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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.

"Year-on-year, the standard of entries gets stronger as our creative community produces more brilliant programmes, more global hits and more returnable formats.

"Thank you to all our judges for giving their time and energy and we look forward to revealing the winners at the Old Vic in April." 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 20 nominations for a wide range of programmes it has made and in associated craft categories. Notable shows include **The Green Planet**, **Dynasties II** and **Frozen Planet II**.

In scripted, there are three nominations for projects shot and produced in the region including the second series of comedy thriller **The Outlaws** (Big Talk Productions and Four Eyes Entertainment), set in Bristol and created by Stephen Merchant, Paramount+ comedy drama **The Flatshare**, based on Beth O'Leary's bestselling novel about two people who share a flat but never meet and **The Fence**, a film set on the streets of 1980's Bristol following a council estate kid out to settle the score with local thieves.

The On Screen Talent category sees three actors go head to head against TV presenter Bertie Gregory.

Rhianne Barreto is nominated, who plays Rani in The Outlaws, a complex individual whose thirst for crime gets the better of her, alongside **Tala Gouveia**, DCI Lauren McDonald in the ITV crime drama McDonald & Dodds and **Jessica Brown Findlay** who plays Tiffany, a cash strapped, erratic journalist living in London who finds herself in a unique living arrangement with Leon (played by Anthony Welsh) when they agree to time-share a bed. Whilst explorer and adventurer **Bertie Gregory** takes viewers on an epic and nail-biting journey that pushes into the most spectacular and secretive corners of our wild world in Epic Adventures with Bertie Gregory.

In Factual, four projects are nominated— **My Hometown: Jayde Adams, Coming Home** (BBC England) in which Strictly Come Dancing star and stand up comedian Jayde Adams returns to her hometown of Bristol to discover what made her who she is, **Murder in the Valleys** (Five Mile Films), which covers The Clydach murders, one of the largest and most divisive investigations in Welsh history. Plus Channel 4's **Britain's Secret War Babies** (Wall to Wall West), featuring the stories of two British people who want to find out more about their Black heritage, having been born to white British mothers and African American GIs during the Second World War. Finally, **Trawlermen: Hunting the Catch** (Frank Films) which follows deep sea fishermen from around the country as they risk their lives in one of the most dangerous jobs in Britain.

In News, **ITV News West Country** have five nominations across News Journalist and Story, with **BBC England** at two nominations.

The RTS West of England Awards will take place on **Sunday 23rd April** at the **Bristol Old Vic**. Actor and co-founder of new production company BristolAF, **Joe Sims**, will host the awards.



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Sponsors of the RTS West of England Awards in association with Evolutions Bristol include Silverback Films, The Bottle Yard Studios, Bristol Film Office, The Bristol Hotel, Films at 59, BBC Natural History Unit, BBC Studios Factual Entertainment Productions, Doghouse Post Production, Gorilla, Lux Aeterna VFX, UWE, Picture Shop, Twenty Twenty, Wounded Buffalo Sound Studios, Evans Audio, Channel 4 and ITV West Country.

For more information on the RTS go to www.rts.org.uk/region/west-england

For more information on the awards, please contact Suzy Lambert, Awards producer on rtswestofengland@rts.org.uk

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A huge congratulations to all this year's nominees. Making the shortlist is a huge achievement in itself; the breadth of talent represented across our community is truly remarkable and we should all feel so proud of our region.

Evolutions Bristol has been fortunate to be busy over the past year with many valued existing and new clients, delivering terrestrial and SVOD content across a raft of genres including natural history, scripted, unscripted and animation. To enable us to achieve our core aim of delivering exceptional service to every single production, we have recently expanded our teams across all departments, including our Bookings, Operations, Engineering, Picture and Sound Finishing teams.

Evolutions Bristol celebrates our 10th birthday this year, and looking back over the last decade, we are very proud of our development, from a small start up with a small handful of clients, to an innovative and awarding winning facility in the heart of our region. A huge thank you to all our clients and friends who have and continue to support us.

We wish all the nominees the very best of luck, and look forward to seeing you on the night.

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