

80th Academy Awards

Dark roles bring Oscar gold

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The Coen brothers completed their journey from the fringes to Hollywood's mainstream on Sunday, their crime saga *No Country for Old Men* winning four Academy Awards, including best picture, in a ceremony that also featured a strong international flavour.

Javier Bardem won for supporting actor in *No Country*, which earned Joel and Ethan Coen best director, best adapted screenplay and the best-picture honour as producers.

Accepting the directing honour alongside his brother, Joel Coen recalled how they got their start in a career that has seen them advance from oddballs with a devoted cult following to broader audiences. He noted they have been making films since childhood, including one at the Minneapolis airport called *Henry Kissinger: Man on the Go*.

"What we do now doesn't feel that much different from what we were doing then," Joel Coen said. "We're very thankful to all of you out there for continuing to let us play in our corner of the sandbox."

Daniel Day-Lewis won his second best-actor Oscar for the oil-boom epic *There Will Be Blood*, while *La Vie En Rose* star Marion Cotillard was a surprise winner for best actress, riding the spirit of Edith Piaf to Oscar triumph over Julie Christie, who had been expected to win for *Away From Her*.

All four acting prizes went to Europeans: French Cotillard, Spaniard Bardem, and Brits Day-Lewis and Tilda Swinton, the supporting-actress winner for *Michael Clayton*.

The only other time in the Oscars' 80-year history that all four acting winners were foreign born was 1964, when the recipients were Rex Harrison, Julie Andrews, Peter



(From left) Daniel Day-Lewis, Tilda Swinton, Marion Cotillard and Javier Bardem pose with their Oscars at the 80th Academy Awards held last Sunday

Ustinov and Lila Kedrova.

As a raging, conniving, acquisitive petroleum pioneer caught up in California's oil boom of the early 20th century, Day-Lewis won for a part that could scarcely have been more different than his understated role as a writer with severe cerebral palsy in 1989's *My Left Foot*.

"My deepest thanks to the academy for whacking me with the handsomest bludgeon in town," Day-Lewis said.

The Coens missed out on a chance to make Oscar history -- four wins for a single film -- when they lost the editing prize, for which they were nominated under the pseudonym Roderick Jaynes.

The Bourne Ultimatum won the

editing Oscar and swept all three categories in which it was nominated, including sound editing and sound mixing.

Past winners for their screenplay to 1996's *Fargo*, the Coens joined an elite list of filmmakers to win three Oscars in a single night, including Francis Ford Coppola (*The Godfather Part II*), James Cameron (*Titanic*) and Billy Wilder (*The Apartment*).

Cotillard, the first winner ever for a French-language performance, tearfully thanked her director, Olivier Dahan.

"Maestro Olivier, you rocked my life. You have truly rocked my life," said Cotillard, a French beauty who is a dynamo as Piaf, playing the warbling chanteuse through three

decades, from raw late teens as a singer rising from the gutter through international stardom and her final days in her frail 40s.

"Thank you, life; thank you, love. And it is true there (are) some angels in this city."

A relatively fresh face in Hollywood, Cotillard has U.S. credits that include *Big Fish*, *A Good Year* and the upcoming *Public Enemies*, featuring Johnny Depp and Christian Bale.

Heavies ruled the acting prizes. Along with Day-Lewis' greedy oilman, Bardem played an unshakable executioner in *No Country* and Swinton played a malevolent attorney in *Michael Clayton*. Bardem, referring to the sinister variation of a page-boy bob his



Directors Ethan (L), Joel Coen (R) and producer Scott Rudin with their Oscars

character sported, said: "Thank you to the Coens for being crazy enough to think I could do that and for putting one of the most horrible haircuts in history over my head."

Mickey Mouse gained a rival as Hollywood's favourite rodent as the rat tale *Ratatouille* was named best animated film, the second Oscar win in the category for director Brad Bird.

The ceremony's montage of photos and film clips of stars, filmmakers and others in cinema who died in the past year ended with a scene from *Brokeback Mountain* featuring Heath Ledger, who died of a prescription drug overdose last month.

