



NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

Batman: Arkham City and **L.A. Noire** lead with eight BAFTA nominations

Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception and **LittleBigPlanet 2** each garner six nominations

Portal 2 and **The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim** follow with five and

Deus Ex: Human Revolution with four

London, 16 February 2012: The Academy today announced the nominations for the GAME British Academy Video Games Awards. 48 different games have been recognised and together they represent some of the most popular, innovative and cutting-edge creativity in today's gaming industry.

Batman: Arkham City and **L.A. Noire** are both nominated for *Artistic Achievement*, *Best Game*, *Design*, *Original Music*, *Performer* and *Story*. In addition, **Batman: Arkham City** is nominated for *Action* and *Audio Achievement*. **L.A. Noire** also got the nod for *Debut Game* and *Game Innovation*. **Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception** and **LittleBigPlanet2** both received nominations for *Artistic Achievement* and *Performer*. **Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception** was also nominated for *Action*, *Audio Achievement*, *Original Music*, and *Story*. **LittleBigPlanet 2** received additional nods for *Design*, *Family*, *Game Innovation*, and *Online-Multiplayer*.

Portal 2 is nominated for *Action* and *Performer*. **The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim** received nominations for *Artistic Achievement* and *Original Music*, and both games are also nominated for *Best Game*, *Design*, and *Story*. **Deus Ex: Human Revolution** received nods for *Action*, *Original Music*, *Story* and *Strategy*. **Assassin's Creed Revelations** and **Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3** both have three nominations. **Bastion**, **Battlefield 3**, **Dance Central 2**, **Dark Souls**, **FIFA 12**, **From Dust**, **Kinect Sports 2**, **Monstermind**, **The Nightjar**, **The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword**, **Super Mario 3D Land**, and **Total War: SHOGUN 2** all received two.

This year's new categories garnered nominations for the following games:

Debut Game: **Bastion**, **Euforia**, **Insanely Twisted Shadow Planet**, **L.A. Noire**, **Monstermind**, and **Riff**.

Online-Browser: **Gardens of Time**, **I Am Playr**, **Monstermind**, **Resistance 3**, **Skylanders: Spyro's Adventure**, and **The Sims Social**.

Online-Multiplayer: **Assassin's Creed: Revelations**, **Battlefield 3**, **Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3**, **Dark Souls**, **Gears of War 3**, and **LittleBigPlanet 2**.

Performer: **Aaron Stanton** (Cole Phelps) – **L.A. Noire**, **Mark Hamill** (The Joker) – **Batman: Arkham City**, **Nolan North** (Nathan Drake) – **Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception**, **Stephen Fry** (Narrator) – **LittleBigPlanet 2**, **Stephen Merchant** (Wheatley) – **Portal 2**, and **Togo Igawa** (Diplomat, Advisor and Military General) – **Total War: SHOGUN 2**.

Other nominated games include: **Child of Eden**, **Dead Space iOS**, **Dead Space 2**, **DiRT 3**, **F1 2011**, **Football Manager 2012**, **Ghost Recon Shadow Wars**, **LEGO Pirates of The Caribbean**, **LEGO Star Wars**



III: The Clone Wars, Magnetic Billiards: Blueprint, Mario Kart 7, Peggle, Quarrel, Raymans Origins, and Your Shape Fitness Evolved 2012.

This year's Awards will also include the publicly-voted category – the *GAME Award of 2011*. The shortlist was compiled by a panel of gaming journalists and enthusiasts, and comprises of **Batman: Arkham City, Battlefield 3, Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3, FIFA 2012, L.A. Noire, Minecraft, Portal 2, The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim** and **Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception**. Voting is now live at www.baftagameaward.com.

While the Academy recognises those individuals at the top of their field, it also nurtures the developers of tomorrow by recognising up-and-coming talent. This year's nominations for the *BAFTA Ones To Watch Award in association with Dare to be Digital* are **Dreamweaver, Joust!** and **Tick Tock Toys**.

The GAME British Academy Video Games Awards will take place on **Friday 16 March** at the London Hilton on Park Lane and, for the fourth year running, will be hosted by comedian and gamer Dara O'Briain.

For information on either buying tickets or about the Awards in general, visit BAFTA's website at www.bafta.org/games/awards or contact Kelly Smith on kellys@bafta.org.

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Games were entered by both developers and publishers into all the categories listed in this release and were initially voted on by BAFTA's video games members and a carefully selected list of industry experts via a secure website.

The titles garnering the most votes went through to specialist juries who receive the games prior to making their nominations.

Each juror signs confidentiality papers and casts their votes on paper. The results in each category are not known until the envelope is opened on the night.

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