

Winners for the 81st Annual Academy Awards®

**Kodak Theater – Los Angeles, California
February 22, 2009**

Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role

- **Sean Penn** in *Milk* (Focus Features)

Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role

- **Heath Ledger** in *The Dark Knight* (Warner Bros.)

Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role

- **Kate Winslet** in *The Reader* (The Weinstein Company)

Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role

- **Penélope Cruz** in *Vicky Cristina Barcelona* (The Weinstein Company)

Best Animated Feature Film of the Year

- **WALL-E** (Walt Disney), Andrew Stanton

Achievement in Art Direction

- ***The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*** (Paramount and Warner Bros.), Art Direction: Donald Graham Burt, Set Decoration: Victor J. Zolfo

Achievement in Cinematography

- ***Slumdog Millionaire*** (Fox Searchlight), Anthony Dod Mantle

Achievement in Costume Design

- ***The Duchess*** (Paramount Vantage, Pathé and BBC Films), Michael O'Connor

Achievement in Directing

- ***Slumdog Millionaire*** (Fox Searchlight), Danny Boyle

Best Documentary Feature

- ***Man on Wire*** (Magnolia Pictures), A Wall to Wall Production, James Marsh and Simon Chinn

Best Documentary Short Subject

- “Smile Pinki” A Principe Production, Megan Mylan

Achievement in Film Editing

- *Slumdog Millionaire* (Fox Searchlight), Chris Dickens

Best Foreign Language Film of the Year

- *Departures* (Regent Releasing), A Departures Film Partners Production, Japan

Achievement in Makeup

- *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* (Paramount and Warner Bros.), Greg Cannom

Achievement in Music Written for Motion Pictures (Original Score)

- *Slumdog Millionaire* (Fox Searchlight), A.R. Rahman

Achievement in Music Written for Motion Pictures (Original Song)

- “Jai Ho” from *Slumdog Millionaire* (Fox Searchlight), Music by A.R. Rahman, Lyric by Gulzar

Best Motion Picture of the Year

- *Slumdog Millionaire* (Fox Searchlight), A Celador Films Production, Christian Colson, Producer

Best Animated Short Film

- “La Maison en Petits Cubes” A Robot Communications Production, Kunio Kato

Best Live Action Short Film

- “Spielzeugland (Toyland)” A Mephisto Film Production, Jochen Alexander Freydank

Achievement in Sound Editing

- *The Dark Knight* (Warner Bros.), Richard King

Achievement in Sound Mixing

- *Slumdog Millionaire* (Fox Searchlight), Ian Tapp, Richard Pryke and Resul Pookutty

Achievement in Visual Effects

- *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* (Paramount and Warner Bros.), Eric Barba, Steve Preeg, Burt Dalton and Craig Barron

Adapted Screenplay

- *Slumdog Millionaire* (Fox Searchlight), Screenplay by Simon Beaufoy

Original Screenplay

- *Milk* (Focus Features), Written by Dustin Lance Black