Michael Moore, who assailed President Bush over the Iraq War in

his Oscar speech for documentary winner *Bowling for Columbine* five years ago, missed out on a chance to take the podium again. His health-care study *Sicko* lost the documentary prize to *Taxi to the Dark Side*, a war-on-terror chronicle that centres on an innocent Afghan cab driver killed while in detention.

Box-office dud *The Golden Compass* scored an upset for visual effects over the blockbusters *Transformers* and *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*.

Other winners included *Elizabeth: The Golden Age* for costume design, *La Vie En Rose* for makeup and *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* for art direction.

Beyonce to play Etta James

Beyonce Knowles is moving into the movie mogul business. As well as starring in Darnell Martin's period musical drama *Cadillac Records*, the former child of destiny will executive produce the movie. Knowles has signed up to play R&B diva Etta James, one of several real-life music legends to feature in the story of Chicago music label Chess Records.

According to *Hollywood Reporter*, the cast already includes Jeffrey Wright as bluesman Muddy Waters, Cedric The Entertainer as Willy Dixon and Adrien Brody as label boss Leonard Chess. Beyonce is planning to record four songs for the soundtrack.

Source: Internet



Yuvraj Singh turns to Bollywood?

Ace cricketer Yuvraj Singh will now, in all probability, star in a Hindi film.

If sources are to be believed, the cricketer's father, Yogrj, is very keen to make a film based on his son's life.

Interestingly, it seems as if Yuvraj is following his father's steps. Yogrj started his career as a cricketer. He played in the Indian team only once -- in a match against New Zealand in Mohali, in 1981. When his career failed to bloom, he turned to Bollywood. That, unfortunately, did not click either. So

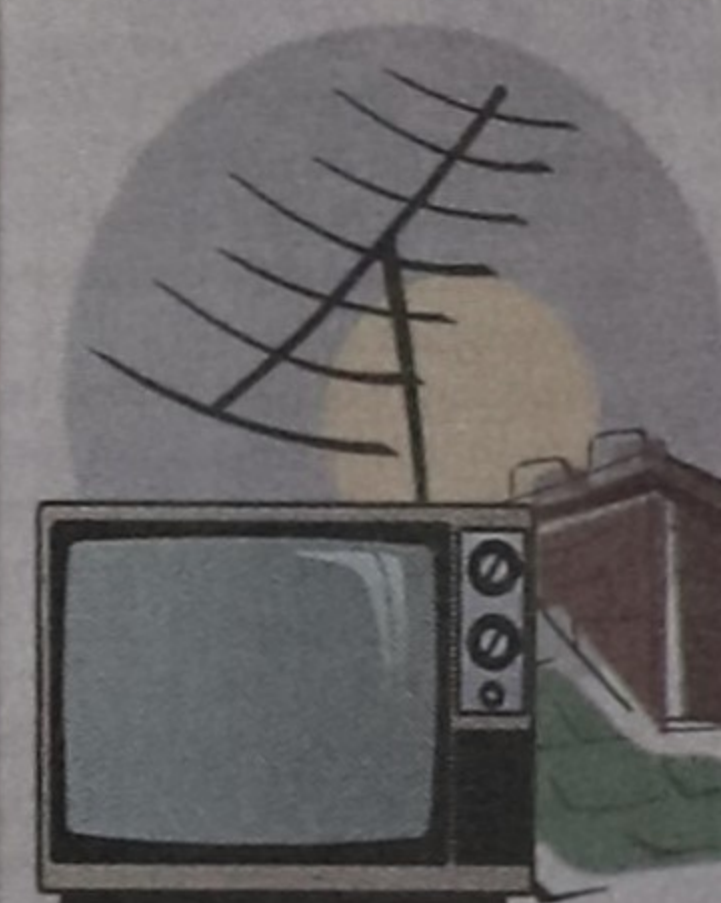
Yogrj became a Punjabi actor, and starred in quite a few films.

It is said he burnt all his cricket bats when his cricketing career failed.

But when Yuvraj was born, his interest in cricket was revived, and he started training his son.

According to sources, the yet-untitled film will be based on Yuvraj's struggling days, culminating in his success.

