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## 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.

*"Every year, our awards get better and better as our creative talent grows and develops to produce outstanding global and national productions, which win huge audiences. This year's nominations, in all genres, are at the top of their game. Congratulations to them all."* commented Lynn Barlow, RTS West of England Chair and Assistant Vice-Chancellor Creative and Cultural Industries Engagement at UWE

**BBC Studios Natural History Unit** leads the way with 14 nominations for a wide range of programmes it has made and in associated craft categories. Notable shows include **Antarctica**, CBBC's **Planet Defenders** and **Eden: Untamed Planet**.

In scripted, there are three nominations for projects shot and produced in the region including **Showtrial** (World Productions), which tells the story of a high-profile court case that sees a privileged young woman charged with conspiracy to commit murder. Plus **The Pursuit of Love** (Moonage Pictures) and comedy drama **The Outlaws** (Big Talk Productions and Four Eyes Entertainment), set in Bristol and created by Stephen Merchant, which focuses on seven strangers forced to undertake community service. Merchant is also nominated for his role as Director on series one of **The Outlaws**. All the productions were based at The Bottle Yard Studios.

Cast members from these projects have been recognised in the On Screen Talent: Performance category with nominations for **Gamba Cole**, Christian, in **The Outlaws**, **Lily James**, who plays free-spirited and passionate Linda Radlett in **The Pursuit of Love**, alongside actress **Tracy Ifeachor**, who plays solicitor Cleo Roberts and **Celine Buckens**, who portrays the abrasive and spoilt Talitha Campbell, both from **Showtrial**.

There is an array of talent represented in the On Screen Talent: Presenter category including adventurer **Steve Backshall** in his quest to find the elusive snow leopard in the Tien Shan mountains of Kyrgyzstan (**Expedition**), **Jonnie Peacock** inspiring the next generation of Paralympians (**Jonnie's Blade Camp**), Indian natural history filmmaker **Ashwika Kapur** in **Planet Defenders**, **Ashwika** and the Gibbons and **Frank Skinner**, in **Terrance and Me** – a personal film about Terrance Dicks, the much loved Doctor Who writer.

In Documentary, four films go head to head. **Statue Wars: One Summer in Bristol** (Uplands Television) which documents the immediate aftermath of the dramatic toppling of the slave trader statue of Edward Colston, following Mayor Marvin Rees and City Hall, **911: Inside the President's War Room** (Wish Art Films) which tells the story of the presidency on arguably the most consequential day in recent history, **Going Circular** (Off the Fence) which unlocks the secrets to an innovative concept called circularity – an economic system based on the idea that nothing should go to waste, plus **Lucy the Human Chimp** (Keo Films), the incredible story of a chimpanzee raised as a human and the woman who tried to set her free.

In News, **ITV News West Country** have four nominations across News Journalist and Story, **ITV National News/ITN** and **BBC Points West** are at two nominations.

The RTS West of England Awards will take place on **Sunday 2nd October** at the **Bristol Old Vic**. Award winning stand up comedian, TV presenter and actress **Jayde Adams** will host the awards.



## NOTES

Sponsors of the RTS West of England Awards in association with Evolutions Bristol include Silverback Films, The Bristol Hotel, Plimsoll Productions, Films at 59, UWE, ITV West Country, Doghouse, The Bottle Yard Studios, Wounded Buffalo Sound Studios, BBC Studios Factual Entertainment, Evans Audio, Gorilla, Beagle Media, Picture Shop, BBC Studios Natural History Unit, Channel 4, Twenty Twenty Television, and ScreenSkills.

For more information on the RTS go to [www.rts.org.uk/region/west-england](http://www.rts.org.uk/region/west-england)

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## EVOLUTIONS

**Evolutions Bristol** are very proud to support the 2022 West of England RTS Awards as headline sponsors once again.

It has been a busy time for Evolutions Bristol. With over 80hrs of HDR content delivered to leading SVODs and premium distribution networks, 60hrs of HDR content currently in production including Netflix Original content, we continue to support our broader client base with the award winning programmes our region is known for.

Further investment in our technology and people is enabling us to support our clients to produce first class content across all genres. These investments include Flame and HDR Online, Dolby Atmos audio, edit suite upgrades, 40Gb network infrastructure and more. All this as well as an expanding talented team of operators, post producers, and award winning creative talent.

Increased connectivity via our dedicated remote solutions infrastructure allows us to offer agile and cost friendly remote workflows for offline and final post, supported by in-facility post production facilities in both Bristol and London.

The standard of content at the West of England RTS Awards is always exceptionally high, and we know this year will showcase our region's finest talent once more!

Wishing the best of luck to all of the 2022 nominees.

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