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TV industry stars of the future honoured at 2024 RTS Scotland Student Awards

PICTURE – GROUP WINNERS SHOT

The finest of student TV production in Scotland was honoured at an awards ceremony in Glasgow last night, as the Royal Television Society's Scotland Centre announced the winners of its Student Awards for 2024.

Hosted by STV's entertainment reporter **Laura Boyd**, the event celebrates the best audiovisual work from undergraduate students from universities and colleges across the country.

Students from the University of Stirling and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland picked up three awards each at the event, which took place at Glasgow's St Luke's. Other winners on the night were from the University of the West of Scotland, Edinburgh College of Art and Screen Academy Scotland (Edinburgh's Napier University).

RTS Scotland received entries from universities and colleges across Scotland, and recognised the best Animation, Entertainment and Comedy, Drama, Journalism and Factual films produced by students in 2023. It also honoured talented filmmakers in five craft categories: Camerawork, Editing, Production Design, Sound and Writing.

All the nominated films and highlights from this year's ceremony will be available for viewers across the UK to watch on streaming service, STV Player.

Stephen O'Donnell, Chair of RTS Scotland, said: *"Once again, Scotland's students have set a very high bar, with a fantastic range of high quality, entertaining, thought-provoking and exceptional entries. I'd like to offer congratulations to all those nominated and to our deserving winners. The future of our industry appears to be in very good hands!"*

Host Laura Boyd said: *"This is my fourth year hosting the RTS Scotland Student Awards and I can genuinely say it is one of my favourite events of the year. It's a joy to host and I'm thrilled to be part of the students' much-deserved celebrations."*

STV is the headline sponsor of the RTS Scotland Student Awards, with additional sponsorship from The Nerve and Progressive Broadcast Hire Ltd.

ALL WINNERS AND NOMINEES

Genre categories:

ANIMATION

Winner:

- To A Mouse (Gregor Forbes, University of Stirling)

Nominees:

- Shuck (Emerson New, Edinburgh College of Art)
- Growin' Pains (Sammson Orr, Alistair Brown, Heath Moriarty, Paloma Newbould-Shepherd, Eilidh Morley, Abby Gilman, Chloe Hebert, Jude Rogers – University of Edinburgh)

DRAMA

Winner:

- Care (Jogoda Tlok, Jess Kelly, Euan Farmer, Juno Glover – Screen Academy Scotland / Edinburgh Napier University)

Nominees:

- Infinidades (Lucas Melian Batista, Ruby Craig, Henry Morgan De Witt - Edinburgh College of Art)
- The Interests of Others (Abbie MacLaughlin, Megan McRitchie, Maria Farres Fernandez, Margaux Lemaire D'Autreaux – Royal Conservatoire of Scotland)

ENTERTAINMENT AND COMEDY DRAMA

Winner:

- Worst Thing (Jayme Bartlett, Bobby Donaldson, Hayley McGuire, Petra Grace and Team – Royal Conservatoire of Scotland)

Nominees:

- Garden Shengai (Conor Sullivan, Marc Dickson, Talitha Matheson, Pater McGaghy – City of Glasgow College)
- Good Vibrations (Madeleine Miles and Michael Kearney – Royal Conservatoire of Scotland)

FACTUAL SHORT FORM

Winner

- Strongwoman – (Kyla Miller, Ewan Patrick, Jodie McMail, Katrina McEwan, Remi Peron) – University of Stirling

Nominees:

- The Hills We Have to Climb (Calum Cownie, Joe Cromarty, Paul Cowie, Henry Swindells, Iain Bayfield) – University of Stirling
- Kick Mental Health (George Donaldson – University of the West of Scotland)

JOURNALISM

Winner:

- Bruised (Carla Basu, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Adam Millar – University of the West of Scotland)

Nominees:

- Galgael (Erin Mair, Gabriel McNeill, Jack McGurn, Heather Brown – City of Glasgow College)
- Scottish Wrestling (Jack McGurn, Bryce Salt, Matthew Graham, Ayaan Qureshi – City of Glasgow College)

Craft Awards

CAMERAWORK

- Infinidades (Ruby Craig, Edinburgh College of Art)

EDITING

- Kick Mental Health (George Donaldson, University of the West of Scotland)

PRODUCTION DESIGN

- Worst Thing (Petra Crace, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland)

SOUND

- Strongwoman (Remi Peron, University of Stirling)

WRITING

- The Interests of Others (Abbie MacLaughlan, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland)

Ends.