Source: Internet

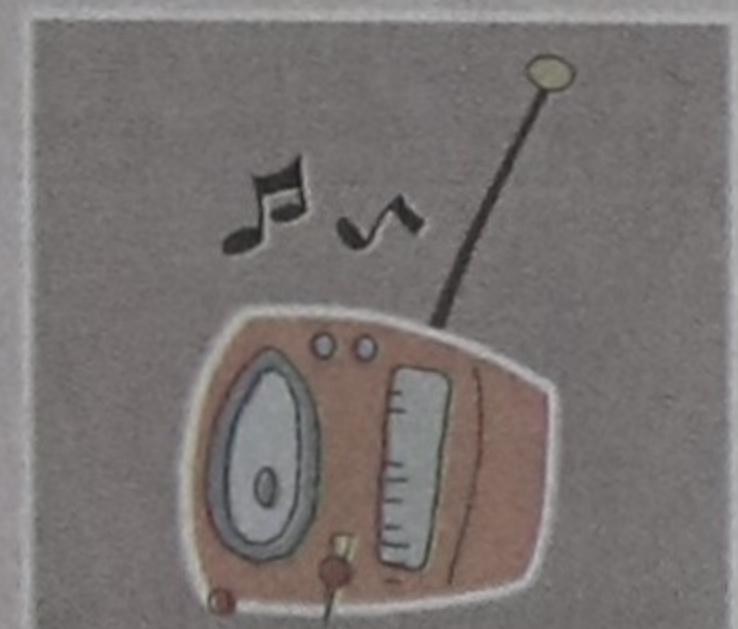


All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

On Air

12:30 Citycell Tarokakathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemas Gaan
01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Selected Programme
03:05 i-Sports
04:05 Hindoy-er Gaan
04:30 Shangeel Mala
05:30 Warid Boimela Shorashori
06:00 Tarzan
06:20 Drama Serial: Ochena Adhar
06:45 Business Show
07:50 Musical Programme: Amar Prio Gaan
09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Tepantoprey
10:00 Drama: Dhaka 71
11:30 Mega Serial: 69

ETV
08:00 Ekusher Shokal
12:00 Ekusher Dupur
12:30 Ekusher Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekusher Business: Shophal Jara



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
07:00pm Seven Eleven
12:00am Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob)
07:45 am Today's Happy Moments
08:45am Shokaler Khabor
12:00pm Today's Aida (Nudrat)
01:45pm Dupurer Khabor
04:00pm U-turn (Kibria & Tania)
06:45pm Shandher Khabor
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem)
09:45pm Raater Khabor
11:45pm Moddho Raater Khabor
12:00am Today's Happy Moments
12:10am Raat Vor Gan (Nitob)

03:30 Shomali Shada Kalo
04:00 Cartoon
04:30 Drama Serial: Hillu
05:15 Cholar Pathay
05:45 Ekusher Shondhya
06:15 Quiz Show: SMS Mania
07:30 Amar Mukhti Aloy Aloy
08:00 Cookery Show: Tomi Mann Recipe
08:30 Shurtahal
09:30 Ekusher Shomoy
10:30 Drama Serial: Shukhi Manush Project
11:30 Ekusher Raat

RTV
08:20 Gaanchil Ei Chil
09:00 RTV Exclusive
09:05 Heart Beat

09:35 Documentary Programme: Prachir Ghera Chin
10:00 Drama Serial: Poroshpor
11:00 Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Aguntak
12:15 Look at Me
12:35 Apori Shimanay
01:30 Dailiwood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Prolidin
06:35 Apori Shimanay
08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntaak
08:35 R Ranna
09:20 Drama Serial: Anon
11:00 Prio Mukh
11:30 News Watch



Bionic Woman
On Star World at 10:30 pm
Cast: Lucy Hale, Michelle Ryan

01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Shanto Kutir
03:15 Crime Watch
03:50 Drama Serial: Nabila Chorif
04:25 Gallery
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:45 Frankly Speaking
08:15 To-Let
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer
11:30 Ei Shomoy

BANGLAVISION
08:30 Shurer Bhuboney
09:00 Cookery Show: Amader Ranna Ghar
09:30 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
10:10 Cinebit

