#### P R E S S R E L E A S E

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**RTS ANNOUNCES SHORTLIST FOR THE PROGRAMME AWARDS 2012**

**The Royal Television Society** (RTS), Britain’s leading forum for television and related media, today announced the nominees for the **RTS Programme Awards 2012.**

Chaired by David Liddiment, the Awards honour excellence in key genres of television programming, from children's to drama, entertainment and soaps, to comedy performance and documentaries, covering both national and regional output. Held annually, the RTS Programme Awards aim to recognise the work of exceptional actors, presenters, writers and production teams, as well as celebrating the programmes themselves.

The Awards will be hosted by award-winning comedian, writer and actress **Jo Brand**, at a ceremony on Tuesday 19 March at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London.

**Shortlisted categories:**

**Actor (Female)**

***Olivia Colman- Accused II*** RSJ Films for BBC One

***Anne Marie Duff - Accused II*** RSJ Films for BBC One

***Sheridan Smith - Mrs Biggs*** ITV Studios for ITV

**Actor (Male)**

***Sean Bean - Accused II*** RSJ Films for BBC One

***Lennie James - Line of Duty*** World Productions for BBC Two

***Oliver Lansley - Best Possible Taste: The Kenny Everett Story*** Mammoth Screen for BBC Wales for BBC One

**Arts**

***All In the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry*** Seneca Productions for Channel 4

***Lucian Freud: Painted Life*** Blakeway for BBC Two

***The South Bank Show: Grime, Bow & How UK Hip Hop Found Its Voice*** Director's Cut for Sky Arts HD

**Children's Drama**

***Mr Stink*** BBC Productions in association with Bert Productions for BBC One

***Teulu Tŷ Crwn (The 'Tŷ Crwn' Family)*** Apollo/Fflic Co-Production, Part of Boom Pictures CYMRU, for S4C

***Wolfblood*** CBBC Productions for CBBC

**Children's Programme**

***Horrible Histories*** Lion TV in association with Citrus TV for CBBC

***Newsround - Up and Away*** CBBC Productions for CBBC

***Room on the Broom*** Magic Light Pictures for BBC One

**Comedy Performance**

***Jessica Hynes - Twenty Twelve (Series 2)*** BBC Productions for BBC Two

***Ruth Jones - Stella*** Tidy Productions for Sky 1 HD

***Jack Whitehall - Fresh Meat*** Objective Productions for Channel 4

**Daytime Programme**

***Jamie's 15 Minute Meals*** Fresh One Productions for Channel 4

***Remembrance Week*** Fever Media for BBC One

***The Chase*** ITV Studios for ITV

**Documentary Series**

***Our War*** BBC Productions for BBC Three

***Protecting Our Children*** BBC Productions for BBC Two

***The Year the Town Hall Shrank*** Blast for BBC Four

**Drama Serial**

***Good Cop*** BBC Productions for BBC One

***Parade's End*** Mammoth Screen for BBC Two

***Room At The Top*** Great Meadow Productions for BBC Four and BBC Worldwide

**Drama Series**

***Call the Midwife*** Neal Street Productions for BBC One

***Line of Duty*** World Productions for BBC Two

***Sherlock*** Hartswood Films for BBC Wales in co-production with Masterpiece for BBC One

**Entertainment**

***Britain's Got Talent*** Thames/Syco TV for ITV

***Celebrity Juice*** Talkback Production Company for ITV2

***Dynamo: Magician Impossible (Series 2)*** Phil McIntyre Entertainments/Inner Circle Films for Watch

**Entertainment Performance**

***Charlie Brooker - 10 O'Clock Live*** Zeppotron Productions for Channel 4

***Anthony McPartlin and Declan Donnelly - I'm A Celebrity… Get Me Out Of Here!*** ITV Studios for ITV

***will.i.am - The Voice UK*** A Wall to Wall Media & Talpa Production for BBC One

**History**

***The Plot To Bring Down Britain's Planes*** Raw Television for Channel 4

***The Secret History of Our Streets*** Century Films and Halcyons Heart Films for BBC Two

***Words of Captain Scott*** ITV Studios for ITV

**International**

***Borgen*** DR for BBC Four

***Girls*** HBO for Sky Atlantic HD

***Homeland (Series 1)***Teakwood Lane Productions, Cherry Pie Productions, Keshet, Fox 21 acquired by Channel 4

**Live Event**

***London Paralympics 2012*** Sunset+Vine/IMG Sports Media for Channel 4

***Olympics 2012*** BBC Productions for BBC

***The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Concert*** BBC