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### RTS ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF 2021 NORTHERN IRELAND STUDENT TELEVISION AWARDS

The Royal Television Society Northern Ireland (RTS NI) is delighted to announce the winners of the 2021 Student Television Awards supported by Northern Ireland Screen and the Department for Communities.

**Ulster University Belfast** picked up the **Animation Award** for **The Forlorn Piscator** by **Matthew McGuigan**. A highly commended award also went to **Antisocial Behaviour** by Lyndsay Clarke and Phillip Steele from the Northern Regional College, Coleraine.

The **Non-Scripted Award** winner was **The Rising of Jordan Adetunji** by **Joe Warden, Nathan Emery and Reece Williams** from **Ulster University**. **Isolation - Overcoming Adversity as a Community** by Aodhan Roberts from the North West Regional College was highly commended in this category.

**The Northern Ireland Film and Television School at SERC, Bangor** won the **Scripted Award** for **She Cries at Night** by **Stephen Parker, Jane McLoughlin, John Lennox and Josh Bell**. Queens University Belfast was highly commended in this category for **High & Dry** by Benedict Goddard, Sam Bell, Ross Cullen, Morgyn Lutton and Ethan Rea.

And the **Craft Award** went to **George O'Hagan** from **Ulster University, Belfast** for his excellence in directing **Fear**.

Fiona Campbell, Chair of RTS NI said: "Our Student Awards aim to encourage, nurture, support and reward the talent, potential and enthusiasm of students in colleges and universities across Northern Ireland who create film and video content. The judges were hugely impressed by the creativity and imagination shown in this year's entries. We wish all our winners every success in the national RTS Students Awards this June and look forward to showcasing their winning works at our RTS NI Programme Awards in November."

Writer and Director Oisín Kearney who co-wrote the critically acclaimed *My Left Nut* delivered this year's Joe McKinney Memorial Lecture offering practical advice to students planning a career in the creative industries. Oisín said: "If you know what you want to do, go for it. If you don't know yet, don't worry. Explore by meeting people, taking courses, reading books. Do your research. Be persistent and resilient. TV and Film is a world where it can take a long time to create things, so stick at it and be ready for failure - it's part of the process. Learn from it and move on, and above all else enjoy the ride."

The RTS NI Student Television Awards are supported by Northern Ireland Screen and the Department for the Communities. The Virtual Awards Ceremony was edited and produced by Scott Duffield, Chair of RTS NI Futures and is available to view on the RTS NI website with extracts of the winning entries <https://rts.org.uk/event/rts-northern-ireland-student-television-awards-ceremony>

The winners of these Awards go forward to the national RTS Student Media Awards in June and will also be invited to this year's RTS NI Programme Awards in November, where their work will be showcased in front of top professionals from across the screen industries.

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