ACADEMY RESCINDS SOUND MIXING NOMINATION FOR GREG P. RUSSELL

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LOS ANGELES, CA â?? Upon recommendation by the Sound Branch Executive Committee, the Academyâ??s Board of Governors voted Thursday (2/23) to rescind the Sound Mixing nomination for Greg P. Russell from â??13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghaziâ?• for violation of Academy campaign regulations. The decision was prompted by the discovery that Russell had called his fellow members of the Sound Branch during the nominations phase to make them aware of his work on the film, in direct violation of a campaign regulation that prohibits telephone lobbying. An additional nominee for â??13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghaziâ?• will not be named in his place. The remaining Sound Mixing nominees for the film are Gary Summers, Jeffrey J. Haboush and Mac Ruth.

â??The Board of Governorsâ?? decision to rescind Mr. Russellâ??s nomination was made after careful consideration,â?• said Academy President Cheryl Boone Isaacs. â??The Academy takes very seriously the Oscars voting process and anything â?? no matter how well-intentioned â?? that may undermine the integrity of that process.â?•

The Board determined that Russellâ??s actions violated a campaign regulation that unequivocally prohibits telephone lobbying. It states that â??contacting Academy members by telephone to promote a film or achievement is expressly forbidden, even if such contact is in the guise of checking to make sure a screener or other mailing was received.â?•

The members from each of the Academyâ??s branches vote to determine the nominees in their respective categories â?? actors nominate actors, film editors nominate film editors, musicians, composers and lyricists vote the nominations for song and score.

During the nominations process, all 456 voting members of the Sound Branch received a reminder list of film titles eligible in the Sound Mixing category in order to vote.

The nominees for Sound Mixing are:

ARRIVAL
Bernard GariÃ©py Strobl and Claude La Haye

HACKSAW RIDGE
Kevin Oâ??Connell, Andy Wright, Robert Mackenzie and Peter Grace

LA LA LAND
Andy Nelson, Ai-Ling Lee and Steve A. Morrow

ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY
David Parker, Christopher Scarabosio and Stuart Wilson

13 HOURS: THE SECRET SOLDIERS OF BENGHAZI
Gary Summers, Jeffrey J. Haboush and Mac Ruth

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