Productions for BBC One

**Nations and Regions Programme**

***Born to Lose*** STV for the STV Appeal

***The Bank Of Dave (Episode 1)*** Finestripe Productions for Channel 4

***The Story Of Wales*** Green Bay Media for BBC One Wales

**Popular Factual and Features**

***Long Lost Family (Series 2)*** Wall to Wall Media for ITV

***Make Bradford British*** Love Productions for Channel 4

***The Great British Bake Off*** Love West for BBC Two

**Presenter**

***Clare Balding - The Olympics*** BBC Productions for BBC

***Dr James Fox - History of Art in Three Colours*** BBC Productions for BBC Four

***Grayson Perry - All in the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry*** Seneca Productions for Channel 4

**Science and Natural History**

***Earthflight*** John Downer Productions for BBC One

***Operation Iceberg*** BBC Productions for BBC Two

***The Plane Crash*** Dragonfly Film and Television for Channel 4

**Scripted Comedy**

***Alan Partridge: Welcome to the Places of my Life*** Baby Cow for Sky Atlantic HD

***Fresh Meat*** Objective Productions for Channel 4

***Twenty Twelve (Series 2)*** BBC Productions for BBC Two

**Single Documentary**

***7/7: One Day in London*** Minnow Films for BBC Two

***Fy Chwaer A Fi (My Sister and Me)*** Bulb Films, Part of Boom Pictures CYMRU, for S4C

***Lifers*** Century Films for Channel 4

**Single Drama**

***Everyday*** Revolution Films for Channel 4

***My Murder*** BBC Productions for BBC Three

***The Hollow Crown: Richard II*** *A* Neal Street Productions Co-Production with NBC Universal and WNET Thirteen for BBC

**Soap and Continuing Drama**

***Coronation Street*** ITV Studios for ITV

***EastEnders*** BBC Productions for BBC One

***Hollyoaks*** Lime Pictures for Channel 4

**Writer - Comedy**

***Jo Brand, Vicki Pepperdine & Joanna Scanlan - Getting On*** Vera Productions for BBC Four

***John Morton - Twenty Twelve (Series 2)*** BBC Productions for BBC One

***Writing Team - The Thick of It (Series 4)*** BBC Productions for BBC Two

**Writer - Drama**

***Robert Jones - Murder*** Touchpaper TV for BBC Two

***Jed Mercurio - Line of Duty*** World Productions for BBC Two

***Steven Moffat - Sherlock*** Hartswood Films for BBC Wales in co-production with Masterpiece for BBC One

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**Notes to editors:**

**About The Royal Television Society:**

The Royal Television Society is Britain’s leading forum for television and related media. Membership is open to everyone with an interest in the medium.

The RTS was granted its Royal title in 1966 and HRH The Prince of Wales became Patron of the Society in 1997. The RTS brings together people to exchange ideas, debate and explore key issues. The RTS Awards are an internationally recognised hallmark for quality and originality.

For over 80 years, the RTS has provided the UK’s main platform for debate about the future of television. Its lectures, events and publications make a substantial contribution to raising standards and developing practice. The RTS organises dinners with influential speakers, lectures, monthly sessions on current issues, and the world famous biennial Cambridge Convention sets the agenda for the future.

*Television*, the leading UK monthly on television issues and broadcasting policy, is distributed free to members. Separate RTS Awards events cover Programme Making, Television Journalism, Craft and Design, Education, Students and Innovation.

Many of the Society’s dinners and conventions are oversubscribed. Patron and individual membership entitles members to priority applications and advanced booking.

There are 13 regional centres in the UK, and a Republic of Ireland Centre located in Dublin. Each Centre provides a mix of programme, technical, and craft events.

The Society is an educational charity, embracing all aspects of television, including the creative community, broadcasting, equipment manufacture, professional consultancy, journalism, design, research and development, cable, satellite, video and interactivity. The Society relies for its future on the contributions of individual members and corporate Patrons. Individual membership is available from £65.00 per year.

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