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The RTS West of England today announce the shortlist of nominations for its annual awards, in association with Evolutions Bristol. After weeks of intensive viewing and a day of enthusiastic and lively debate, the experienced industry judges have delivered their verdict in the fields of on-screen talent, craft, digital media, drama, regional television news and across a range of factual programming.

Drama filmed and produced in the region dominates the awards this year with a raft of primetime and critically acclaimed dramas nominated including Poldark, Wolf Hall and The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies (all based at The Bottle Yard Studios and facilitated by Bristol Film Office), as well as Cider with Rosie. Figures released by Bristol Film Office indicate that 2014-15 was an excellent year for film and TV production in Bristol, generating almost £17.5 million towards the city's economy. The On Screen Performance category features some of Britain's top acting talent with Mark Rylance (Wolf Hall), Jason Watkins (The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies) and Aidan Turner (Poldark) alongside newcomer Ruby Ashbourne Serkis (Cider with Rosie).

The BBC Natural History Unit has a total of sixteen nominations for a wide range of programmes it has made and commissioned. Stand out shows include Shark, Natural World: Super Powered Owls and Natural World, Iceland: Land of Ice and Fire.

Eleven nominations go to BBC Features and Daytime Production Bristol for categories including on-screen talent (Anita Rani for Countryfile), new on-screen talent, as well as in Factual for Fake or Fortune and Countryfile, and three shows in Factual Entertainment (DIY SOS: Homes for Veterans, The Great Chelsea Garden Challenge, A Cook Abroad: Tony Singh's India). Other BBC Bristol shows to be recognised are Protecting our Foster Kids from BBC Documentaries and A Very British Romance with historian Lucy Worsley.

Aardman receive four nominations including the Christmas 2015 animation treat Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas and for Morph. Icon Films support emerging new production talent with three nominations in 'Flying Futures' and their programme Natural World: Africa's Fishing Leopards competes in Best Natural History, alongside the BBC's recent landmark series, The Hunt, produced by Silverback Films. Two reporters from BBC West go up against Erika Jones from See Hear and Victoria Davies from ITV News West Country and BBC West has three of the four nominations in News Coverage, in which the Becky Watts Murder Trial features.

Director of Creative Industries at UWE, TV producer and chair of RTS Bristol, Lynn Barlow says:
“We now have some of the country's best drama being made in the city and we are delighted to be celebrating that in 2016 with some of the industry's biggest names in line for awards. Alongside some ground breaking television, animation and digital creativity, this has been our best year yet with more than 200 submissions.”

The RTS West of England Awards will take place on Sunday March 6th at the Bristol Old Vic. BAFTA award winning actor Jason Watkins (The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies, W1A, Trollied) will present the awards, which will be a very special evening to celebrate the achievements of the regional creative community.



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Tickets are on sale FROM TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY from the Bristol Old Vic box office for £45 including VAT, £35 for RTS Members (membership card number required) and there are a limited number of student tickets available in the Gallery priced at £10. Please call 0117 987 7877. If you are a nominee, please let the Bristol Old Vic know when booking tickets and please state your company name, so they can seat you in an area near the stage.

Sponsors of the RTS West of England Awards include Evolutions Bristol, BBC Features and Daytime Production Bristol, BBC Natural History Unit, DogHouse Post Production, BDH, ITV News West Country, Icon Films, Tigress Productions, Films at 59, The Bottle Yard Studios and Bristol Film Office, Studio Cars.

For more information on the RTS go to www.rts.org.uk/bristol

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

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