

'Uncharted 2' leads Video Game Award nominations

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FILE - In this file video game image released by Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc., a scene is shown from "Uncharted 2: Among Thieves." (AP Photo/Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc.,File)

(AP) -- "Uncharted 2: Among Thieves" has seized a leading eight nominations for this year's Video Game Awards, Spike TV announced Wednesday.

The action-adventure "Uncharted 2" is bucking for Game of the Year, as is "Batman: Arkham Asylum," which logged a total of seven nominations, according to Spike TV, which presents the awards.

Military shooter game "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" and zombie thriller "Left 4 Dead 2" each has landed six nominations, including Game of the Year. "Assassin's Creed 2" rounds out the contenders for Game of the Year.

Nominated for Studio of the Year are Infinity Ward, Naughty Dog, Rocksteady Studios and Valve.

Vying for Best Music Game are "DJ Hero," "[Guitar Hero 5](#)," "LEGO Rock Band" and "The Beatles: Rock Band."

Bill Murray, Hugh Jackman, Samuel L. Jackson, Shia LaBeouf and Vin Diesel are up for Best Performance by a Human Male, while Eliza Dushku, Kristen Bell, Megan Fox and Tricia Helfer are nominated in the Human Female category.

Nominees for the 2009 VGAs were selected by an advisory council made up of experts in the [video game industry](#). Winners are chosen by that group and by fans, who can cast their votes in 28 categories at [VGA.Spike.Com](#).

The seventh annual [Video Game](#) Awards will air on Spike TV at 8 p.m. EST on Dec. 12. Originating from Los Angeles, the two-hour live broadcast will give viewers a sneak peek at "Halo: Reach" with a world-premiere video from the game. A prequel to the "Halo" trilogy, it is scheduled for release in Fall 2010.

Spike TV is a division of MTV Networks, which is a unit of Viacom.

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