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DGA Announces Nominees for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Feature Film for 2016

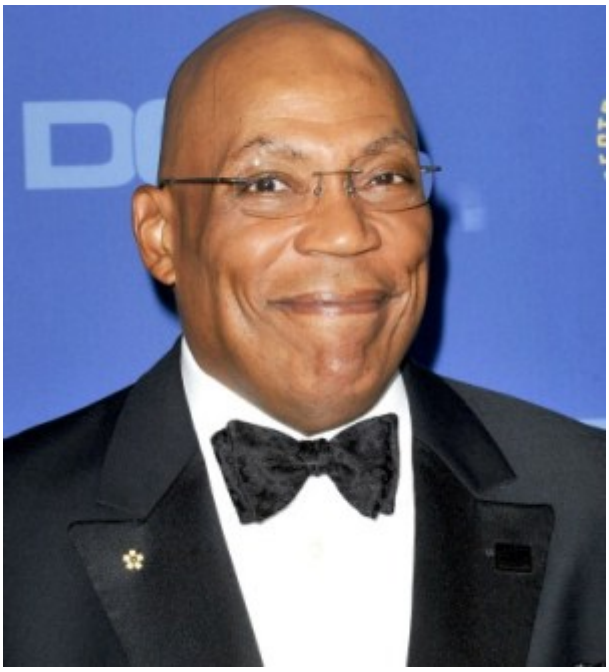
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Los Angeles â?? Directors Guild of America President Paris Barclay today announced the five nominees for the DGA Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Feature Film for 2016.

Nominees for First-Time Feature Film Director Category Also Announced



Directors Guild of America President Paris Barclay (Photo via MadameNoir)

â??These phenomenal filmmakers have captured our hearts and minds, breathing life into stories rarely told and revealing worlds rarely seen,â?• said Barclay. â??What makes this recognition truly special is the knowledge that these five directors have made a lasting impression on their peers â?? directors and members of the directorâ??s team who intimately understand the blood, sweat and tears necessary to create a feature film.â?•

The nominees for the Directors Guild of America Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Feature Film for 2016 are (in alphabetical order):

Damien Chazelle ***La La Land*** (Lionsgate)



Mr. Chazelleâ??s Directorial Team:

- Unit Production Manager: Michael Beugg
- First Assistant Director: Peter Kohn
- Second Assistant Director: Paula Case
- Assistant Unit Production Manager: Bart Lipton
- Second Second Assistant Director: Brett Robinson
- Additional Second Assistant Director: Dodi Rubenstein

*This is Mr. Chazelleâ??s first DGA Award nomination.

Garth Davis ***Lion*** (The Weinstein Company)



Mr. Davisâ??s Directorial Team:

- First Assistant Director: Chris Webb
- First Assistant Director: Ananya Rane (India Unit)
- Second Assistant Directors: Mark Ingram (Australia Unit), Sunny Tiku (India Unit), KP Singh (India Unit), Shaunak Kapur (India Unit)

*This is one of two DGA Award nominations this year for Mr. Davis. He is also nominated in the First-Time Feature Film category for *Lion*. He was previously nominated for the DGA Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Commercials in 2009 for â??Shadow Puppets,â?• U.S. Cellular.

Barry Jenkins ***Moonlight*** (A24)



Mr. Jenkinsâ??s Directorial Team:

- Unit Production Manager: Jennifer Radzikowski

*This is Mr. Jenkinsâ??s first DGA Feature Film Award nomination.

Kenneth Lonergan ***Manchester by the Sea*** (Amazon Studios and Roadside Attractions)



Mr. Lonerganâ??s Directorial Team:

- Unit Production Manager: Declan Baldwin
- First Assistant Director: Michael J. Moore
- Second Assistant Director: David Blazina
- Second Second Assistant Directors: Tim LaDue, Scooter Perrotta

*This is Mr. Lonerganâ??s first DGA Award nomination.

Denis Villeneuve ***Arrival*** (Paramount Pictures)



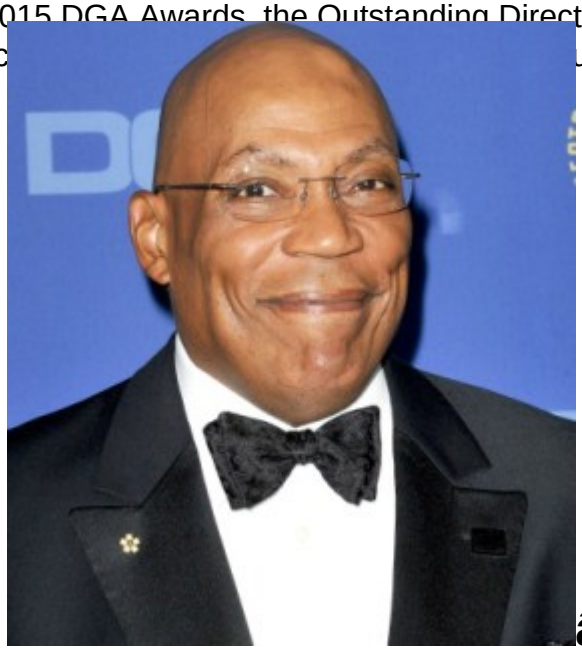
Mr. Villeneuveâ??s Directorial Team:

- Unit Production Manager: Stan Wlodkowski
- First Assistant Director: Donald L. Sparks
- Second Assistant Director: Brigitte Goulet
- Second Second Assistant Director: Karine P. Labelle

*This is Mr. Villeneuveâ??s first DGA Award nomination.

First-Time Feature Director Award

In addition, Mr. Barclay announced the five nominees for a new category, which debuted last year, recognizing the achievement of first-time feature film directors. First announced by Steven Spielberg at the 2015 DGA Awards, the Outstanding Directorial Achievement of a First-Time Feature Film Director was c ure film talent.



â??They say that â??the only thing that stays the same is change,â?? and thatâ??s

> **especially true when it comes to the art of filmmaking when driven by fresh viewpoints and new methods,â?• said Barclay. â??The future of film is dependent on newly blazed trails and creative leaps of faith which is what weâ??re honoring with our first-time feature film director award. Congratulations to these five emerging filmmakers who have created projects that are as bold as they are innovative.â?•**

The nominees for the Directors Guild of America Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement of a First-Time Feature Film Director for 2016 are (in alphabetical order):

Garth Davis ***Lion*** (The Weinstein Company)

Kelly Fremon Craig ***The Edge of Seventeen*** (STX Entertainment)

Tim Miller ***Deadpool*** (Twentieth Century Fox)

Nate Parker ***Birth of a Nation*** (Fox Searchlight Pictures)

Dan Trachtenberg ***10 Cloverfield Lane*** (Paramount Pictures)

*Eligible directors for this award must have released his or her first feature-length film theatrically in Los Angeles or New York in 2016. Foreign films are eligible and the director does not need to be a DGA member.

The nominees in categories honoring outstanding directorial achievement in television, commercials and documentary for 2016 were announced on January 11, 2017. Click here to see that post.

The winners in all categories will be announced at the 69th Annual DGA Awards on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

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