

**2009 Taurus World Stunt Awards  
Nominations**

**BEST FIGHT**

**1. Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian**

Two stunt men in armor battle each other with broad swords and shields in an old ruined stone courtyard.

**Nominees: Sean Button, Allan Poppleton**

**2. The Dark Knight**

Batman fights bad guys in building construction site. Using wires Batman moves to a lower floor and fights with hand to hand combat. The fight ends with five SWAT members being thrown off the side of the building.

**Nominees: Rob Cooper, Richard Hansen, Mark Mottram, Andy Pilgrim, Dominic Preece, Marvin Stewart-Campbell, Buster Reeves, Steen Young**

**WINNER**

**3. Hellboy II: The Golden Army**

Hellboy and Nuada fight with swords and spears on top of large moving cogs. Fight used some wirework.

**Nominees: Xiang Gao, Domonkos Pardanyi, Jan Petrina, Damien Walters, Max White, Bin Xia**

**4. Punisher: War Zone**

Two stunt doubles fight slamming and hitting each other, making use of breakaway doors, glass and the tiled walls of the room.

**Nominees: Jean-Francois Lachapelle, Jeff Wolfe**

**BEST FIRE**

**1. Death Race**

Stunt man does full and partial burns inside a car.

**Nominees: Gil Combs, Henry Kingi Sr., Stephane LeFebvre**

**2. Iron Man**

Iron Man attacks soldiers with flame throwers. Weapons explode and soldiers catch fire. Stunt men do partial burns with ratchets.

**Nominees: Mike Justus, Damien Moreno, Timothy P. Trella**

**WINNER**

**3. Punisher: War Zone**

Stuntman falls backwards into a fire pit and ignites.

**Nominees: Jonathan Bergeron**

**4. Rambo**

Boat shoots flames at men on shore. A stuntman is ignited and does a partial burn with limited protection.

**Nominees: Eddie J. Fernandez**

**BEST HIGH WORK**

**1. Dark Knight**

Five stunt men are thrown out of a building by Batman. The stunt men use a slide to eject themselves from the 420' building while all attached to one common line as well as separate cables attached to individual deceleration devices.

**Nominees: Mark Harper, Luke Kearney, Tom Lowell, Mark Mottram, Brian A. Peters**

**WINNER**

**2. Eagle Eye**

A stunt man falls 45' backwards on a decelerator, crashes into a catwalk and then flips into 3' of water. A stunt woman then slides down structure and falls into the water.

**Nominees: Horace Knight Jr., Petra Sprecher**

**3. The Happening**

A group of construction workers walk off a skyscraper. The stunt men fell over 100' on a wire using a decelerator.

**Nominees: Alex Chansky, Brycen Counts, Kevin Derr, Jayson Dumenigo, Myke Schwartz, Mark A. Wagner**

**4. Quantum of Solace**

James Bond and bad guy fight while maneuvering on large scaffolding that is falling apart. They crash into glass and building columns while swinging on ropes. Safety wires were used.

**Nominees: Benjamin Cooke, Glenn Foster, Richard Hansen, Bobby Holland Hanton, Kai Martin, Diz Sharpe**

**5. You Don't Mess with the Zohan**

A stunt man is kicked off a building by Adam Sandler. He falls 30' in two shots, doing a hand pull to fall off the balcony and performed a 30' descender drop to an on screen breakaway catcher.

**Nominees: Max Daniels**

## **BEST WORK WITH A VEHICLE**

### **1. Dark Knight**

Batman and Joker chase a police van through the streets of Gotham. Chase features police cars, SWAT vans, a tractor-trailer, Batmobile and Batman's motorcycle. Driving in narrow lanes on the streets below a raised freeway, the vehicles crash and explode. The chase ends with the tractor-trailer doing a forward end over end cannon turnover.

**Nominees: Rick Avery, Richard Burden, George Cottle, Tobiasz Daszkiewicz, James Fierro, Terry Jackson, Tom Lowell, Rick Miller, Jean Pierre-Goy, Jim Wilkey**

**WINNER**

### **2. Death Race**

Nine cars that are heavily armored race through a track. This race features a Mustang and a Ram truck. The vehicles slam into each other, maneuvering between and around steel girders and through buildings. The chase includes multiple crashes and fire stunts.

**Nominees: Gary Baxley, Shane Cardwell, Gil Combs, Jim Dunn, Jack Gill, Tyler Hall, Henry Kingi Sr., Gilbert Larose Jr., Gaston R. Morrison, Allan Padelford**

### **3. Quantum of Solace**

James Bond is chased while driving through narrow hillside tunnels. After weaving through traffic and crashing into a large truck, he makes his way to a quarry. In the quarry, the cars slide around on loose rock. The chase ends with a car plummeting over the cliff's edge.

**Nominees: Dean Bailey, Ben Collins, Aris Comminos, Evangelos Grecos, Mark Higgins, Rowley Irlam, Martin Ivanov, Peter Miles, Lee Morrison, Dominic Preece**

### **4. Seven Pounds**

Stunt man does a double cannon to roll a 26 passenger people mover van at 70 mph on a narrow canyon road.

