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**RTS MIDLAND AWARDS PRESS RELEASE**

**VICKY McCLURE WINS BEST ACTOR AT RTS MIDLANDS AWARDS 2019**

Nottingham born actor Vicky McClure was presented with the Best Female Actor award for her performance as DCI Kate Fleming in Line Of Duty, series 5, at tonight’s (29th November) RTS Midlands Awards 2019.

There were also huge celebrations for Coventry’s Guz Khan as he claimed two trophies for Best Male Actor for the BBC Three comedy series, Man Like Mobeen and for Best Writer, which he jointly won with his co-writer Andy Milligan.

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

Birmingham born Barbara Slater OBE was presented with the prestigious Baird Medal for her outstanding services to sport, in particular her work championing women in sport. Barbara celebrated a decade as the BBC’s Director of Sport earlier this year and she represented Great Britain in Gymnastics at the Montreal Olympics.

ITV News Central’s Matt Teale scooped the award for best on screen personality, whilst BBC Midlands journalist Jonathan Gibson took home the award in the best journalist category.

Sue Brown, presenter of BBC Four’s First Black Brummies documentary won the Outstanding New Talent category.

Other winners included, Birmingham based independent company GOSH TV who picked up an award for best Factual Entertainment programme for Riverwalks, The Severn Valley; and Optomen TV who were presented with the Craft Production Award for The Great British Menu.

Caren Davies, Chair, RTS Midlands says: “This year has been an outstanding year for the Midlands in terms of TV and digital production. The breadth and diversity of the content is a true reflection of the talent and creativity of the region. It was great to see the Midlands television industry out in force alongside many familiar faces from our TV screens. It was a truly exciting evening of celebration.”

The RTS Midlands Awards were supported by Birmingham City Council and Film Birmingham, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and Birmingham City University, PLC Media, Channel 4 Nations & Regions, BBC Midlands, Reeves PR and the University of Worcester.

The full list of nominations and winners\* at the event, which was attended by over 300 guests was as follows:

**Outstanding New Talent**

Nisha Chopra BBC East Mids

Fiona Short Wonder Television

Sue Brown\* BBC

Niall Bradnick BBC Three

Tom Staricoff BBC Three

**Promotional Content**

Beep Assist Isolation ReelTwentyfive

Discover Dudley Spark Media

Truth Be Told. A Film about Fostering Spark Media

Breck’s Last Game\* Affixxius Films

BBC Three: Strictly Come Dancing - Social Support BBC Three Birmingham

**Single Documentary/Documentary Feature**

The Pub Bombings BBC Birmingham

Inside Out East Midlands - Who’s Looking After Mum and Dad BBC East Mids

Dunkirk - The Forgotten Heroes North One TV

Nurses Who Kill: Thelma Purchase First Look TV

Gemma: My Murder\* Hey Sonny for BBC Three

**Acting Performance – Female**

Vicky McClure - Line of Duty-Series 5\* World Productions

Sorcha Cusack - Father Brown BBC Studios

Bharti Patel - Doctors BBC Studios

Sarah Moyle - Doctors BBC Studios

Duaa Karim - Man Like Mobeen Tiger Aspect Productions

**Craft - Production**

Christ School - Your Futures Coming For You Affixxius Films

Francois Gandolfi, Simon Cox, Avril Beaven,

Perjeet Aujila - Great British Menu\* Optomen

Louise Hutchinson - The Greatest Dancer Syco/Thames/BBC One

Claire Collins - Father Brown BBC Studios

Karen O’Donovan North One Television

**Digital Creativity**

EastEnders: The Real Stories\* BBC Three, Birmingham

Work It: Body Confidence Stories Wonder Television

Strictly Come Dancing- Social Support BBC Three, Birmingham

Birmingham Pub Bombings Inquest Lisa Wright, BBC Birmingham

Ambulance - Social Films BBC Three, Birmingham

**Acting Performance – Male**

Guz Khan - Man Like Mobeen\* Tiger Aspect Productions

Jack Deam - Father Brown BBC Studios

Matthew Chambers - Doctors BBC Studios

Ian Midlane - Doctors BBC Studios

Ashley Rice - Doctors BBC Studios

**Journalist of the Year**

Jonathan Gibson\* BBC Birmingham

Jeremy Ball BBC East Mids Today

Andy Bevan ITV News Central

Ben Godfrey BBC Birmingham

Will Hanrahan First Look TV

**Specialist Factual Content / Series / Programe**

A Very British History: Ugandan Asians BBC Birmingham

Inside Jaguar: A Supercar is Reborn Jungle TV

Our Dementia Choir with Vicky McClure Curve Media

Surgeons: At the Edge of Life \* Dragonfly TV

The Great British School Swap Top Hat Productions

**Single Television Drama or Drama Series**

Father Brown BBC Studios

Shakespeare and Hathaway BBC Studios

Doctors\* BBC Studios

**Current Affairs Programme of the Year**

The Pub Bombings\* BBC Midlands

Inside Out East Midlands BBC East Mids

Inside Out West Midlands BBC Midlands

**Craft- Post Production**

Matthew Clare BBC East Mids Current Affairs

Paul Tann-Billingham, Matt Morris &

GBM Post Production Team Optomen

Ninja Warrior UK Paul Farrer

Peshawar Zalmi \* Affixxius Films

Leigh Nicholls North One Television

**On Screen Personality**

Matt Teale\* ITV News Central

Des Coleman ITV News Central

Charlotte Cross ITV News Central

Jonathan Gibson BBC Midlands

Nick Owen BBC Midlands Today

**Writer**

Jed Mercurio, Line of Duty Series 5 World Productions

Claire Bennett, Doctors 'Rhyme & Reason' BBC Studios

Mark Hiser & Bridget Colgan, Doctors 'And the Beat Goes On' BBC Studios

Guz Khan and Andy Milligan, Man Like Mobeen\* Tiger Aspect Productions

**Factual Entertainment/Popular Factual series**

Great British Menu Optomen

River Walks - The Severn Valley\* GOSH! Television

Travel Man 48 hours in...Hamburg North One Television

The Thames: Britain's Great River with

Tony Robinson Full Fat Television

Galdem Sugar BBC Three Birmingham

**Short Form**

Inside the Wig Room Royal Shakespeare Company/ Chatterbox Creations

The Penguin Who Couldn't Swim BBC 4, BFI, Wingspan Productions

Lost In Transit Stamp -Santé Theatre and Media Productions

Midlands Today BBC Birmingham

Amazing Humans\* BBC Three, Birmingham

**News Programme of the Year**

Leicester Helicopter Crash BBC East Midlands Today

Remembrance Special 2018 BBC East Midlands Today

Leicester Helicopter Crash - A City in Mourning ITV News Central East

Armistice 100th Anniversary ITV News Central East

Midlands Pub Bombings\* BBC Birmingham

**The Baird Medal**

Barbara Slater OBE

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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 4,900 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.