



Oscar Voter Ballot Revealed: 'One Battle,' Buckley, DiCaprio

Description

In the final stages of the 2026 Oscar season, several Academy Awards voters have shared their choices with Gold Derby. They explained who they voted for and their reasons. The voting finished at 5 p.m. PT on March 5, and now some ballots will be revealed. Below are the choices of one voter.

For Best Picture, the voter chose *One Battle After Another* as their favourite. They felt a strong connection to this film from the start and considered it superior to last year's top pick, *The Brutalist*. They placed *Sinners* in second and *Sentimental Value* in third.

In the Best Director category, the voter praised Paul Thomas Anderson for *One Battle After Another*, calling it his best work. They admired his ability to tell epic stories with skill.

For Best Actress, Jessie Buckley was chosen for her role in *Hamnet*. The voter thought her performance was remarkable, mentioning Emma Stone's surprising role in *Bugonia*, which had mixed reviews.

Leonardo DiCaprio was nominated for Best Actor for his role in *One Battle After Another*. The voter regarded his performance as one of the best of the year.

Teyana Taylor won Best Supporting Actress for *One Battle After Another*, while Stellan Skarsgård was chosen as Best Supporting Actor for *Sentimental Value*.

Finally, *One Battle After Another* also won for Best Adapted Screenplay, while *Sinners* was recognised for Best Original Screenplay.

Vocabulary List:

1. **ballots** /'bæl.əts/ (noun (plural)): Sheets or electronic forms used to record votes in an election or decision process.
2. **superior** /su:'piə.ri.ər/ (adjective): Higher in quality status or value; better than something else.
3. **nominated** /'nɒmɪneɪtɪd/ (verb (past participle) / adjective): Formally proposed or put forward for a position award or honour.
4. **screenplay** /'skri:n,pleɪ/ (noun): The script of a film including dialogue and instructions for scenes and action.
5. **adapted** /ə'dæptɪd/ (adjective (past participle)): Changed or adjusted from an original source (e.g. a book) to fit a new format as in "adapted screenplay".
6. **mixed reviews** /mɪkst rɪ'vju:z/ (phrase (noun phrase)): Critical responses that vary widely with some reviewers positive and others negative.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which film was chosen as the Best Picture by the voter?
Option: One Battle After Another
Option: Sinners
Option: Sentimental Value
Option: The Brutalist
2. Who directed the film *One Battle After Another*?
Option: Martin Scorsese
Option: Paul Thomas Anderson
Option: Quentin Tarantino
Option: Christopher Nolan
3. Which actress won Best Actress for her role in *Hamnet*?
Option: Emma Stone
Option: Jessie Buckley
Option: Teyana Taylor
Option: Margot Robbie
4. Which film received the Best Original Screenplay award?
Option: One Battle After Another
Option: Sinners
Option: Sentimental Value
Option: Bugonia
5. Who was nominated for Best Actor for *One Battle After Another*?
Option: Brad Pitt
Option: Leonardo DiCaprio
Option: Joaquin Phoenix
Option: Timothée Chalamet
6. Which film did Stellan Skarsgård receive a nomination for Best Supporting Actor?
Option: One Battle After Another



- Option: Sinners
- Option: Sentimental Value
- Option: Hamnet

True-False

7. The voting for the Oscars finished at 5 p.m. PT on March 5.
8. The voter ranked *Sentimental Value* as their top choice for Best Picture.
9. Teyana Taylor won Best Supporting Actress for her role in *One Battle After Another*.
10. Paul Thomas Anderson directed *Sinners*.
11. Emma Stone's role in *Bugonia* received rave reviews.
12. The voter considered *One Battle After Another* superior to last year's top pick.

Gap-Fill

13. *One Battle After Another* was the voter's choice for Best Picture, while *Sinners* was placed in second and *Sentimental Value* in third. The first choice was _____.

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Answer

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Multiple Choice: 1. One Battle After Another 2. Paul Thomas Anderson 3. Jessie Buckley 4. Sinners 5. Leonardo DiCaprio 6. Sentimental Value

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. One Battle After Another

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is provided to help someone through a difficult time?



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- Option: Resistance
Option: Support
Option: Competing
Option: Neglect
2. What is a long speech by one actor called?
Option: Dialogue
Option: Monologue
Option: Segment
Option: Spotlight
3. What term refers to a screenplay that is modified from another source?
Option: Original
Option: Adapted
Option: Superior
Option: Classic
4. Which word means increased in intensity?
Option: Reduced
Option: Heightened
Option: Mixed
Option: Retrograde
5. What is often caused by a lack of clarity?
Option: Answer
Option: Confusion
Option: Direction
Option: Support
6. What do people set to measure their progress?
Option: Tasks
Option: Plans
Option: Goals
Option: Limits
7. What often influences human behavior and decisions?
Option: Facts
Option: Feelings
Option: Statistics
Option: Logic
8. What is the act of continuing to live or exist especially in spite of danger or hardship?
Option: Thriving



- Option: Surviving
- Option: Ending
- Option: Fading

9. What term describes the process of something developing or being revealed?

- Option: Conceal
- Option: Unfold
- Option: Compress
- Option: Repeat

10. What term is used when someone is selected for an award or position?

- Option: Nominated
- Option: Supported
- Option: Voted
- Option: Chosen

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. After completing medical school, many doctors enter a _____ program to gain specialized training.

12. The show included a special _____ highlighting emerging artists in the music industry.

13. Many consider Shakespeare's works to be a _____ representation of English literature.

14. The community _____ the park, turning it into a vibrant gathering space.

15. The annual event was live _____ across various channels, reaching millions of viewers.

16. The film's ending was particularly _____, leaving many in tears.

17. After some deliberation, the team chose a new _____ for their project.



18. The athletes were excited about _____ for the championship title next month.
19. The latest blockbuster received _____ from critics, some praised it while others criticized it.
20. The planet appeared to move in a _____ motion for a few weeks during its orbit.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The charity offered support to families in need during difficult times.
22. Surviving in the wilderness requires skill, determination, and a great deal of mental strength.
23. A classic novel often stands the test of time and remains relevant for generations.
24. As the story began to unfold, the audience was captivated by the unexpected twists.
25. Her speech was poignant and resonated deeply with everyone in the audience.
26. The live broadcast of the event reached viewers all around the world.
27. The heightened emotions during the event were palpable and affected all attendees.
28. Citizens cast their ballots to make their voices heard in the election.
29. Several talented actors were nominated for the prestigious award this year.
30. The sudden changes led to a lot of confusion among the employees about their roles.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Support 2. Monologue 3. Adapted 4. Heightened 5. Confusion 6. Goals 7. Feelings 8. Surviving 9. Unfold 10. Nominated

Gap-Fill: 11. residency 12. segment 13. classic 14. reclaimed 15. broadcast 16. poignant 17. direction 18. competing 19. mixed reviews 20. retrograde

Matching sentence: 1. support 2. surviving 3. classic 4. unfold 5. poignant 6. broadcast 7. heightened 8. ballots 9. nominated 10. confusion

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