

## Film News: 'Birdman' Tops Chicago Film Critics Association 2014 Best Film Nominees

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CHICAGO – The best movies of 2014 were on display as the Chicago Film Critics Association (CFCA) announced their nominees in several categories of film excellence. Leading the pack was director Alejandro G. Inarritu's "Birdman," Wes Anderson's "The Grand Budapest Hotel" and newcomer Damien Chazelle's "Whiplash." The best in each category will be announced on Monday, December 15th.



'Birdman'  
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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 2014 films are...

### Best Picture

"Birdman"  
"Boyhood"  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel"  
"Under the Skin"

"Whiplash"

 **Best Director**

Wes Anderson - "The Grand Budapest Hotel"

David Fincher - "Gone Girl"

Alejandro G. Inarritu - "Birdman"

Richard Linklater - "Boyhood"

Christopher Nolan - "Interstellar"

 **Best Actress**

Marion Cotillard - "Two Days, One Night"

Scarlett Johansson - "Under the Skin"

Julianne Moore - "Still Alice"

Rosamund Pike - "Gone Girl"

Reese Witherspoon - "Wild"

 **Best Actor**

Benedict Cumberbatch - "The Imitation Game"

Jake Gyllenhaal - "Nightcrawler"

Michael Keaton - "Birdman"

David Oyelowo - "Selma"

Eddie Redmayne - "The Theory of Everything"

 **Best Supporting Actress**

Patricia Arquette - "Boyhood"

Jessica Chastain - "A Most Violent Year"

Laura Dern - "Wild"

Agata Kulesza - "Ida"

Emma Stone - "Birdman"

 **Best Supporting Actor**

Josh Brolin - "Inherent Vice"

Ethan Hawke - "Boyhood"

Edward Norton - "Birdman"

Mark Ruffalo - "Foxcatcher"

J.K. Simmons - "Whiplash"

 **Best Original Screenplay**

"Birdman" - Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, Nicolas Giacobone, Alexander Dinelaris and Armando Bo

"Boyhood" - Richard Linklater

"Calvary" - John Michael McDonagh

"The Grand Budapest Hotel" - Wes Anderson

"Whiplash" - Damien Chazelle

 **Best Adapted Screenplay**

"Gone Girl" - Gillian Flynn

"The Imitation Game"- Graham Moore

"Inherent Vice"- Paul Thomas Anderson

"Under the Skin"- Walter Campbell

"Wild" - Nick Hornby

 **Best Foreign Language Film**

"Force Majeure"

"Ida"

"Mommy"

"The Raid 2"

"Two Days, One Night"

 **Best Documentary**

"Citizenfour"

"Jodorowsky's Dune"

"Last Days in Vietnam"

"Life Itself"

"The Overnighters"

**★ Best Animated Feature**

"Big Hero 6"  
"The Boxtrolls"  
"How to Train Your Dragon 2"  
"The Lego Movie"  
"Tales of the Princess Kaguya"

**★ Best Art Direction/Production Design**

"The Grand Budapest Hotel"  
"Interstellar"  
"Into The Woods"  
"Only Lovers Left Alive"  
"Snowpiercer"

**★ Best Cinematography**

"Birdman"- Emmanuel Lubezki  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel"- Robert Yeoman  
"Ida" - Ryszard Lenczewski and Lukasz Zal  
"Inherent Vice"- Robert Elswit  
"Interstellar" - Hoyte Van Hoytema

**★ Best Editing**

"Birdman"- Douglas Crise and Stephen Mirrion  
"Boyhood"- Sandra Adair  
"Gone Girl"- Kirk Baxter  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel"- Barney Pilling  
"Whiplash" - Tom Cross

**★ Best Original Score**

"Birdman" - Antonio Sanchez  
"The Grand Budapest Hotel" - Alexandre Desplat  
"The Imitation Game" - Alexandre Desplat  
"Interstellar" - Hans Zimmer  
"Under the Skin" - Mica Levi

**★ Most Promising Performer**

Ellar Coltrane - "Boyhood"  
Gugu Mbatha-Raw - "Belle/Beyond the Lights"  
Jack O'Connell - "Starred Up/Unbroken"  
Tony Revolori - "The Grand Budapest Hotel"  
Jenny Slate - "Obvious Child"  
Agata Trzebuchowska - "Ida"

**★ Most Promising Filmmaker**

Damien Chazelle - "Whiplash"  
Dan Gilroy - "Nightcrawler"  
Jennifer Kent - "The Babadook"  
Jeremy Saulnier - "Blue Ruin"  
Justin Simien - "Dear White People"

*The best of 2014 films will be announced by the Chicago Film Critics Association on Monday, December 15th, 2014. For more information about the nominees and the CFCA, [click here](#). [22]*



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