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TLC SHARES MOVIE SURVEY RESULTS

New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today released the results of its month-long unofficial survey of taxi passengers who voted in enthusiastic numbers in anticipation of comparing their selections to those announced on the Academy Awards, which will be telecast on Sunday, March 2.

Almost 120,000 votes were cast on the Passenger Information Monitors of the city’s 13,437 taxicabs during cab rides, allowing riders to walk a virtual red carpet to weigh in on such survey categories as “Which film do you think will win Best Picture?” and “Who will win Best Actor/Actress?”

“Taxicabs have a rich cinematic history on-screen, so it’s fitting that taxicabs play a role in helping riders express their favorite movie picks off-screen,” said TLC Chief Operating Officer Conan Freud. “And once again, passengers really enjoyed the chance to voice their opinions.”

American Hustle led the pack with 25% of 22,060 votes cast in the Best Picture category, with lead Jennifer Lawrence taking Best Supporting Actress honors with 45% of the 15,419 votes in that category. Leonardo DiCaprio had the lion’s share of Best Actor nods for his charismatic performance in The Wolf of Wall Street -- 40% of 18,496 votes cast, to be exact. In a squeaker, The Wolf of Wall Street’s Jonah Hill eased past American Hustle’s Bradley Cooper with a respective 24% and 23% of the 16,222 Best Supporting Actor projections.

Sandra Bullock rocketed to the top of the Best Actress list, taking 35% of the 17,261 votes cast for her performance in the popular space epic Gravity. Steve McQueen’s unique vision at the helm of 12 Years a Slave earned him a winning 26% of the 14,515 votes cast in the Best Director category.

Quite appropriately for New Yorkers facing down yet another polar vortex this week, Frozen led a field of five fan favorites to be voted Best Animated Feature Film with 53% of the 13,922 votes cast in the category. Despicable Me 2 came in a close second with 29% of the vote.

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Breakdown of survey votes:

**Which Film Do You Think Will Win Best Picture?**
(Total Responses = 22,060)

- American Hustle: 25%
- Gravity: 21%
- Captain Phillips: 15%
- The Wolf of Wall Street: 13%
- Dallas Buyers Club: 11%
- 12 Years a Slave: 11%
- Her: 3%
- Nebraska: 1%
- Philomena: 1%

**Who Will Win Best Actor?**
(Total Responses = 18,496)

- Leonardo DiCaprio - The Wolf of Wall Street: 40%
- Chiwetel Ejiofor - 12 Years a Slave: 18%
- Mathew McConaughey - Dallas Buyers Club: 18%
- Christian Bale - American Hustle: 16%
- Bruce Dern - Nebraska: 9%

**Who Will Win Best Actress?**
(Total Responses = 17,261)

- Sandra Bullock - Gravity: 35%
- Amy Adams - American Hustle: 24%
- Cate Blanchett - Blue Jasmine: 20%
- Meryl Streep - August: Osage County: 12%
- Judi Dench - Philomena: 3%

**Who Will Win Best Supporting Actor?**
(Total Responses = 16,222)

- Jonah Hill - The Wolf of Wall Street: 24%
- Bradley Cooper - American Hustle: 23%
- Michael Fassbender - 12 Years a Slave: 19%
- Barkhad Abdi - Captain Phillips: 17%
- Jared Leto - Dallas Buyers Club: 17%
Who Will Win Best Supporting Actress?
(Total Responses = 15,419)

- Jennifer Lawrence - American Hustle: 45%
- Lupita Nyong’o - 12 Years a Slave: 23%
- Julia Roberts - August: Osage County: 15%
- Sally Hawkins - Blue Jasmine: 9%
- June Squibb - Nebraska: 7%

Who Will Win Best Director?
(Total Responses = 14,515)

- Steve McQueen - 12 Years a Slave: 26%
- Alfonso Cuaron - Gravity: 26%
- Martin Scorsese - Wolf of Wall Street: 23%
- David O. Russell - American Hustle: 16%
- Alexander Payne - Nebraska: 9%

What Film Will Win Best Animated Feature?
(Total Responses = 13,922)

- Frozen: 53%
- Despicable Me 2: 29%
- The Croods: 8%
- Ernest & Celestine: 7%
- The Wind Rises: 5%

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