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TLC RELEASES 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 large numbers leading up to the Academy Awards, which will be telecast on Sunday, February 24.

Almost 100,000 enthusiastic votes were cast by taxicab passengers who walked a virtual red carpet to weigh in on such survey categories as "What will win Best Picture?" and "Who will win Best Actor/Actress?"

"There are few things that New York City loves more than its movies and its taxicabs," said Taxi and Limousine Commissioner David Yassky, "and people really enjoyed the combination of the two in this survey."

Exactly 27,681 riders weighed in on the Best Picture category, with 25% predicting that the Steven Spielberg-directed historical drama *Lincoln* would take top honors. The terrorism thriller *Zero Dark Thirty* came in with a respectable 15% for second place. *Lincoln* actor Daniel Day Lewis earned a top prediction in the Best Actor category with 43% of the 19,865 votes cast, with New York City's own Hugh Jackman's triple threat performance in *Les Miserables* earning 22%.

Jessica Chastain topped the Best Actress field with 33% of the 19,231 predictive votes cast for her performance in *Zero Dark Thirty* with Jennifer Lawrence running a close second at 30% for her turn in *Silver Linings Playbook.* Steven Spielberg got survey participants' nod for Best Director for Lincoln with 42% of the 14,337 votes cast, with Life if Pi's Ang Lee coming in with 30%.

Brave topped the field of Animated Feature Films at 35% of 18,095 with Wreck-It Ralph a close second at 28%.

Breakdown of survey votes:

What will win Best Picture?
Amour   3%
Django Unchained   7%
Life of Pi   7%
Les Miserables   8%
Beasts of the Southern Wild 10%
Argo   11%
Silver Linings Playbook   14%
Zero Dark Thirty   15%

Lincoln 25%
Total Votes: 27,681

Who will win Best Actor?
Joaquin Phoenix, The Master   5%
Bradley Cooper, Silver Linings Playbook   12%
Denzel Washington, Flight 17%
Hugh Jackman, Les Miserables   22%
Daniel Day Lewis, Lincoln   43%
Total Votes: 19,865

Who will win Best Actress?
Quvenzhane Wallis, Beasts of the Southern Wild   8%
Emmanuelle Riva, Amour   9%
Naomi Watts, The Impossible   19%
Jennifer Lawrence, Silver Linings Playbook   30%
Jessica Chastain, Zero Dark Thirty   33%
Total Votes: 19231

Who will win Best Director?
Benh Zseitlin, Beasts of the Southern Wild   7%
Michael Haneke, Amour   7%
David O. Russell, Silver Linings Playbook   14%
Ang Lee, Life of Pi   30%
Steven Spielberg, Lincoln   42%
Total Votes: 14,337

What will win Best Animated Feature Film?
The Pirates Band of Misfits 8%
ParaNorman   12%
Frankenweenie 17%
Wreck-It Ralph 28%
Brave   35%
Total Votes: 18,095