

PRESS RELEASE

FRANK SKINNER GIVEN TOP HONOUR AT THE ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY (RTS) MIDLANDS AWARDS 2018

West Bromwich born comedian and presenter **Frank Skinner** was given the Baird Medal in recognition of his contribution to television at tonight's (20 November 2018) **RTS Midlands Awards 2018**.

There were huge celebrations for Coventry's **Guz Khan** too as he claimed three trophies for his hit BBC Three comedy series, "Man Like Mobeen". Khan won Acting Performance (Male); Outstanding New Talent; and Writer, with his co-writer **Andy Milligan**.

The glittering awards ceremony at Birmingham Town Hall, celebrated the television and broadcasting industry across the region and was hosted by popular radio and television presenter **Trish Adudu**.

ITV News Central also scooped three awards - Digital Creativity; News Programme of the Year; and Journalist of the Year for **Balvinder Sidhu**, while **BBC Birmingham** picked up three gongs for "How the NHS Changed Our World: The Birmingham Children's Hospital" (Single Doc/Doc Feature), Richie Anderson's "Coming Out" (Short Form) and Laura Rollins for "Doctors" (Acting Performance – Female).

Affixius Films won both Craft awards, "Rugby School" for Post Production, and "All is Not Lost" for Production.

Caren Davies, Chair, RTS Midlands says: "The range of programming being made in the Midlands is outstanding and tonight's nominees and winners showed the region at its best. The Midlands television industry was out in force alongside a host of stars gracing the red carpet, so it really was a night to remember."

Other winners at the event which was attended by over 300 guests, included: BBC Two's one-off drama **The Boy with the Topknot** (Drama); **BBC Inside Out East Midlands** (Current Affairs Programme of the Year); North One's **Travel Man: 48 hours in...Hong Kong** (Factual Entertainment/Popular Factual Entertainment series); **Mark Williams** (On Screen Personality for Civilisations Stories); BBC Two's **Hospital** (Specialist Factual); and **Jamie Johnson** (Children's).

The RTS Midlands Awards were supported by the University of Worcester; Film Birmingham; BBC Midlands; Creative England and Channel 4.

The full list of winners and nominations are as follows:

Acting Performance – Female

WINNER - Laura Rollins – Doctors, BBC Studios

Deepti Naval – The Boy with the Top Knot, Kudos in Association with Parti Productions

Elisabeth Dermot Walsh – Doctors, BBC Studios

Dúaa Karim - Man Like Mobeen, Cave Bear and Tiger Aspect Productions

Jo Joyner - Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators, BBC Studios

Acting Performance – Male

Sacha Dhawan – The Boy with the Top Knot, Kudos in Association with Parti Productions

