



RTS West Of England Announce Nominations For Annual Awards

Shortlist includes BBC Natural History Unit landmark series *Blue Planet II* as well as *Poldark* and critically acclaimed drama *Three Girls*.

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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, digital creativity, natural history, drama, regional television news and across a range of factual programming.

BBC Studios Natural History Unit leads the way with 14 nominations for a wide range of programmes it has made and commissioned. Notable shows include landmark series **Blue Planet II** and **Wild Tales from the Village**. BBC Studios Unscripted Productions is close behind with 13 nominations including hard hitting documentary **Drugsland**, filmed in Bristol, **Extreme Wives with Kate Humble** and **Mind over Marathon**.

In drama, **Poldark** receives six nominations and **Three Girls**, based on the Rochdale child sexual abuse scandal, receives five (both were based at Bristol's Bottle Yard Studios and filmed in the city, assisted by Bristol Film Office).

There is a host of talent represented in the talent categories, both new and established, from **Andrew Marr, My Brain and Me** (Icon Films) and **Patrick Aryee, Dogs: An Amazing Animal Family**, Offspring Films to newcomers **Gillian Burke (Springwatch/Autumnwatch)** and **Rosie Benn (See Hear)**.

Local independent production company Keo West is nominated for **Rise of the Warrior Apes** along with Drummer TV with four nominations, including two for children's series **Ice Stars** and **My Life: New Boys in Town**. Icon Films have three nominations and Offspring Films also have three. Creative agency BDH has four nominations for its projects, including two for its VR experiences - **Wonderful You** and **Magritte**.

And in News, a reporter from ITV News West Country, **Robert Murphy**, is nominated alongside **Fiona Lamdin, Charlotte Callen** and **Steve Knibbs** from BBC Points West.

"This has been a particularly strong year for world-class factual shows made in Bristol for all major broadcasters including Channel Four, BBC and ITV. Many of these programmes are sold across the globe cementing the region's position as a creative leader in content production," said RTS chair, Lynn Barlow, who is Assistant Vice-Chancellor Creative and Cultural Industries at UWE, Bristol, and a documentary producer.

"There were more than 200 entries in total and we were particularly pleased to introduce an award for VR innovation for the first time this year."

The RTS West of England Awards will take place on Sunday March 11th at the Bristol Old Vic.

Comedy actress **Kerry Howard** (*Witless, Him and Her* - BBC Three) will host the awards.



NOTES

Tickets are on sale FROM 12th FEBRUARY from the Bristol Old Vic box office for £47.50 including VAT. 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, Hotel du Vin, Doghouse Post Production, Evans Audio, BBC Studios Unscripted Productions, ITV, Films at 59, Icon Films, The Bottle Yard Studios and Bristol Film Office.

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

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Offering an end to end post production service including production offices, workflow consultancy, offline and final post with some of the best talent in the country, we are proud to be an integral part of the South West post production community.

With a growing team in Bristol as well as our three Soho facilities and VFX team, Evolutions provide an integrated post production service to enable our clients to work across the region with great flexibility, and deliver high quality programmes across all genres from Natural History through to Commercial short form.

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

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