

EVENTS

MTV Movie Awards: What we wanted the Oscars to be

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“Straight Outta Compton.” “Creed.” “Deadpool.” “Jurassic World.” No, these aren’t just the movies that cleaned up at the box office this past year. They are four of the six nominees for best picture ... at the MTV Movie Awards.

While viewers decried #OscarsSoWhite and lamented the lack of blockbusters up for Academy Awards, MTV appears to have recognized these criticisms and corrected for them with its nominees for the Kevin Hart- and Dwayne Johnson-hosted ceremony on April 10.

The MTV Movie Awards have always been more populist than other ceremonies honoring film, and it showed

in this year’s nods. “Star Wars: The Force Awakens,” which went home empty-handed at the Oscars, has 11 chances to win MTV’s award, in categories ranging from best fight to ensemble cast to best villain to movie of the year.

The music channel’s open-mindedness is especially meaningful this year, though, as the nominees included performers of color who weren’t recognized by the Oscars, including Michael B. Jordan for “Creed” for best male performance and John Boyega of “Star Wars” for both best breakthrough performance and best action performance, for example.

And the awards didn’t stop their innovations there. In an attempt to cater to their core millennial audi-

ence, the nominations were announced via Snapchat Discover. And to vote for movie of the year, there’s no need to create an account, sign into a website or anything like that — just simply type “MTV vote” into your Google search and the first result allows you to select your top choice without so much as opening a new tab. (You have until March 20 to vote for this or any of the other categories. While the nominees are selected by MTV producers and executives, winners are decided by the online-voting public.)

MTV also implemented two new categories this year: documentary and true story. The former seems like an effort to be taken seriously, while the latter — for movies based on real people and events — is just a good

idea in a field permeated with biopics. This way, movies such as “The Big Short” and “Steve Jobs” aren’t in competition with “Avengers: Age of Ultron.”

There are obviously some crossovers between the Academy Awards and MTV’s show, but they treat the industry in very different ways. While “Room” racked up four Oscar nods (despite being one of the lowest-grossing movies to ever be nominated for best picture), the indie drama only has one chance to win the golden popcorn: if Brie Larson wins for breakthrough performance. But in typical confusing MTV fashion, Larson is not a contender in the best female performance category, which houses newcomers such as Daisy Ridley (also

nominated for best breakthrough performance) and Alicia Vikander.

The beauty of the MTV Movie Awards is twofold: They know they have room to have fun, so categories such as best kiss, best hero and best virtual performance allow them to honor parts of movies that aren’t life-changing but inspire Tumblr GIFs worldwide, and their voting process means everyone gets a say, and consequently the awards reflect viewers at large.

That’s why fan-favorite Charlize Theron as Imperator Furiosa in “Mad Max: Fury Road,” makes an appearance in three categories, and why “Straight Outta Compton,” which grossed \$202 million worldwide, is nominated not

only for movie of the year, but for best breakthrough performance for O’Shea Jackson Jr. (aka mini-Ice Cube).

“This show is about fandom and the stars come out to celebrate that,” said executive producer Casey Patterson, according to comingsoon.net. “The nominees and the content are naturally diverse and eclectic because we’re a true reflection of a real movie-going audience.”

And besides, where else do you get to personally choose among Jordan, Chris Pratt (“Jurassic World”), Ryan Reynolds (“Deadpool”) and Leonardo DiCaprio (“The Revenant”) for best male performance? (Though, for what it’s worth, our money is on Leo vs. the bear for best fight.)

Things to Do

BANGOR — “Search Images,” wood block prints by artist Amy Guadagnoli, through April 14, Robert E. White Gallery, Husson University. Amy Guadagnoli at 370-9202 or art@amyguadagnoli.com, Kathi Smith at smithk@husson.edu.

BANGOR — ART@NOON, informal gallery talk, noon Wednesday, March 9, University of Maine Museum of Art, 40 Harlow St. Free and open to all. 561-3360 or kat.johnson@umit.maine.edu.

BANGOR — Local author and former University of Maine professor Ann James Joles presents her book: “Sink or Swim: The Incredibly Simple Rules for a Healthy, Low-Stress, and Successful College Education,” 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, Lecture Hall, Bangor Public Library. bangorpubliclibrary.org.

BLUE HILL — “The Art of the Book” exhibit, during library hours through March, Howard Room glass cases, Blue Hill Public Library, 5 Parker Point Road. 374-5515.

BLUE HILL — Rainbow Warriors writing group for ages 12 to 18, 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Blue Hill Public Library. Open to artists, gamers, readers, movie enthusiasts, bakers, crafters, social justice warriors and more. Discussion, writing

prompts, games. Libby, 374-5515.

