

Spike TV Announces 2011 "Video Game Awards" Winners

"THE LEGEND OF ZELDA" CREATOR SHIGERU MIYAMOTO MAKES SURPRISE APPEARANCE TO ACCEPT THE VIDEO GAME HALL OF FAME AWARD

"THE ELDER SCROLLS V: SKYRIM" TAKES HOME GAME OF THE YEAR HONORS, WINNING THREE VECTOR MONKEYS IN ALL

LIVE Show Unveils World Premiere Footage From The Gaming Industry's Most Anticipated Titles, Including Surprise Reveals Of "Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance," "The Last of Us," "Command & Conquer: Generals 2" and Epic Games' "Fortnite"

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Hosted by star of NBC's "Chuck" and avid gamer Zachary Levi, executive produced by Emmy® Award winner Mark Burnett and featuring cutting edge in-show augmented reality and world premiere footage from hotly anticipated releases, Spike TV's ninth annual "[Video Game Awards](#)" (#VGA) proved to be a night to remember. Industry giants gathered as the network celebrated the outstanding artistic and technical achievements in the world of gaming over the past year during the two-hour global event which premiered **LIVE** on Spike TV, MTV 2 and [Spike.com Saturday, December 10](#) at 8:00 PM ET / 5:00 PM PT from Sony Studios in Los Angeles. Internationally, the "VGAs" were seen in over 100 countries and territories around the world.

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A host of the most influential members of the gaming industry, as well as stars from the worlds of sports, television, music and movies gathered at the biggest night in video games, and watched Bethesda Studios release "The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim" receive the highest honor a game can receive when it took home the coveted Vector Monkey after being named Game of the Year. "The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim" also won Best RPG, and garnered Studio of the Year honors for Bethesda Game Studios.

Other multiple award winners included "Portal 2" which won in five prominent categories, including Best PC Game and Best Multiplayer, and "Batman: Arkham City," which won four Vector Monkeys, including awards for Character of the Year for the Joker, Best Xbox 360 Game and Best Action Adventure Game.

"The Legend of Zelda" creator Shigeru Miyamoto made a surprise appearance to accept the first ever Video Game Hall of Fame Award on the groundbreaking franchise's behalf. "We always push ourselves," said Miyamoto, "and we're grateful you notice."

Additional honors included the second ever Gamer God Award, which was bestowed upon Blizzard Entertainment, the creators of the "World of Warcraft," "Starcraft" and "Diablo" series. Original founders Michael Morhaime, Allen Adham and Frank Pearce were all on hand to accept the prestigious award.

The "VGAs" debuted never-before-seen world premieres of the most anticipated games of 2012 and beyond, including Naughty Dog's "The Last of Us," the surprise reveals of "Command & Conquer: Generals 2," "Alan Wake American Nightmare," Epic Games' "Fortnite," "Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance," "Tom Clancy's Rainbow 6 Patriots," "Transformers: Fall of Cybertron," "BioShock Infinite" and the winner for Most Anticipated Game "Mass Effect 3."

This year's show included presenters and appearances by major stars from all over the entertainment world, including Charlie Sheen, Brooklyn Decker, Seth Green, Felicia Day, LL Cool J, Jason Biggs, Seann William Scott, Tony Hawk, will.i.am, Hulk Hogan, Stacy Keibler, Bellator stars Eddie Alvarez and Michael Chandler, Blake Anderson, Adam Devine, Anders Holm and game designers Cliff Bleszinski of Epic Games and Hideo Kojima of Konami. The show also featured a performance by Grammy Award winning rock duo The Black Keys, and Grammy Award nominated dance music innovator deadmau5, who helped transform the show with his visual representation of sound into a real life video game experience. Additionally, NFL Hall of Famer Jerry Rice was on hand to announce the results of the vote for Digital Cover Athlete of the forthcoming "NFL Blitz" from EA Sports, with Ray Rice of the Baltimore Ravens selected by fans who cast their ballot at [vga.spike.com](#) during the show.

A full list of winners is included below:

GAME OF THE YEAR

The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim

STUDIO OF THE YEAR

Bethesda Game Studios

CHARACTER OF THE YEAR

The Joker — Batman: Arkham City

VIDEO GAME HALL OF FAME AWARD

"The Legend of Zelda"

GAMER GOD AWARD

Blizzard Entertainment

BEST XBOX 360 GAME

Batman: Arkham City

BEST PS3 GAME

Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception

BEST Wii GAME

The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword

BEST PC GAME

Portal 2

BEST HANDHELD/MOBILE GAME

Super Mario 3D Land

BEST SHOOTER

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3

BEST ACTION ADVENTURE GAME

Batman: Arkham City

BEST RPG

The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim

BEST MULTI-PLAYER

Portal 2

BEST INDIVIDUAL SPORTS GAME

Fight Night Champion

BEST TEAM SPORTS GAME

NBA 2K12

BEST DRIVING GAME

Forza Motorsport 4

BEST FIGHTING GAME

Mortal Kombat

BEST MOTION GAME

The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword

BEST INDEPENDENT GAME

Minecraft

BEST ADAPTED VIDEO GAME

Batman: Arkham City

BEST SONG IN A GAME

"Build that Wall (Zia's Theme)" by Darren Korb — Bastion

BEST ORIGINAL SCORE

Bastion

BEST GRAPHICS

Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception

BEST PERFORMANCE BY A HUMAN MALE

Stephen Merchant as Wheatley — Portal 2

BEST PERFORMANCE BY A HUMAN FEMALE

Ellen McLain as GLaDOS — Portal 2

BEST DOWNLOADABLE GAME

Bastion

BEST DLC

Portal 2 Peer Review

MOST ANTICIPATED GAME

Mass Effect 3

[GAMETRAILERS.COM](http://www.gametrailers.com) TRAILER OF THE YEAR

Assassin's Creed: Revelations — E3 2011 Trailer

EA SPORTS NFL BLITZ DIGITAL COVER ATHLETE

Ray Rice

For additional information about other "VGA" world exclusives and announcements, fans can log onto VGA.spike.com and get updates via Twitter @SPIKE_TV, as well as the hashtag #VGA.

Nominees for Spike TV's 2011 "VGAs" were determined by the VGA Advisory Council, made up of a group of some of the most well-respected video game journalists from media outlets including *Entertainment Weekly*, *USA Today*, *Game Informer Magazine*, Kotaku, Joystiq, GameSpot, IGN and *WIRED*.

Mark Burnett, Casey Patterson and Carol Donovan served as executive producers of Spike TV's 2011 "VGAs."

The presenting sponsors for the 2011 "VGAs" were the all-new Chevy Sonic, Dr Pepper TEN, KFC Hot Wings and KRAFT Macaroni & Cheese Dinner. *Energizer® Ultimate Lithium* is the associate sponsor, with AXE and *Mission Impossible-Ghost Protocol* serving as digital sponsors.

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