

## Oscar nominees – Best Director



**1 Stephen Frears:** *The Queen*, Frears' second Academy Award nomination, evokes the period in 1997 of national grief in Britain that followed the death of Princess Diana

**2 Martin Scorsese:** *The Departed* marks Scorsese's return to his trademark style, and 2007 could finally be the year he bags his first Oscar at the seventh time of asking

**3 Clint Eastwood:** *Letters from Iwo Jima*, Eastwood's tenth nomination, could bring him his third Director's Oscar, following on from *Unforgiven* (1992) and *Million Dollar Baby* (2004)

**4 Alejandro González Iñárritu:** Oscar loves a first-time nominated director and the Mexican movie maker's *Babel* – a surprise dark horse-turned-leading contender – could win him the prize

**5 Paul Greengrass:** The British director remains an outside bet for his critically-lauded film about the ill-fated flight of *United 93* during the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States