

## ABOUT THE BALLOT

Not so long ago, pundits were saying there were few clear favorites for Academy Awards this year. But our experts and readers who entered our Oscar contest were remarkably consistent in their picks. Here's how *Times* film critic **Steve Persall**, academy member **Ed. Cassidy** and readers (who **predicted the winners** and **picked their own favorites** in 10 categories) voted. And we've left room for you to make your own picks tonight. We'll announce the winners of our Oscar contest in Thursday's Weekend.

**PERSALL'S PREDICTIONS**  
**CASSIDY'S PREDICTIONS**  
**CONTEST PREDICTIONS**  
**CONTEST FAVORITES**  
**YOUR VOTE**

					PICTURE
					Chocolat
					Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
					Erin Brockovich
X	X	X	X		Gladiator
					Traffic
					<b>ACTOR</b>
					Javier Bardem, Before Night Falls
X	X	X			Russell Crowe, Gladiator
			X		Tom Hanks, Cast Away
					Ed Harris, Pollock
					Geoffrey Rush, Quills
					<b>ACTRESS</b>
					Joan Allen, The Contender
					Juliette Binoche, Chocolat
					Ellen Burstyn, Requiem for a Dream
					Laura Linney, You Can Count On Me
X	X	X	X		Julia Roberts, Erin Brockovich
					<b>SUPPORTING ACTOR</b>
					Jeff Bridges, The Contender
					Willem Dafoe, Shadow of the Vampire
X	X	X	X		Benicio Del Toro, Traffic
					Albert Finney, Erin Brockovich
					Joaquin Phoenix, Gladiator
					<b>SUPPORTING ACTRESS</b>
					Judi Dench, Chocolat
					Marcia Gay Harden, Pollock
X	X	X	X		Kate Hudson, Almost Famous
					Frances McDormand, Almost Famous
					Julie Walters, Billy Elliot
					<b>DIRECTOR</b>
					Stephen Daldry, Billy Elliot
X	X	X			Ang Lee, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
					Steven Soderbergh, Erin Brockovich
					Ridley Scott, Gladiator
			X		Steven Soderbergh, Traffic
					<b>FOREIGN FILM</b>
					Amores Perros, Mexico
X	X				Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, Taiwan
					Divided We Fall, Czech Republic
					Everybody Famous, Belgium
					The Taste of Others, France
					<b>ADAPTED SCREENPLAY</b>
					Chocolat
					Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
					O Brother, Where Art Thou?
X	X	X	X		Traffic
					Wonder Boys
					<b>ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY</b>
		X			Almost Famous
					Billy Elliot
X		X	X		Erin Brockovich
					Gladiator
					You Can Count On Me
					<b>ART DIRECTION</b>
		X			Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
					Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas
X					Gladiator
					Quills
					Vatel
					<b>CINEMATOGRAPHY</b>
X	X				Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
					Gladiator
					Malena
					O Brother, Where Art Thou?
					The Patriot

					SOUND
					Cast Away
					Gladiator
					The Patriot
X	X				The Perfect Storm
					U-571
					<b>SOUND EFFECTS EDITING</b>
X	X				Space Cowboys
					U-571
					<b>ORIGINAL SCORE</b>
					Chocolat
X	X				Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
					Gladiator
					Malena
					The Patriot
					<b>ORIGINAL SONG</b>
					A Fool In Love from Meet The Parents
					I've Seen It All from Dancer in the Dark
		X	X		A Love Before Time from Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
					My Funny Friend and Me from The Emperor's New Groove
X	X				Things Have Changed from Wonder Boys
					<b>COSTUMES</b>
					Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
		X			Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas
X		X	X		Gladiator
					102 Dalmatians
					Quills
					<b>DOCUMENTARY FEATURE</b>
X	X				Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport
					Legacy
					Long Night's Journey Into Day
					Scottsboro: An American Tragedy
					Sound and Fury
					<b>DOCUMENTARY (SHORT SUBJECT)</b>
					Big Mama
					Curtain Call
					Dolphins
X	X				The Man on Lincoln's Nose
					On Tiptoe: Gentle Steps to Freedom
					<b>FILM EDITING</b>
					Almost Famous
					Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
X	X				Gladiator
					Traffic
					Wonder Boys
					<b>MAKEUP</b>
					The Cell
X	X				Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas
					Shadow of the Vampire
					<b>ANIMATED SHORT FILM</b>
		X			Father and Daughter
X					The Periwig-Maker
					Rejected
					<b>LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM</b>
X					By Courier
					One Day Crossing
		X			Quiero Ser (I want to be)
					Seraglio
					A Soccer Story (Una Historia de Futbol)
					<b>VISUAL EFFECTS</b>
X	X				Gladiator
					Hollow Man
					The Perfect Storm

Academy Award winners previously announced this year. Gordon E. Sawyer award (Oscar statuette): Irwin W. Young. Irving G. Thalberg memorial award: producer Dino De Laurentiis