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ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NOMINATIONS FOR RTS TELEVISION JOURNALISM AWARDS 2021

London, 1 February 2021 – The Royal Television Society (RTS), Britain’s leading forum for television and related media, has shortlisted the nominations for its 2021 Television Journalism Awards.

After an unparalleled and challenging year, the BBC leads the way with 23 nominations across the 19 categories including ‘News Channel of the Year’, and ‘Breaking News’ for the coverage of Boris Johnson being rushed to hospital with Covid-19. ITV and Sky News follow garnering 10 nominations each, both including ‘Scoop of the Year’ and ‘Television Journalist of the Year’, for which the nominees are Alex Crawford for Sky News, Clive Myrie for BBC News, and Robert Moore for ITV News.

The prestigious awards will be presented, and the winners and nominees celebrated, on Wednesday 24th February 2021 on the RTS website, hosted by Mishal Husain, Presenter BBC Radio 4 and BBC News at Ten. The awards, for both news and current affairs, seek to recognise creative and excellent journalism by organisations whose broadcasts are transmitted on a UK-based platform, or who create online video content from a UK production base.

Chair of the Awards, Simon Bucks, said: “The Covid-19 pandemic has been the first truly global news story most of us have ever known and it has gripped audiences, day in, day out. The media’s coverage – and that of TV in particular – continues to be, literally, a matter of life and death.”

“It’s no surprise therefore that many of the nominated entries concern the pandemic. Perhaps more surprisingly, many are not – a signal that, despite successive lockdowns, first-class journalism has continued to reflect and report a remarkably eclectic range of important topics. We look forward to celebrating with the nominees and winners on the 24th February.”

Please see below the full list of nominations:

Breaking News

- Coronavirus - Boris Johnson rushed to hospital *BBC News for BBC News Channel*
- London Bridge Attack *Sky News*
- Beirut Blast *Al Jazeera English*

Camera Operator of the Year

- Dan Morgan *Sky News*
- David McIlveen - BBC News at Ten *BBC News for BBC One*
- Natalie Thomas *Reuters Video News for Thomson Reuters News*

Current Affairs – Home

- Hunting the People Smugglers (Exposure) *David Modell Productions for ITV*
- In Cold Blood (Exposure) *Darlow Smithson Productions for ITV*
- Panorama - The Forgotten Frontline *BBC Panorama for BBC One*

Current Affairs – International

- Into the Red Zone *Sky News*
- This World - Italy's Frontline: A Doctor's Diary *BBC TV Current Affairs London, Mongoose Pictures & PBS Frontline for BBC Two*
- BBC News Arabic - The Schools that Chain Boys *BBC News Arabic for BBC iPlayer*

Daily News Programme of the Year

- BBC Breakfast *BBC News for BBC One*
- BBC News at Ten *BBC News for BBC One*
- ITV News at Ten *ITN/ITV News for ITV*

Digital Award

- Being Black In Cambridge *BBC News for BBC News Online / BBC iPlayer*
- Go There - Fear and anxiety in the epicenter of the Wuhan coronavirus outbreak *CNN*
- Need To Know - 2019 UK General Election Series *ntk.network*

Interview of the Year

- Andrew Marr and the Chinese Ambassador – The Andrew Marr Show *BBC News for BBC One*
- Channel 4 News - Ciaran Jenkins / Michael Gove *ITN for Channel 4*
- CNN Tonight - Sara Sidner Interviews Minneapolis Police Chief with Floyd Family Live *CNN*

Nations and Regions Current Affairs

- Disclosure: Scotland's Lockdown *BBC Scotland for BBC One Scotland*
- Spotlight - The Killings of the Three Scottish Soldiers *BBC Northern Ireland*
- Unequal Force? A BBC London Special *BBC London for BBC One*

Nations and Regions News

- ITV News Calendar - Jack Charlton Tribute *ITV Yorkshire for ITV*

- Coronavirus in London: Who's hit the hardest? *BBC London for BBC One*
- ITV News West Country - The toppling of Colston *ITV News West Country for ITV*

Nations and Regions Presenter of the Year

- Hannah Miller - Granada Reports *ITV News Granada for ITV*
- Riz Lateef *BBC London for BBC One*
- Charlene White - ITV News London *ITN/ITV News for ITV*

Network Presenter of the Year

- Clive Myrie - BBC News at 10; BBC News at One; BBC News Channel *BBC News for BBC One and BBC News Channel*
- John King *CNN*
- Victoria Derbyshire *BBC News for BBC News Channel, BBC Two & BBC One*

News Channel of the Year

- BBC News Channel
- CNN International
- Sky News

News Coverage – Home

- Covid and the care home crisis *BBC News for BBC One*
- Covid UK *Sky News*
- The Tavistock's Gender Identity Development Service – Newsnight *BBC Two*

News Coverage - International

- The Death of George Floyd *CNN*
- A Warning from Italy *Sky News*
- Beirut Explosion - ITV News *ITN/ITV News for ITV*

News Technology

- The Trump data leak - Channel 4 News *ITN for Channel 4*
- BBC News Online: What Covid-19 means for you *BBC News for BBC News Online*
- Sky News Remote: Life after Lockdown *Sky News*

Scoop of the Year

- Abuse in British Gymnastics – ITV News *ITN/ITV News for ITV*
- Free School Meals *BBC Breakfast for BBC One*
- Inside Italy's Red Zone *Sky News*

Specialist Journalist of the Year

- Gary Gibbon - Channel 4 News *ITN for Channel 4*
- Nick Martin *Sky News*
- Victoria Macdonald - Channel 4 News *ITN for Channel 4*

Television Journalist of the Year

- Alex Crawford *Sky News*

- Clive Myrie *BBC News for BBC News Channel*
- Robert Moore - ITV News *ITN/ITV News for ITV*

Young Talent of the Year

- Rianna Croxford *BBC News for BBC One and BBC News Channel*
- Fadi Al Halabi - Channel 4 News *ITN for Channel 4*
- Renata Brito - Video Journalist *The Associated Press*

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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 5,000 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.