**Nominees: Eddie Braun**

### **5. Vantage Point**

Blue car chases police car through narrow streets filled with pedestrians and other vehicles. Chase features multiple crashes into buildings, cars and props on the street. No CGI was used for this sequence.

**Nominees: Gregory J. Barnett, Doc D. Charboneau, Gil Combs, John Arthur Escobar, Andy Gill, Jack Gill, Henry Kingi Sr., Paul Lane, Mike Massa, Denney Pierce**

## **BEST SPECIALTY STUNT**

### **1. Bedtime Stories**

Stunt man jumps a heavy motorcycle with a passenger through the open doors of a moving train's box car and lands on the other side.

**Nominees: Melissa Barker, Monte Perlin**

### **2. Dark Knight**

Stunt man drives a semi and does a large forward cannon flipping the tractor and trailer end over end.

**Nominees: Jim Wilkey**

**WINNER**

### **3. The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor**

A stunt man is dragged underneath a four-wheeled chariot, slides out of the back and pulls himself up onto the top of the carriage.

**Nominees: Scott Armstrong**

### **4. Semi Pro**

A stunt man roller skates down a 70' ramp, flying 25' high over cheerleaders and landing 55' to the deck. Wires and a ratchet were used execute the stunt.

**Nominees: Dan Lemieux, Nicole Surels**

### **5. You Don't Mess with the Zohan**

Zohan swims to catch up with a jet ski and knocks the driver off. Wires were used to create the motion for swimming.

**Nominees: Meir R. Hasbani**

## **HARDEST HIT**

### **1. Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian**

Stunt performer wearing a Taurus costume is pushed from the edge of a balcony and falls onto a small tiled roof below. He shatters the roof and continues his decent, landing half on and half off a solid wall structure and bounces to the courtyard below.

**Nominees: Vladislavas Jacukevic**

### **2. Fool's Gold**

A man chases a hat while driving a dingy. The stunt man jumps 8' to grab the hat and lands hard in the dingy.

**Nominees: Kyle Gardiner**

### **3. Hancock**

Lead character grabs convenience store robber and throws him 30' down a store aisle and into a beer refrigerator head first.

**Nominees: Horace Knight Jr., Aaron Toney**

**4. Iron Man**

While testing the Iron Man suit, stunt man takes off in jet boots and does a flipping backwards ratchet 28' high to the ceiling. He is then cut loose and falls to the ground.

**Nominees: Gregory James Fitzpatrick**

**WINNER**

**5. The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor**

A stunt woman jumps out of a fireworks truck as it is exploding and hits the ground. Costumes did not allow padding for this stunt.

**Nominees: Karine Lemieux**

**BEST OVERALL STUNT BY A WOMAN**

**1. Eagle Eye**

Stunt woman slides down a structure and falls into shallow water. Cables were used for safety.

**Nominees: Petra Sprecher**

**2. The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor**

A stunt woman jumps out of a fireworks truck as it is exploding and hits the ground. Costumes did not allow padding for this stunt.

**Nominees: Karine Lemieux**

**3. Wanted**

A woman races through city streets to avoid a truck. Stunt woman drives a Dodge Viper stick shift with 4<sup>th</sup> pedal e-brake. A 360 degree spin was done in 3 pieces. She did a 180 degree and a reverse 180 degree with a stunt man standing in the center of the parking lot. Then a shot with the actors in the car on castors was added. CGI was used to incorporate actors into the sequence. The chase includes the Dodge Viper jumping 8' high and 55' long with no hang harness. The Dodge Viper driving on top of the bus was CGI.

**Nominees: Debbie Evans**

**WINNER**

**4. Yes Man**

Using a custom-made suit with roller blade wheels, a stunt woman rolls down a windy road. The suit put the stunt woman 3" off the ground and had no brakes.

**Nominees: Monica Braunger**

**BEST STUNT COORDINATOR AND/OR 2<sup>ND</sup> UNIT DIRECTOR**

**1. Dark Knight**

**Nominees: Paul Jennings, Rick LeFevour, Tom Struthers**

**WINNER**

**2. Death Race**

**Nominees: Andy Gill, Dave McKeown, Spiro Rizatos**

3. **Iron Man**  
Nominees: Thomas R. Harper, Phil Neilson, Keith Woulard
4. **Quantum of Solace**  
Nominees: Dan Bradley, Simon Crane, Gary Powell,
5. **Tropic Thunder**  
Nominees: Brad Martin, Phil Neilson
6. **Vantage Point**  
Nominees: Phil Culotta, Andy Gill, Spiro Razatos

**BEST ACTION IN A FOREIGN FILM**

1. **Alarm for Cobra 11 (Germany)**  
Nominees: Carl Stuck  
**WINNER**
2. **La Leyenda (Argentina)**  
Nominees: Federico Cueva, Martin Del Rio, Marcelo Firmano,
3. **Street Racers (Russia)**  
Nominees: Victor Ivanov
4. **Glina (Poland)**  
Nominees: Zbigniew “Ziggy” Modej
5. **ARN: The King of the Road End (Sweden)**  
Nominees: Kimmo Rajala