BROOKLIN — Soup, chili and chowder challenge, 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, March 12, Brooklin School, Bay Road. Benefits school’s Parent-Teacher-Friend Association. Brooklin School PTF Facebook page or mollydesigns@gmail.com.

BRUNSWICK — Concerts for a Cause, featuring Ellis Paul, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick, 1 Middle St. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door, available at the church office, 729-8515; Gulf of Maine Books, 729-5083; or uucbpaul.brownpapertickets.com. Benefits church and local nonprofits.

BRUNSWICK — Maine Jewish Film Festival: “Touchdown Israel,” 8 p.m. Saturday, March 12; “Frank Vs. God,” 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13; “Rock in the Red Zone,” 5 p.m. Sunday, March 13, Frontier Theater, 14 Maine St. 523-3422 or filmfest@mjff.org.

BRUNSWICK — Ninth annual Dinner to Fight Hunger to benefit Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program, Monday, March 14, Henry and Marty Restaurant and Catering. All proceeds, including drink sales and tips, benefit MCHPP. Features three-course prix-fixe menu of locally sourced food for \$50 per person. Reser-

EASTPORT — Knights of Pythias Anchor Lodge 41, 6:30-7 p.m. Fridays, March 11 and 25, Eastport Youth Center, Barren Road. 904-7663 or anchorlodgeno41@yahoo.com.

EASTPORT — Sunday Afternoons at the Eastport Arts Center series, 3 p.m. Sundays, except Easter: Fraser-Allard family recounting their seven-month-long sailing journey to the Bahamas and back, March 13; staged reading by Stage East, March 20. Free and open to all. Hot drinks and refreshments offered. Donations accepted.

HAMPDEN — Hampden Kiwanis Club monthly Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, Hampden Kiwanis Civic Center. Doors open 10:30 a.m. \$103. Keith, 346-9949. Benefits Hampden Kiwanis charities.

HAMPDEN — Baked bean supper, 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, March 12, Hampden Goodwill Riders Snowmobile Club, 844 Western Ave. \$7, \$3 children.

HINCKLEY — Author Naya Clifford talking about her book “Into the North Woods,” 6 p.m. Thursday, March 10, Moody Chapel, Alford Campus, Kennebec Valley Community College, Route

201. Free and open to all. David Smith, 453-3507 or dsmith@kvcc.me.edu.

HINCKLEY — Beatles for Sale, a Beatles tribute band, 7 p.m. Friday, March 11, Moody Chapel, Kennebec Valley Community College, Alford Campus, 15 Stanley Road, off Route 201. BeatlesForSale.net.

MACHIAS — Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra Music for Children Program production of “Hansel and Gretel,” dress rehearsal, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 13, University of Maine at Machias. Admission by suggested donation of \$15, free to children, no one turned away. June Gregory, 213-9145 or june.gregory@gmail.com.

OLD TOWN — Wednesday trivia nights, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, through April 6, Old Town American Legion Post 75, 20 Water St. Cost \$1. Teams will be set up. Food, drinks and 50/50. Open to public. 827-4378.

PORTLAND — Maine Maritime Museum’s fifth annual Voices of the Sea, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10, Bull Feeney’s, 375 Fore St. Doors open, 6:30 p.m., with cash bar. \$12 museum members, \$15 others. 443-1316 or info@maritimeme.org.

ROCKLAND — Snow Day Camp available to children ages 5-10 on days school is canceled because of snow, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks. Organized activities. Deposit of \$15 per child to reserve space and \$15 per child per snow day. If there are no snow days, the deposit will be returned. Limited to 30. 370-7887 or uurnsnowdaycamp@uurockland.org.

WATERVILLE — The 19th annual Maine Jewish Film Festival reception, 6:30 p.m.; screening of “Touchdown Israel: Tackle Football in the Holy Land,” 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, March 12. Railroad Square Cine-

ma, 17 Railroad Square. Festival will feature 25 films. Other venues include Nickelodeon Cinemas, Maine College of Art and Portland Museum of Art in Portland; Bates College Olin Arts Center in Lewiston; Frontier Cafe and Cinema in Brunswick. Tickets available at Brown Paper Tickets or by phone at 800-838-3006. Complete festival schedule at mjff.org.

WATERVILLE — Maine Jewish Film Festival: “Once in a Lifetime,” 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 17, Railroad Square Cinema, 17 Railroad Square. 523-3422 or filmfest@mjff.org.

