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ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY AWARDS 2021 FELLOWSHIPS

London, 8 November 2021 – The **Royal Television Society (RTS)**, Britain’s leading forum for television and related media, has awarded six new Fellowships for 2021. RTS Fellowships recognise industry luminaries who have made an outstanding, sustained and exceptional contribution to the industry.

This year the Fellowships have been presented to **Simon Heath**, CEO, World Productions; **Sally Joynson**, CEO, Screen Yorkshire; **Danielle Lux**, MD, CPL Productions; **Ben McOwen Wilson**, MD, YouTube UK and Ireland and Director, EMEA; **Clive Myrie**, BBC and **John Whiston**, MD, Continuing Drama, ITV.

Theresa Wise, CEO at the Royal Television Society said: “All the new Fellows for 2021 are leaders in their fields, paving the way and utilising their extensive expertise to guide others through what has been another exceptional year for UK television. We are delighted to be coming together to celebrate their vast contributions to the industry.”

Jane Turton, Chief Executive Officer, All3Media and Chair of the RTS Board of Trustees, said: “Our sector has continued to excel and adapt to overcome the challenges of the last 18 months. The recipients for this year are all extremely deserving of this recognition.”

For more information on the RTS Fellowships, Trustees and Vice Presidents please visit the RTS website: <https://rts.org.uk/about-us/whos-who>

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About The Royal Television Society:

From glamorous award ceremonies to lively debates, the RTS embraces all aspects of television, and is open to anyone with an interest in the medium.

As an educational charity, we encourage and celebrate work in television and its related fields, from finding out how the nation’s favourite shows are made in our Anatomy of a Hit series, to celebrating burgeoning talent at our annual Student Awards.

The industry’s most talented individuals give us an insight into the work that goes into making cutting edge contemporary TV. From Government ministers and CEOs to workshops with great runners, our events look at every part of the business.

Our annual Television Journalism, Programme, Craft and Design, and Student Awards celebrate achievements across the broadcasting industry.

Each year, we offer Television Production and Technology bursaries to help those from less affluent backgrounds get a foothold in the industry, and Masterclass sessions bring together students, academics and industry heads.

Global television leaders gather to discuss what the future holds for television at our London Conference or the RTS Cambridge Convention.

Alongside our engaged community of around 4,800 full members, the Society is supported by Britain and the world's biggest broadcasters, producers and consultants, including Principal Patrons BBC, Channel 4, ITV and Sky.

Originally founded as the Television Society in 1927, the Society was granted its Royal title in 1966 and HRH The Prince of Wales became Patron of the RTS in 1997.

Today, 15 regional and national groups curate lively events and awards around the UK and Ireland, from Glasgow to Galway.

RTS Futures, which is aimed at those in their first two years of employment, organises an exciting roster of discussion, training and social occasions. Recent events have included workshops on learning how to format shows and how to survive as a freelancer, and expert panels explaining how to be the best researcher and how to make it on-screen.