

PRESS RELEASE

ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY YORKSHIRE ANNOUNCES WINNERS FOR ITS 2020 AWARDS

Writer and creator Sally Wainwright receives Outstanding Contribution Award

Leeds, 20 November 2020 – The Royal Television Society’s (RTS) Yorkshire Centre has announced the winners of its 2020 Programme Awards for the region, via an online celebration held this evening on the RTS website. The ceremony was hosted by television presenter and actress, Helen Skelton.

Special guests including Alex Brooker, Amar Latif, Steph McGovern and Richard Madeley announced the winners across the 21 categories. The BBC led the way with seven wins, with regional talent such as reporter Phillip Norton and presenter Harry Gration taking home awards. Both Candour Production’s *The Family Secret* for Channel 4 and Air TV’s *Bangers & Cash* for UKTV/Yesterday left with two wins respectively, with further nods going to local production companies Daisybeck Studios, Fettle Animation and True North.

Yorkshire-born and bred renowned writer, director and producer Sally Wainwright (*Gentleman Jack*, *Happy Valley*, *Last Tango in Halifax*) was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Contribution Award. The judges praised Sally’s extraordinary work, drawing audiences into the world she paints and creating a global fan base while using the landscape of Yorkshire as one of her characters, which has had a significant impact on tourism for the region. In addition, the Judges’ Award was presented to Sheffield-based independent digital studio Joi Polloi for its captivating work on the popular entertainment show *The Circle* and for developing an innovative platform that supported and enabled the audience to engage with the characters in a unique way.

Fiona Thompson, Chair of RTS Yorkshire, said: “I find it very difficult to talk about winners, because everyone in the region has worked so hard over the past few months to ensure ongoing and safe production whilst continuing to provide work for our crews

and production teams. In that regard, everyone's a winner. But, it's an awards show and we have to give prizes! We were utterly delighted with the number and quality of the submissions, and it gave judges a very difficult task. Many congratulations to all who received an award!

Thanks to our sponsors Candour Productions, Daisybeck Studios, True North Post, Universal Production Music. Also, a huge thanks to The Hepworth Wakefield for allowing us to film there."

Further information on the RTS Yorkshire Awards can be found here:

<https://rts.org.uk/event/rts-yorkshire-awards-ceremony>

Please see below the full list of nominees and winners:

Animation

WINNER - *You, Me and Those Who Came Before*, Fettle Animation, Counterpoints Arts for Refugee Week

Nominees:

- *Famous People*, Key Stage 1 History Animations, Fettle Animation for BBC Bitesize
- *The Base Project*, Peer Mentor Animations, Fettle Animation for The Base Project for YouTube

The Grant McKee Award for Single Documentary

WINNER - *The Family Secret*, Candour Productions for Channel 4

Nominees:

- *Britain's Child Drug Runners*, Candour Productions for Channel 4
- *Helicopter ER: Critical Hour*, Air TV for Discovery/Really

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WINNER - *The Yorkshire Vet*, Daisybeck Studios for Channel 5

Nominees:

- *Helicopter ER*, Air TV for Discovery/Really
- *The Metro: A Rail Life Story*, Wise Owl Films for ITV

Factual Entertainment

WINNER - *Bangers & Cash*, Air TV for UKTV/Yesterday

Nominees:

- *Made in Britain Series 2*, Daisybeck Studios for ITV4
- *Say Yes to the Dress: Lancashire*, True North for TLC/Discovery

Features

WINNER - *Wild Animal Rescue*, Daisybeck Studios for Channel 5

Nominees:

- *Devon and Cornwall*, True North for More4
- *The One Show*, Screenhouse Productions for BBC One

Professional Excellence: Factual Post Production

WINNER - Luke Rothery & Nick Thorp – Editors, *The Yorkshire Dales and The Lakes*, True North for More4

Nominees:

- Riaz Meer – Editor, *Janet Baker: In Her Own Words*, Crux Productions for the BBC
- Neil McMullan – Senior Technical Operator, BBC Yorkshire & Lincolnshire

