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

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**RTS ANNOUNCES SHORTLIST FOR**

**TELEVISION JOURNALISM AWARDS 2011/2012**

**The Royal Television Society** (RTS), Britain’s leading forum for television and related media, has announced the shortlist for the **RTS** **Television Journalism Awards 2011/2012**.

The RTS Television Journalism Awards celebrate creative and excellent journalism in UK news and current affairs, both by organisations broadcasting in the UK and by companies which supply UK news broadcasters.

The Awards Ceremony, to be hosted by Sky News anchor, Jeremy Thompson, will be held on Wednesday 20 February 2013 at the London Hilton, Park Lane, London W1K 1BE.

**Shortlisted Categories:**

**Current Affairs - Home**

* Exposure: Banaz – An Honour Killing, *Hardcash Productions/Fuuse for ITV1*
* Exposure: The Other Side of Jimmy Savile, *ITV Studios for ITV1*
* Panorama: The Mind Reader – Unlocking My Voice, *BBC Current Affairs for BBC One*

**Current Affairs - International**

* Panorama: Homs: Journey Into Hell, *BBC Current Affairs for BBC One*
* People & Power – Pirate Fishing 2, *Al Jazeera English*
* This World: Inside the Meltdown, *Quicksilver Media in association with Mongoose Pictures for BBC and WGBH*

**News Channel of the Year**

* BBC News Channel, *BBC News*
* CNN International
* Sky News

**The Independent Award**

* Africa Investigates: The Spell of the Albino, *Insight News TV for Al Jazeera English*
* Horror of Homs, *ITN for Channel 4 News*
* Unreported World: Terror in Sudan, *Quicksilver Media for Channel 4*

**Innovative News**

* 50 States: 50 Voices, *Sky News*
* No Go Britain, *ITN for Channel 4 News*
* The Olympic Torch Relay, *BBC News for BBC*

**Television Journalist of the Year**

* Lucy Manning – ITV News, *ITN for ITV News*
* Alex Thomson – Channel 4 News, *ITN for Channel 4 News*
* Paul Wood – Newsgathering, *BBC News*

**News Coverage - Home**

* The Hillsborough Inquiry, *ITN for Channel 4 News*
* The Manchester Shootings, *BBC News*
* Savile, *ITN for ITV News*

**News Coverage - International**

* Marikana Mine, South Africa *Reuters World News Express and Reuters Live Service*
* Syria, *BBC News*
* The Syrian Uprising, *CNN International*

**Daily News Programme of the Year**

* BBC News at Ten, *BBC News*
* Channel 4 News, *ITN for Channel 4 News*
* ITV News at Ten, *ITN for ITV News*

**Nations and Regions Current Affairs and News Event**

* BBC Scotland Investigates: Rangers: The Men Who Sold The Jerseys, *BBC Scotland*
* Hillsborough – The Truth At Last, *ITV Granada*
* Spotlight: Sean Quinn's Missing Millions, *BBC Northern Ireland*

**Nations and Regions News Programme**

* BBC Look North (Yorkshire Edition), *BBC Yorkshire*
* Granada Reports, *ITV Granada*
* London Tonight, *ITN for ITV News*

**Camera Operator of the Year**

* Mani – Channel 4 News, *ITN for Channel 4 News*
* Darren Conway (DC) – Newsgathering, *BBC News*
* Andy Portch – Sky News, *Sky News*

**National Presenter of the Year**

* Jon Snow – Channel 4 News, *ITN for Channel 4 News*
* Jon Sopel – BBC News Channel, *BBC News*
* Jeremy Thompson – Sky News, *Sky News*

**Regional Presenter of the Year**

* Lucy Meacock – Granada Reports, *ITV Granada and ITV News*
* Donna Traynor – BBC Newsline, *BBC Northern Ireland*
* Stewart White – BBC Look East, *BBC East*

**Scoop of the Year**

* Al Jazeera Investigates – What Killed Arafat?, *Al Jazeera English*
* Exposure: The Other Side of Jimmy Savile, *ITV Studios for ITV1*
* Panorama: The Mind Reader – Unlocking My Voice, *BBC Current Affairs for BBC One*

**Specialist Journalist of the Year**

* Jeremy Bowen – Middle East Editor, *BBC News*
* Lucy Manning – ITV News, *ITN for ITV News*
* Pedro Pinto, *CNN International*

**Young Journalist of the Year**

* Ciaran Jenkins – Channel 4 News, *ITN for Channel 4 News*
* Mark Lowen – Newsgathering, *BBC News*
* Sophy Ridge – Sky News, *Sky News*

**Judges’ Award**

The winner of this Award will be announced at the ceremony.

**Lifetime Achievement**

The winner of this Award will be announced at the ceremony.



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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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