Tech innovators honored at Oscars dinner

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Actor Chris Pine, left, and actress Zoe Saldana arrives at The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Scientific and Technical Awards at The Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013. (Photo by Dan Steinberg/Invision/AP)

(AP)—A room full of engineers, computer whizzes and technicians has brought the crew of the Starship Enterprise down to Earth for a night.

Zoe Saldana and Chris Pine hosted the annual Sci-Tech Oscars, in which the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences beams a spotlight on the latter half of its name. Saldana said the pair were humbled by the winners' innovations in movie-making technology.

It was a mostly rare brush with Hollywood glitz for the 26 men who received plaques, certificates and one statuette on a stage adorned with four large Oscar statues.

They were honored for work ranging from computer graphics software to rigs used to place lighting in hard-to-reach spots on sets.

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