

Denzel Washington Brought in the Most Movie Money in 2012

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Denzel Washington is undoubtedly one of the hottest stars of the century, and the fruits of his labor was recognized in 2012.

According to Quigley Publishing Company's 81st Annual Poll of Motion Picture Exhibitors, the actor was voted the top money-making star in 2012.

He's been on the poll seven other times but this is the first time he was crowned winner.

The only woman in the Top Ten this year, Anne Hathaway , placed second with her roles in "Les Miserables" and as Catwoman in "The Dark Knight Rises." Hugh Jackman and Mark Wahlberg , both with their initial Poll appearance, were third and fourth respectively. Jackman was in "Les Miserables" and a voice talent in "Rise of the Guardians" and Wahlberg scored with "Contraband" and in the sleeper hit of the year, "Ted." Johnny Depp was in "Dark Shadows" and had an uncredited role in "21 Jump Street," but still managed a fifth this year. He has been in the Top Ten eight times, with wins in 2010, 2007 and 2006.

According to the report, exhibitors collectively decided Denzel was responsible for movie traffic in 2012, based on his performances in "Flight" and "Safe House."

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He's the fourth African American to win the poll and joins the ranks of Sidney Poitier (1968), Eddie Murphy (1987) and Will Smith (2005).

Top Ten Money-Making Stars of 2012

1. Denzel Washington
2. Anne Hathaway
3. Hugh Jackman
4. Mark Wahlberg

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5. Johnny Depp

6. Daniel Craig

7. Daniel Day-Lewis

8. Brad Pitt

9. Leonardo DiCaprio

10. Robert Downey , Jr.

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