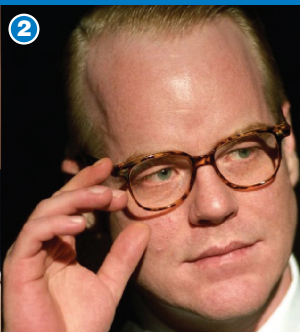


Oscar nominees – Best actor



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1 Joaquin Phoenix: As country demigod Johnny Cash in *Walk the Line*, Phoenix portrays the singer's joyous and gloomy sides, sonorous voice and freight-train guitar rhythms

2 Philip Seymour Hoffman: Front-runner for his performance in *Capote*, capturing author Truman Capote's effete egoism and the dark conflicts that crippled him emotionally

3 Heath Ledger: As a taciturn roughneck in *Brokeback Mountain*, Ledger portrays unsuspected depths of brooding sentiment over the love he feels for another man

4 Terrence Howard: Plays pimp-turned-rapper in *Hustle & Flow*. A man on the lower rungs of the drug-dealing and sleaze business who musters all his street smarts to reach for an impossible dream

5 David Strathairn: A first Oscar nomination for playing newsman Ed Murrow in his TV show-down against commie-bashing Senator Joseph McCarthy in *Good Night, and Good Luck*