Professional Excellence: Factual Production

WINNER - *The Family Secret*, Candour Productions for Channel 4

Nominees:

- *Britain's Child Drug Runners*, Candour Productions for Channel 4
- *The Pets Factor Team*, True North for CBBC

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WINNER - Josh Carpenter – Production Co-ordinator, True North

Nominees:

- Tom Vallance – Junior Editor, Air TV
- Tracy Gee – Producer/Reporter, BBC Yorkshire

Independent Spirit

WINNER - Candour Productions

Nominees:

- Daisybeck Studios
- True North

Actor

WINNER - Amy-Leigh Hickman, *Ackley Bridge*, The Forge Entertainment for Channel 4

Nominees:

- Anne Reid, *Last Tango in Halifax*, Lookout Point for BBC
- Suranne Jones, *Gentleman Jack*, Lookout Point for BBC/HBO

Drama

WINNER - *Gentleman Jack*, Lookout Point for BBC/HBO

Nominees:

- *Ackley Bridge*, The Forge Entertainment for Channel 4
- *The Virtues*, Warp Films for Channel 4

Writer

WINNER - Sally Wainwright, *Gentleman Jack*, Lookout Point for BBC/HBO

Nominees:

- Ayub Khan-Din, *Ackley Bridge*, The Forge Entertainment for Channel 4
- Sally Wainwright, *Last Tango in Halifax*, Lookout Point for BBC

Use of Music and Sound

WINNER - Murray Gold, *Gentleman Jack*, Lookout Point for BBC/HBO

Nominees:

- Sandy Nuttgens, *Jade: The Reality Star Who Changed Britain*, Blast! Films for Channel 4

- Tim Phillips, *Ackley Bridge*, The Forge Entertainment for Channel 4

Professional Excellence: Drama & Comedy Post Production

WINNER - *Carry On Up The Khyber*, ITV Content Delivery for Britbox

Nominees:

- Richard Cox – Editor, *Gentleman Jack*, Lookout Point for BBC/HBO
- Richard Cox – Editor, *Last Tango in Halifax*, Lookout Point for BBC

Professional Excellence: Drama & Comedy Production

WINNER - Anna Pritchard – Production Designer, *Gentleman Jack*, Lookout Point for BBC/HBO

Nominees:

- Tom Pye – Costume Designer, *Gentleman Jack*, Lookout Point for BBC/HBO
- Lin Davie – Makeup & Hair Designer, *Gentleman Jack*, Lookout Point for BBC/HBO

Low Cost Factual

WINNER - *Bangers & Cash*, Air TV for UKTV/Yesterday

Nominees:

- *A New Life in the Sun*, True North for Channel 4
- *Wild Animal Rescue*, Daisybeck Studios for Channel 5

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WINNER - Harry Gration. BBC Look North, BBC Yorkshire

Nominees:

- Duncan Wood, Calendar, ITV Yorkshire
- George Ward, Yorkshire Live, Leeds TV, Local TV Ltd

News Programme

WINNER - Calendar - South Yorkshire Floods, ITV Yorkshire

Nominees:

- BBC Look North - Wainfleet Floods Special, BBC Yorkshire & Lincolnshire

- BBC Look North - South Yorkshire Floods, BBC Yorkshire

News or Current Affairs Story

WINNER - Church Abuse Scandal, Look North, BBC Yorkshire & Lincolnshire/Panorama

Nominees:

- Inside Out - Cancer Investigation, BBC Yorkshire & Lincolnshire
- Inside Out - Samuel Leeds Investigation, BBC Yorkshire

News or Current Affairs Reporter

WINNER - Phillip Norton, BBC Yorkshire and Lincolnshire

Nominees:

- Caroline Bilton, BBC Yorkshire & Lincolnshire/Panorama
- Tracy Gee, BBC Yorkshire

Judges' Award

WINNER – Joi Polloi

Outstanding Contribution

WINNER – Sally Wainwright

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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 over 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.