



2009 Oscar Ballot

NAME

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WHY ONLY 3?
WHERE'S CLINT?
WHERE'S BRUCE?

BEST PICTURE

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button "SPEED RACER" Wuz ROBBED!
 - Frost/Nixon
 - Milk
 - The Reader
 - Slumdog Millionaire
- PROHIBITIVE FAVORITE

BEST ACTOR

- Richard Jenkins, The Visitor
- Frank Langella, Frost/Nixon
- Sean Penn, Milk
- Brad Pitt, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button - IS HIS COMEBACK ALREADY PASSÉ?
- Mickey Rourke, The Wrestler

BEST ACTRESS

- Anne Hathaway, Rachel Getting Married
 - Angelina Jolie, Changeling
 - Melissa Leo, Frozen River
 - Meryl Streep, Doubt
 - Kate Winslet, The Reader
- SIXTH TIME'S THE CHARM!

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

- Josh Brolin, Milk
- Robert Downey Jr., Tropic Thunder
- Philip Seymour Hoffman, Doubt
- Heath Ledger, The Dark Knight
- Michael Shannon, Revolutionary Road

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS / STRONGEST CATEGORY

- Amy Adams, Doubt
- Penélope Cruz, Vicky Cristina Barcelona - MY HEAD SAYS...
- Viola Davis, Doubt - MY HEART SAYS...
- Taraji P. Henson, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- Marisa Tomei, The Wrestler - HER BEST WORK YET

BEST ANIMATED FEATURE

- Bolt
 - Kung Fu Panda
 - WALL-E
- SHOULD'VE BEEN UP FOR BEST PICTURE

ART DIRECTION

- Changeling
 - The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
 - The Dark Knight
 - The Duchess
 - Revolutionary Road
- IT'S GOT TO WIN SOME CONSOLATION PRIZES!

MAKEUP

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
 - The Dark Knight
 - Hellboy II: The Golden Army
- MAKING BEST PART: LOOF BRAID GORGEOUS TEENAGER

CINEMATOGRAPHY

- Changeling
- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- The Dark Knight
- The Reader
- Slumdog Millionaire

COSTUME DESIGN

- Australia
 - The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
 - The Duchess - THE ONLY TRUE COSTUME DRAMA IN THE TUNIC
 - Milk*
 - Revolutionary Road
- *BEST T-SHIRTS?

BEST DIRECTOR

- David Fincher, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
- Ron Howard, Frost/Nixon
- Gus Van Sant, Milk
- Stephen Daldry, The Reader
- Danny Boyle, Slumdog Millionaire

DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

- The Betrayal (Nerakhoon)
 - Encounters at the End of the World
 - The Garden
 - Man on Wire HAS SWEET AWARDS
 - Trouble the Water HEARTBREAKING.
- WERNER HERZOG'S FIRST OSCAR NOM
BEST OF THE LOT

DOCUMENTARY SHORT

- The Conscience of Nhem En - CAMBODIA
- The Final Inch - WAR ON POLIO
- Smile Pinki - INDIAN GIRL w/CLEFT ROOM 306 MLK ASSASSINATION BENEFICIARY?
- The Witness - From the Balcony of LIP - SLUMDOG

FILM EDITING

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
 - The Dark Knight
 - Frost/Nixon
 - Milk
 - Slumdog Millionaire
- "NOISIEST" "CLEAREST" "ZESTIEST!"

ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
 - Doubt
 - Frost/Nixon
 - The Reader
 - Slumdog Millionaire
- IT'S THAT KIND OF YEAR...

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

- Frozen River
 - Happy-Go-Lucky
 - In Bruges
 - Milk
 - WALL-E
- BEST SILENT FILM SCPT SINCE SUNRISE

ORIGINAL SONG

- "Down to Earth" from WALL-E, music by Peter Gabriel and Thomas Newman, lyric by Peter Gabriel
- "Jai Ho" from Slumdog Millionaire, music by A.R. Rahman, lyric by Gulzar
- "O Saya" from Slumdog Millionaire, music by A.R. Rahman, lyric by A.R. Rahman and Maya Arulpragasm

I FEAR
A.R.
] WILL
COMPETE
WITH
HIMSELF

ORIGINAL SCORE

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Alexandre Desplat
- Defiance, James Newton Howard
- Milk, Danny Elfman
- Slumdog Millionaire, A.R. Rahman
- WALL-E, Thomas Newman

BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM

- La Maison en Petits Cubes
 - Lavatory - Lovestory
 - Oktapodi
 - Presto
 - This Way Up
- IT'S "FINDING NEMO" IN 2½ MINUTES!

BEST LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM

- Auf der Strecke (On the Line)
- Manon on the Asphalt
- New Boy
- The Pig
- Spielzeugland (Toyland)

SOUND EDITING

- The Dark Knight
 - Iron Man
 - Slumdog Millionaire
 - WALL-E
 - Wanted
- GREAT BANGS AND BOOMS

SOUND MIXING

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
 - The Dark Knight
 - Slumdog Millionaire
 - WALL-E
 - Wanted
- SOUND FX GURU BEN BURTT DID WALL-E'S VOICE AND SO MUCH MORE

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM

- The Baader Meinhof Complex
 - The Class
 - Departures
 - Revanche
 - Waltz with Bashir
- SHOULD'VE BEEN UP FOR BEST DOC

VISUAL EFFECTS

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button FOR THE FACES
- The Dark Knight FOR THE CRASHES
- Iron Man FOR THE FLYING