WINTER HARBOR — “Fly Away Home,” 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 20, Moore Auditorium, Schoodic Institute, 9 Atterbury Circle, Acadia National Park. Rated PG. \$3 at the door. 288-1310 or info@schoodicinstitute.org.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

Wednesday prime time

MOVIES

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	The Voice Recapping blind auditions. (N) (HD)	Carmichael Carmichael News						
	4 CBC Dragons' Den (N)	X Company (N)	The National (N)				CBC Coronation Rick Mercer		
	5 CBS Big Bang Broke Girl	Survivor (N) (HD)	The Victoria's CSI: Cyber (N) (HD)				News		
	5.2 CW Family Guy Arrow (HD)	Supernatural (HD)					News Seinfeld	Cougar	
	6 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	The Voice Recapping blind auditions. (N) (HD)	Carmichael Carmichael News						
	7 ABC Wheel Jeopardy!	The Middle	Goldbergs Mod Fam blackish				American Crime (N)	News	
	WAGM FOX The Insider Ent. Tonight	Rosewood (N) (HD)	(01) Hell's Kitchen (N)				News Big Bang	Big Bang	
	8 ABC Wheel Jeopardy!	The Middle	Goldbergs Mod Fam blackish				American Crime (N)	News	
	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)	This Land Is Your Land (My Music)	Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Friends Patient						
	9 IND CSI: Cyber (N) (HD)	Arrow (HD)	Criminal Minds				News-Lisa CTV News	Daily Show	
	13 CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider	Survivor (N) (HD)	The Victoria's CSI: Cyber (N) (HD)				News		
	22 FOX Mod Fam Mod Fam	Rosewood (N) (HD)	(01) Hell's Kitchen (N)				FOX 22 News at 10 (N)	The Closer	
KIDS	33 IND M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith				Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	38 IND Big Bang Big Bang	The Closer (HD)					WBZ News (N) (HD)	Seinfeld	
	NICK Paradise Henry	Henry	SpongeBob	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	
KIDS	DISN Jessie	Girl Meets	Invisible Sister (2015)	Rowan Blanchard	Bunk'd	Best Fr.	Liv-Mad.	Bunk'd	
	FREE (6:00) *** Mean Girls	Young	Baby Daddy	* John Tucker Must Die (2006)	Jesse Metcalfe.			700 Club	
LEARN	HIST American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Join or Die			
	DISC Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival (N)	(01) Venom Hunters (N)	Survival				
	TLC My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life (N)	(01) Fat Chance (N)	My 600-Lb				
	A&E Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Wahlburgers (N)	Jep	Jep	Duck D.			
	ANPL North Woods Law	Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier	(02) Backcountry Justice	Rugged				
SPORTS	CSNE NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at Boston Celtics. (L)	Celtics	SportsNet	Sports	Sports				
	ESPN NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at Boston Celtics. (N) (L)	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Thunder							
	ESPN2 College Basketball: ACC Tournament	College Basketball ACC Tournament – TBA vs. Virginia Tech. (N)							
	NBCSP NHL Live (N) (L)	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at St. Louis Blues. (L)	(4:45) NHL Overtime (N)						
NEWS	NESN English Premier League Soccer	Liverpool Match Extra (N)	Sports	Sports	Sports				
	CNBC The Profit	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	The Filthy				
NEWS	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360	Democratic Presidential Debate (N) (L)	Post Debate					
	FNC Greta Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor (N)	The Kelly File (N)	Hannity (N)	O'Reilly				
	MSNBC Hardball	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	Politics				
VARIETY	AMC (5:00) *** The Rock (R)	*** The Italian Job (2003)	(ESP) Mark Wahlberg. (P6-13)	Live Free or Die Hard					
	BRV (6:00) * Rush Hour 3	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Happens	Housewives	Happens			
	CMT Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	** The Replacements (2000, Comedy)	Keanu Reeves. (P6-13)					
	COM South Park South Park	South Park South Park	South Park South Park	Broad City	Broad City	Daily Show			
	E! E! News (N)	** Maid in Manhattan (2002)	Jennifer Lopez.	I Am Cat	E! News				
	FOOD Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Diners Vacation	Diners				
	FX (5:30) The Counselor (R)	*** Star Trek Into Darkness (2013, Science Fiction)	Chris Pine. (P6-13)	Star Trek					
	GAC Flippin' RVs	RV Nation RV Nation	RV Nation RV Nation	RV Nation RV Nation	RV Nation				
	HALL Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	The Middle The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls			
	HGTV Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Property			
	LIFE Little Women: Atlanta	Little Women: LA (N)	Little Women: LA (N)	Little Women: Atlanta	Experiment				
	MTV Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show (N)	Suspect				
PREMIUM	OXY Preachers of Atlanta	Preachers of Atlanta	Preachers of Atlanta	Preachers of Atlanta (N)	Preachers				
	SPIKE (6:00) ** National Treasure	(2004) Nicolas Cage.	** National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007)	Nicolas Cage. (P6)					
	SYFY (6:00) * Legion (2010) (R)	Face Off	Face Off (N)	The Internet	Face Off				
	TBN The Blessed Potters	John Gray	Turning Prince	S. Furtick	Living Proof	Blessed Life	John Gray		
	TBS Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)		
	TCM (6:15) ** Torch Song	Whalers	*** 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1954) (G)	Walt Disney Presents					
	TCM (6:10) Tapped Out (2014)	Bachelor (2014)	Missy Peregrin. (R) (35)	Garm Wars: The Last Druid (2014)	Snowpiercer				
	TNT Sherlock	*** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013, Fantasy)	Jan McKellen. (P6-13)	Castle					
	TRAVEL Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown (N)	Wild Things With Dominic	Expedition				
	TRU Carbonaro Carbonaro	Carbonaro Carbonaro	Carbonaro Carbonaro	Carbonaro Billy-Street					
	TVL Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Raymond Raymond	Raymond Raymond	Younger	Teachers	King			
	USA Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Mod Fam				
STARZ	VH1 Mob Wives	Mob Wives (N)	Larger Than Life	Law & Order: SVU	Larger, Life				
	WGN-A ** Fast Five (2011, Action)	Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster. (P6-13)	Underground (N)	Underg.					
	ENC (5:25) *** Ray (2004) Jamie Foxx. (P6-13)	*** Thelma & Louise (1991, Drama) (ESP) Susan Sarandon, Geena Davis, Harvey Keitel. (R)	(10) *** National Lampoon's Animal House (1978) (ESP) John Belushi. (R)	Fifty Shades					
	HBO ** Eagle Eye (2008) Shia LaBeouf. Two strangers become pawns of a mysterious woman. (P6-13)	VICE (ESP)	Girls (ESP)	Vinyl Richie courts a funk superstar. (ESP)					
STARZ	MAX (6:35) *** 28 Weeks Later (2007, Horror) (ESP) Robert Carlyle. (R)	(20) *** Joy Ride (2001, Suspense) (ESP) Steve Zahn, Paul Walker. (R)	Sam Rockwell, Kyle Carrillo. (P6-13)						
	SHOW (5:05) *** The Aviator	** U-571 (2000) (ESP) Matthew McConaughey. GIs try to steal an encryption device from a German sub. (2004) Leonardo DiCaprio, Arnold Schwarzenegger. A team is stalked by an intergalactic trophy hunter. (R)	Black Sails Flint and Silver return to Nassau.	Michael Jackson's Journey from Motown to Off the Wall "Off the Wall."	** The Edge (1997, Adventure) (ESP) Anthony Hopkins, Alec Baldwin. (R)				