10:40 Musical Programme
11:05 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor
11:35 Apnar Agami
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
02:40 Drama Serial: Tank Ali Hadari
03:05 Musical Programme: Shurer Bhuboney
04:20 Banijo Mela Protidin
05:30 Drama Serial: Shororer Shesh Ban
06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Ebong Classer Bairey
06:50 Pran-er Gaan
08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanogor
09:05 Vocab
09:25 Agami Kontho
11:25 Cinebit Shadokalo
12:00 Shangbad Prolidin

STAR MOVIES

07:35 Horse Whisperer, The
10:25 Thank You For Smoking
11:55 Kaw
01:30 Walk The Line

01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
03:00 Gnhasti
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kayamath
04:30 Sangam
05:00 Santaan
05:25 Bolly V
05:30 Kasturi
06:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
06:30 Bidaai
06:55 Bolly V
07:00 Gnhasti
07:30 Sangam
08:00 Santaan
08:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
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STAR WORLD

11:30 According To Jim
12:00 The Simpsons
12:30 Seinfeld
01:00 Friends
01:30 Desire: Table For Three
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Enterprise
06:00 Malcolm In The Middle
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 My Wife And Kids
07:30 Friends Sr 8
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 The O.C.
09:30 Heroes
10:30 Bionic Woman
11:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero
12:30 Seinfeld

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:30 Air Crash Investigation
12:30 Situation Critical
01:30 Seconds From Disaster
02:30 Killer Cats
03:30 What Would Happen If I Didn't Know That
04:00 Mexico City
04:30 Serpents Of The Sea
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Croc Of Mondongullo
06:30 IC814 Air Hijack
07:30 Super Croc
08:30 What Would Happen If I Didn't Know That
09:00 Naked Science
10:30 Is It Real?
11:30 What Would Happen If I Didn't Know That
12:30 Is It Real?

HISTORY

10:30 Terror Tech: Civilian
11:30 Swama Heera
12:15 Eye Max
12:30 Fall From Grace
01:30 Mansfield Park
03:30 Lawrence of Arabia
04:30 Corn

05:30 Alpha Romeo
06:30 Fall From Grace
07:30 Man Who Predicted 9/11
08:30 Prison Siege
09:30 Revenge
10:30 Modern Marvels

ZEE STUDIO

01:05 Modigliani
03:50 House Of 9
05:55 Batman & Robin
08:50 Blind Dating
11:00 Once Upon A Time In Mexico

ESPN

09:00 2007 Re/Max Long Drive Championship (Golf)
10:30 Basketball
12:30 Englanndmanchester City Vs Everton(R)
02:30 Basketball: Usacalifornia Vs Stanford
04:30 Golf: Anz Ladies Masters (Golf)
05:30 Soccer/Football: Premier League Highlights
06:30 Cricket: Commonwealth Bank Series 2007-08 Sri Lanka Vs India 11th Odi
08:30 Sport News
09:30 Soccer/Football: 2007/08 Spanish League Highlights
10:30 Sport News
11:30 Cricket: Icc World Twenty20 (Cricket) Pakistan Vs Scotland Highlights

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

08:30 Amazing World

Of Birds With Tadashi Shimada
Discovery Atlas: Italy Revealed
Man Made Marvels: Okinawa Aquarium
12:30 Amazing Baby Videos: Episode 21
01:00 Finest Hotels In The World: Week End In Royal Palm
01:30 Anaconda: The Hunt For The Bull Killer
02:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive: Lost In The Snow
03:30 African Adventures: Zimbabwe Lake Kariba/Simunye Zulu Lodge
04:00 Zach's Ultimate Guide: Birds Of Prey
05:30 Futureweapons
06:30 Future Is Wild, The (-60): Episode 2
07:30 In Search Of The Giant Anaconda
08:30 Into Alaska With Jeff Conwin: Kenai Peninsular, The
09:30 Deadliest Catch 2: Man Vs. Ice
10:30 Futureweapons (Season 2): Smart Destroyers
11:30 Futureweapons: Maximum Impact

Amar Prio Gaan
On Channel-1 at 7:50 pm
Musical Programme
Guest: Samina Chowdhury

