The Girl on Fire and the Boy Who Lived are destined for Golden Popcorn greatness, while big things are in store for 'Dark Knight Rises' and 'Magic Mike' fans as well.
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Jennifer Lawrence in "The Hunger Games"
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UNIVERSAL CITY, California — Happy MTV Movie Awards day, and may the odds be ever in your favor!

You have no shortage of films and stars to root for when tuning into the big show tonight (June 3) at 9 p.m. ET, and that only makes the decisions harder. How can you possibly choose between supporting the Boy Who Lived's last night at the Movie Awards and Katniss Everdeen's first time in the arena? Too much pressure!

Still, as in every competition, there will be winners and losers at this year's show, with plenty of cause for triumph and heartbreak. And while we're still hours away from knowing exactly who those victors are, we've got some sneaking suspicions about who will wind up owning the night.

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"The Hunger Games"

Before Iron Man and the rest of "The Avengers" sucked all the air out of the box office, 2012's biggest commercial titan was the Girl on Fire. Tonight at the Movie Awards, Katniss doesn't have to worry about Earth's mightiest heroes — only Captain America and Thor are nominated for Best Hero , and it will take a miracle to boost them to the top — and can instead focus on main rivals "Bridesmaids" and "Harry Potter." Fans have rallied behind "Hunger Games" in a massive way over the past year, and with a leading nine nominations to its name, the odds are most certainly in this movie's favor for ruling the show tonight.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2"

This is Harry's final time to shine at the Movie Awards. As the fourth highest-grossing picture of all time, it's safe to say that there are more than a few fans hoping for some good old-fashioned "Deathly Hallows" domination. Best Cast should be a lock for "Potter," if only to acknowledge the phenomenal work of scenery-chewers Alan Rickman and Ralph Fiennes. It's neck-and-neck between Potter and Katniss for Best Hero, but we're placing our money on the Boy Wizard. And a Movie of the Year win is not out of the question, either. It has a huge obstacle to overcome in the increasingly hot "Hunger Games," but as Lord Voldemort learned the hard way, you can *never* put Potter down for the count.

"The Dark Knight Rises" Fans

No matter who you're rooting for at the Movie Awards, it's the fans who will walk away the winners — Batman fans in particular. Christopher Nolan, Christian Bale, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Gary Oldman will all be on hand to present exclusive "Dark Knight Rises" footage at the show, in case you haven't heard. Though we're still in the dark regarding what exactly we'll see, Movie Awards director Hamish Hamilton has seen the top-secret footage, and he's "telling you, it's good." Expect this footage to be the talk of the town (or at least the Twitterverse) long after the show ends.

Shirtless-Men Enthusiasts

Another someone with an outside shot at dominating the Movie Awards conversation tonight is Channing Tatum, who finds himself nominated for multiple awards, including Best Kiss and Best Hero. Don't count on him winning either of those awards — the former is all "Twilight," and the latter is a battle of the bows and wands — but who needs a Golden Popcorn statuette when you have abs to put Taylor Lautner to shame? There's growing buzz that Tatum is going to bring some of his "Magic Mike" shirtless magic to Movie Awards viewers tonight, so if you're a fan of hot men sans clothes, *you* might be this year's biggest winner.

Russell Brand

Finally, hats off to the man who's going to keep the trains powered by farts tonight: Russell Brand, host of the 2012 MTV Movie Awards.

Mark Wahlberg's threats aside, we're very confident Brand is going to absolutely tear it up at the show this year, if his past performances as host of the VMAs are any indication. Besides, Brand is allowed to do whatever he wants tonight — group sex, anyone?

Head over to MovieAwards.MTV.com to cast your vote for Best Hero and Best Movie now! The "Movie Awards Punk'd Pre-Party" starts at 8 p.m. ET, followed by the 21st annual MTV Movie Awards live tonight at 9 p.m. ET!

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