



ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY

RTS WEST OF ENGLAND ANNOUNCE NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

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The Royal Television Society West of England today announce the shortlist of nominations for its annual awards, in association with Evolutions Bristol, in the fields of on screen talent, craft, scripted, animation, regional television news and across a range of factual programming including natural history and documentary.

The RTS West of England Awards is the only annual celebration of the region's creative community and this year the region has again welcomed the work from the RTS Devon and Cornwall centre.

"It's even more important, this year, to celebrate the extraordinary talents of the television community. The majority of our entries were made during the pandemic and it's down to the creative problem-solving, ingenuity and sheer hard work of the production teams, that the quality of the entries is so very high", says Lynn Barlow, RTS West of England chair and Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Creative and Cultural Industries Engagement, UWE.

"Congratulations to all our nominees. We are looking forward to celebrating your success."

BBC Studios Natural History Unit leads the way with 11 nominations for a wide range of *programmes* it has made and in associated craft categories. Notable shows include **Primates**, **Waterhole** and **Springwatch**.

In scripted, there are five nominations for dramas shot and produced in the region across a range of subject matter including ITV drama **McDonald & Dodds** set in Bath and **The Trial of Christine Keeler**, the story of the Profumo Affair told from Christine's perspective. In addition **The Cure**, a factually based drama about the true story of Julie Bailey, who blows the whistle on one of the worst scandals in the history of the NHS, **Pale Horse** based on the Agatha Christie mystery and **The Spanish Princess**, broadcast on Starzplay with production based at The Bottle Yard Studios.

There is an array of talent represented in the on screen talent category including **Tom Kerridge** in *Saving Britain's Pubs with Tom Kerridge*, in which he offers business advice and moral support to struggling landlords and **Megan McCubbin** for *Springwatch 2020*, who experienced her very first foray into live presenting when the pandemic struck and she was self-isolating with step-father and fellow presenter Chris Packham, Plus actress **Tala Gouveia**, for playing DCI Lauren McDonald in ITV drama *McDonald & Dodds* and **Nadiya Hussain** for *Nadiya's American Adventure*.

In Factual Entertainment and Features, four hit shows go head to head including **Antiques Roadshow**, **The Battle of Britain and The Blitz Special** (BBC Studios), **Nadiya Bakes** (Wall to Wall West) **War on Plastic: The Fight Goes On** presented by Anita Rani and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall (Keo Films) and Channel 4's **Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country** (Outline Productions) in which property expert Sarah Beeny and her family swap London life for a new start on a semi-derelict former dairy farm in Somerset.

Local independent production company **Offspring Films** has six nominations for its show **Earth at Night in Colour** for Apple TV, capturing animals' nocturnal lives, with **Indefinite Films** and **Marble**

Films at four nominations each for documentaries **Murder in the Car Park** and **Locked In: Breaking the Silence** respectively.

In News, **BBC Points West** has five nominations across News Journalist and Story, with **ITV News West Country** and **Drummer TV** scoring a nomination each.

The RTS West of England Awards will take place on Sunday September 26th at the Bristol Old Vic.

Notes

General tickets are on sale FROM 2nd September from the Bristol Old Vic box office for £60.00 including VAT (£50 for RTS Members).

Sponsors of the RTS West of England Awards in association with Evolutions Bristol include Silverback Films, Studio Cars, The Bristol Hotel, Plimsoll Productions, Films at 59, Wall to Wall West, UWE, ITV West Country, BBC Studios Natural History Unit, Evans, Icon Films, The Square Club, Wounded Buffalo and Doghouse.

For more information on the RTS go to www.rts.org.uk/region/west-england

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Once again we congratulate all of this year's nominees for the hard work that has brought them this far!