Winslow advances to drama festival finals

A scoring error led to a wrong school being named winner of one of the Class B regional competitions of the 2016 Maine Drama Festival on Saturday. On Sunday afternoon it was announced that Winslow High School, not Hermon, won, and will advance to the state finals.

Winslow’s play was “Tribunal.” There were nine regional

competitions held around the state on Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5.

The following Class A schools will proceed to the finals: Oceanside, Falmouth, Bonny Eagle, Waterville, Oxford Hills, South Portland, Lawrence and Westbrook.

The following Class B schools will proceed to the finals: Ellsworth, Lincoln Academy, Baxter Academy,

clude Aviva Kempner, producer, director and writer of “Rosenwald”; Hilla Medalia, producer of “Censored Voices”; Shirley Berkovitz, producer, director, writer of “The Good Son”; Ina Pinkney, Chicago restaurateur, on “Breakfast at Ima’s”; and Livia Filusova, producer of “In Silence.”

A closing night screening of the romantic comedy “Frank vs. God” will be held 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Portland Museum of Art, followed by a reception catered by Aurora Provisions and an auction of special pieces from Thomas Moser Furniture. Cost of the film and party is \$18.

For various ticket options, specifics of each show site, and the full schedule, visit mjff.org or call 523-3422.

Lee Academy, Maine Central Institute, Foxcroft Academy, Mount Desert, Freeport, Winslow and Lisbon.

The one-act play state finals will be held Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19. Class A will be held at Camden Hills Regional High School in Rockport; and Class B will be held at Stearns High School in Millinocket.