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Glamour at the Globes

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The Golden Globes: one of the most glamorous nights in Hollywood; the preview for the Oscars. Taking place just a month before the Academy Awards, the Jan. 15 Globes set a precedent for the awards season, defining the best films and television shows of 2011. A few movies stood out among the bunch for their multiple nominations and wins. The daring French silent film *The Artist* took the win for Best Film – Comedy or Musical and Best Actor in a Comedy or Musical along with Best Original Score. The only categories not won by the film were Best Director and Best Screenplay which were won by Martin Scorsese

for *Hugo* and Woody Allen for *Midnight in Paris*.

Another big winner of the night was the tragically beautiful film *The Descendants* starring George Clooney and Shailene Woodley, both who were nominated for their roles in the movie.

Taking home the biggest prize of all – best motion picture – the film also scored best performance by an actor in a drama

for Clooney's touching role as the lonely father trying to raise his wife falls into a coma.

Perhaps the biggest controversy was the rivalry between Madonna and Elton John, both who received nominations for Best Original Song with Madonna taking home the prize.

Preceding the show John had told Carson Daly in a red carpet

interview that Madonna had "no chance" and proceeded to say those were "actual words" instead of fighting words.

When Madonna met up with Daly she dealt with the words with elegance by simply laughing it off.

John's husband, Furnish, almost immediately after Madonna won the award began to bash the singer on his Facebook account "Madonna winning Best Original Song truly shows how these awards have nothing to do with merit."

After the show while Madonna was talking backstage with press she only laughed off the insults again and even complimented John.

Another shock of the night was the lack of wins for the normally dominated HBO channel.

Taking home only three wins for *Enlightened* (Best Actress-

Comedy or Musical), *Mildred Pierce* (Best Actress in a Mini-Series), and *Game of Thrones* (Best Supporting Actor). HBO does have something to brag about. They set a record of 18 nominations for the 2011 year.

The most note worthy speech of the night would be Octavia Spencer's acceptance speech for Best Actress in a Supporting Role.

Competing against her *The Help* co-star Jessica Chastain, Spencer seemed shocked that she had won.

"I'm just trembling here. Oh my God, I'm going to fall off these high heeled shoes," Spencer said as she reached the podium.

Spencer also referenced the importance of the domestic workforce which was praised by the National Domestic Workers Alliance.

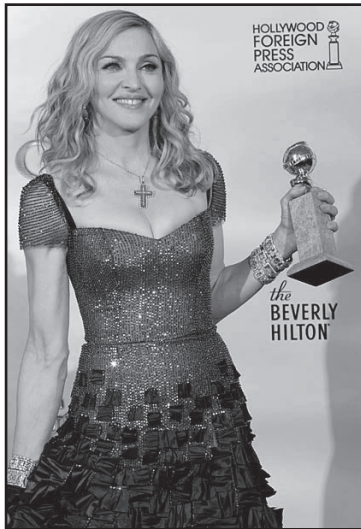


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Madonna holds her Golden Globe after winning the Best Original Song Award.

Looking Back at the best of 2011

The *Talon Times* staff voted off of a list of about 15 movies and were instructed to pick two off of this list, then the five films that received the most votes were placed on this page.

They are in no ranked order. The five that were chosen were *Crazy, Stupid Love*, *Bridesmaids*, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*, *X-Men: First Class*, and *Battle: Los Angeles*.

The same process was used to select the best songs of 2011.

They were "I'm On One" by Drake, "Gucci Gucci" by Kreayshawn, "Someone Like You" by Adele, "Pumped Up Kicks" by Foster the People, and "The One That Got Away" by Katy Perry.

These are also in no ranked order.

The movies and songs that were voted on originally were also chosen by staff members.

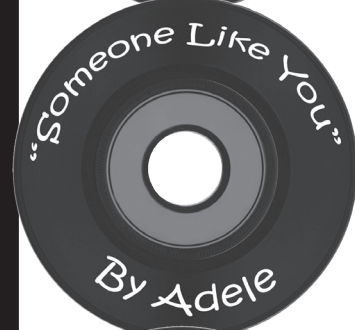
Extensive research throughout several different fashion magazines and web sites were utilized in order to determine the biggest trends of the year 2011.

Color blocking, fashion scarves, oversize sweaters, and riding boots were chosen to be the most popular for girls; flannel shirts and cardigans were calculated to be the most trendy for boys.

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