synecdoche, N.Y.—Charlie Kaufman
- WALL\*E—Andrew Stanton & Jim Reardon

BEST ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button—Eric Roth
- The Dark Knight—Jonathan Nolan and Christopher Nolan
- Doubt—John Patrick Shanley
- Frost/Nixon—Peter Morgan
- Slumdog Millionaire—Simon Beaufoy





The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

BEST FOREIGN-LANGUAGE FILM

- The Band's Visit
- Che
- A Christmas Tale
- I've Loved You So Long
- Let the Right One In

BEST DOCUMENTARY

- American Teen
- Dear Zachary
- IOUSA
- Man On Wire
- Standard Operating Procedure

BEST ANIMATED FEATURE

- Bolt
- Kung-Fu Panda
- Tale of Desperaux
- WALL\*E
- Waltz with Bashir

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

- Australia—Mandy Walker
- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button—Claudio Miranda
- The Dark Knight—Wally Pfister
- The Fall—Colin Watkinson
- Slumdog Millionaire—Anthony Dod Mantle





#### BEST ORIGINAL SCORE

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button—Alexandre Desplat  
The Dark Knight—Hans Zimmer and James Newton Howard  
Milk—Danny Elfman  
Slumdog Millionaire—A.R. Rahman  
WALL·E—Thomas Newman

#### MOST PROMISING PERFORMER

Russell Brand—Forgetting Sarah Marshall  
David Kross—The Reader  
Lina Leandersson—Let the Right One In  
Dev Patel—Slumdog Millionaire  
Brandon Walters—Australia

#### MOST PROMISING FILMMAKER

Tomas Alfredson—Let the Right One In  
Lance Hammer—Ballast  
Courtney Hunt—Frozen River  
Martin McDonagh—In Bruges  
Steve McQueen—Hunger



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