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RTS West of England Awards announce nominations

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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 network television, on-screen talent, craft, digital media and regional television news.

BBC Natural History Production Bristol leads the way with a total of 17 nominations for a wide range of programmes it has made and commissioned. Stand-out shows include Life Story, Super Senses, Hidden Kingdoms, Monkey Planet and The Natural World series.

RDF Television West has gained six nominations, predominantly for it's Dawn O'Porter fronted fashion show for Channel 4, 'This Old Thing'. Testimony Films scores well in the Factual category with three nominations, as well as a nomination for its controversial Channel 4 Documentary 'The Paedophile Next Door'.

Ten nominations go to BBC Features and Daytime Production Bristol for categories including on-screen talent, new on-screen talent, as well as in Factual for Antiques Roadshow, World War One Special and The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure in Factual Entertainment. It also has four nominations in the new RTS Flying Futures Talent category, which rewards outstanding emerging talent in a production team.

Aardman receive seven nominations for their digital projects, shorts and their work in titles, promos and branding and visual effects. Creative agency BDH are also recognised for their work in these areas with five nominations. Two reporters from ITV News West Country go up against Countryfile's Tom Heap for Best Reporter and BBC West has 3 of the four nominations in News Coverage.

Producer and chair of RTS Bristol, Lynn Barlow says: "There were just under 200 submissions this year – our most successful year to date and our judges – who came from across the UK were hugely impressed with the standard and range of entries.

Bristol and the West of England has the largest concentration of creative industries outside London and we are fortunate to have some of the most successful independent producers and world class production houses including Aardman Animation and the Natural History Unit."

Lynn, who is Director of Creative Industries for the University of the West of England, Bristol adds: "We have a region of professionals dedicated to talent development and to ensuring that the next generation maintains our global reputation."

The RTS West of England Awards will take place on Sunday March 8th at the Bristol Old Vic. Adventurer, natural history TV presenter and author Steve Backshall 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 MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY from the Bristol Old Vic box office for £42 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, BBC Features and Daytime Production Bristol, BBC Natural History Production Bristol, DogHouse Post Production, BDH, Big Bang Post Production, ITV West, Films at 59, Plimsoll Productions, Icon Films.

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

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Evolutions Bristol are delighted to return to the 2015 West of England RTS Awards as the headline sponsor.

We established our first facility in Whiteladies Road in 2013, providing full service TV post production to clients in the South West. Due to growing demand we went on to open a second building less than a year later. We now have an offline capacity of 24 suites, plus grading, online and audio facilities. In addition we offer a working environment for our clients to use for the duration of their project.

As well as providing state of the art tapeless technology, we have a strong commitment to developing our talent and delivering our clients' needs to the highest standards. Our client base is now established and includes new Indies as well as our first output for the NHU, of which we are extremely proud. We look forward to developing this further with our first 4k delivery. With our ongoing commitment to the region we will expand further in the area and are very excited to be a part of the strong TV community in the South West. We would like to congratulate all the nominees and look forward to another great event!

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