WINNER - Guz Khan - Man Like Mobeen, Cave Bear and Tiger Aspect Productions

Chris Walker – Doctors, BBC Studios

Children's

Do You Know? - 7Wonder

My Daddy's Stinky Dancing Pants - Yamination Studios

Nico Nog / Chico Chugg (series 2) - Chugg Productions

WINNER - Jamie Johnson Series 3 - Short Form Film

Twirlywoos - More About Cleaning - Ragdoll Productions

Craft – Post Production

Michael McIntyre's Big Show - Paul Farrer

WINNER - Rugby School - Affixius Films

The Ashes Promo – Bottletop

ITV Graphics Hub - ITV Nations and Regions News

Travel Man: 48 hours in... Hong Kong - North One Television

Craft – Production

Steve Baker - Indigo Blue Media

WINNER - All is Not Lost - Affixius Film

Commonwealth Games Handover Ceremony 2018 - Progress

Man Like Mobeen - Cave Bear and Tiger Aspect Productions

Travel Man: 48 hours in...Valencia - North One Television

Current Affairs Programme of the Year

The Butcher's Surgeon: A Scandal Uncovered - Shiver

Inside Out West Midlands - BBC

Ey Up Notts - Notts TV

BBC Inside Out East Midlands : “Boots: Pharmacists under pressure?” - BBC

WINNER - BBC Inside Out East Midlands - BBC

Digital Creativity

WINNER - Digital Creativity - ITV News Central

Chris Waring - BBC Online - East Midlands

Post Match Extra - RamsTV

Factual Entertainment/Popular Factual series

WINNER - Travel Man: 48 hours in... Hong Kong - North One Television

Back to the Land with Kate Humble - 7Wonder

Speed with Guy Martin F1 ChallengeNorth - One Television

RamsTV Meets - RamsTV

The Gadget Show Wild Challenge Special - North One Television

Journalist of the Year

Stacey Foster - ITV News Central

Navej Johal - BBC East Midlands Today

WINNER - Balvinder Sidhu - ITV News Central

Jonathan Gibson - BBC

Victoria Hicks - BBC East Midlands Today

News Programme of the Year

Cyrille Regis Funeral OB - BBC Midlands Today
Leicester shop explosion - ITV News Central
BBC East Midlands Today - BBC

WINNER - Glenfield children's heart unit reprieve - ITV News Central

Sports Week - Notts TV
Cyrille Regis memorial service - ITV News Central

On Screen Personality

Jonathan Gibson - BBC West Midlands
Des Coleman - ITV News Central

WINNER - Mark Williams for Civilisations Stories - Zebra Digital

Sameena Ali-Khan - ITV News Central
Natalie Jackson - BBC East Midlands Today

Outstanding New Talent

Awo Tarabi - ITV News Central

WINNER - Guz Khan - Man Like Mobeen - Cave Bear and Tiger Aspect Productions

Nisha Chopra Inside Out - BBC East Midlands
Richie Anderson - BBC Birmingham
Natalie Cutler - EntreprenHER Productions

Short Form

There Was A Boy - ReelTwentyFive
All is Not Lost - Affixius Films
Warning Signs - Spark Media

WINNER - Richie Anderson's Coming Out - BBC Birmingham

Rise - Luke McGibney

Single Documentary/Documentary Feature

WINNER - How the NHS changed our world - The Birmingham Children's Hospital - BBC Birmingham

Guy Martin's World War 1 Tank - North One TV
BBC Inside Out East Midlands: "Boots: Pharmacists under pressure?" - BBC
Married To The Game - HER Film/EntreprenHER Productions
Prisons Uncovered: Out of Control? - Clover Films

Single Television Drama or Drama Series

Father Brown - BBC Studios
Doctors - BBC Studios

WINNER - The Boy with the Topknot. - Kudos in association with Parti Productions.

Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators - BBC Studios

Specialist Factual Content/Series/Programme

Civilisations Stories: Innovation and Inspiration in Birmingham - Zebra Digital
Fighting For Air - Amazing Productions

WINNER - Hospital - Label1 Television Limited

Civilisations Stories The Art of Mining - Whitehouse Media
Guy Martin vs the Robot Car - North One TV

Writer

Doctors: Rumspringa - Claire Bennett

WINNER - Guz Khan & Andy Milligan - Man Like Mobeen - Cave Bear and Tiger Aspect Productions

Jude Tindall and Paul Matthew Thompson - Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators - BBC Studios

Neil Forsyth

Kit Lambert - Father Brown: The Two Deaths of Hercule Flambeau - BBC Studios

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Notes to Editors:

Guests who attended the red carpet event included: Frank Skinner; Adrian Chiles; Adil Ray OBE; Jo Joyner; the cast of BBC One's Doctors and Shakespeare & Hathaway; Craig Charles; Dr Hilary Jones; Julie Etchingham; Sacha Dhawan; Ortis Deley; Georgie Bennet; Jon Bentley; Tim Warwood; Des Coleman; Steve Clamp; Mary Rhodes; Ayo Akinwolere and Richie Anderson.

Birmingham Conservatoire's The Artume Group performed at the drinks reception.

The RTS Midlands Awards had 45 judges this year - many with Midlands links and a mix of senior broadcasting figures, producers, writers and talent from some of the country's biggest shows.

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.

Education is key to what the RTS does. 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.

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 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.

Each year 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 over 4,500 full members, the Society is supported by Britain and the world's biggest broadcasters, producers and consultants, including Principle 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, 14 regional and national groups curate lively events and awards around the UK and Ireland, from Glasgow to Galway.