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TV industry stars of the future honoured at 2023 RTS Scotland Student Awards

The crème de la crème of student TV production in Scotland was honoured at an awards ceremony in Glasgow last night, as the Royal Television Society's Scotland Centre announced the winners of its Student Awards for 2023.

Hosted by STV News entertainment reporter **Laura Boyd**, the event celebrated the best audiovisual work created by undergraduate students from universities and colleges across the country.

Students from the **University of Edinburgh** and **University of Stirling** were the big winners on the night, with both institutions each walking away with four wins in the ceremony's nine categories. **New College Lanarkshire's** Cumbernauld Campus was also honoured at the event, which took place at Glasgow's Saint Luke's.

The RTS Scotland Student Awards recognises the best Animation, Entertainment and Comedy Drama, and Factual films produced by students each year. It also honours talented filmmakers in five craft categories: Camerawork, Editing, Production Design, Sound and Writing. With multiple entries from 12 universities and colleges across Scotland, this year's awards were hugely competitive.

All the nominated films and highlights from this year's ceremony will be available for viewers across the UK to watch on streaming service, STV Player.

Gail English, Chair of RTS Scotland Student Awards, said: *"The standard of entries this year was incredibly high and each nominee should be so proud of the fantastic pieces of work they've produced. The TV industry is crying out for new talent and the RTS Student Awards presents opportunities for talented students to share their work and meet with industry professionals – and this year's showcase shows there is no shortage of talent in Scotland."*

Stephen O'Donnell, Chair of RTS Scotland, said: *"We were blown away by the incredible talent displayed by students across all categories this year. The fact that the quality of the work submitted to us seems to get better and better every year is an encouraging sign that the future of TV production in Scotland is in very good hands. Congratulations to all our winners."*

Host Laura Boyd said: *"What an honour it is to present the future talent of our industry with their well-deserved awards. There's so much talent, enthusiasm and drive in one room, I can't wait to see what this bunch comes up with next!"*

STV is the headline sponsor of the RTS Scotland Student Awards, with additional sponsorship from BBC Studios, Mediaspec and The Nerve.

ALL WINNERS AND NOMINEES

Genre categories:

Animation

WINNER – ‘The Tortoise and the Square’ – Gregor Forbes (University of Stirling)

Shortlist:

‘In the Box’ – Tanner Mulay (University of Stirling)

‘The City’ – Fanni Elo (University of Stirling)

Drama

WINNER – ‘SMALL’ – Jonathan Payne, Sophie MacDonald, Laura Wiggett, Tyler Tappin, Alex Choudhary, Anita Klementiev, Finn O'Neill, Liam Maclean, Michael Payne (University of Edinburgh)

Shortlist:

‘Moving’ – Seyma Dag, Rosslyn McCormick, Colleen Bell, Maya Gilmore (Royal Conservatoire of Scotland)

‘Falsehood’ – Sarah Stables, Chris Haughey, Ross Mackay, Morven Thompson, Kit Laveri, Elliot McLean (New College Lanarkshire - Cumbernauld Campus)

Factual

WINNER – ‘A League of Their Own’ – Ryan Anderson, Niall Cluness, Lauren Hollinsworth, Lorenzo Franchitti (University of Stirling)

Shortlist:

‘Moving Mountains’ – Aoife McKibbin, Alice Williams, Danielle Hilton, Ryan Bensen, Bruno Noriega (University of Stirling)

‘Absent Mind’ – Kim Drummond, Shoshannah Hull, Stan Stawowiak, Cameron Hutchison, Caroline Ring (University of Stirling)

Comedy & Entertainment

WINNER – ‘The Dead Cat Strategy’ – Laura Wiggett, Dylan-Starr Adams, Martha Roseweir, Zhuoxuan Liu, Hervé Girardin (University of Edinburgh)

Shortlist:

‘The Hangmen’ – Dean Munro, Kieran McHardy, Andrew Crawford Wood (NESCOL – North East Scotland College)

‘Paper Jam’ – Connor Barr, Connor Allan, Euan Cordiner, Reece Parkin, Elliot Houston (University of the West of Scotland)

Craft categories:

Camerawork

WINNER – ‘Moving Mountains’ – Ryan Bensen (University of Stirling)

Editing

WINNER – ‘A League of Their Own’ – Lauren Hollinsworth (University of Stirling)

Production Design

WINNER – ‘The Dead Cat Strategy’ – Laura Wiggett (University of Edinburgh)

Sound

WINNER – ‘SMALL’ – Tyler Tappin, Alex Choudhary (University of Edinburgh)

Writing

WINNER – ‘Falsehood’ – Sarah Stables (New College Lanarkshire – Cumbernauld Campus)

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