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EDINBURGH TV AWARDS WINNERS REVEALED

BBC TWO TAKES TOP CHANNEL HONOURS AS SISTER AND CHALKBOARD WIN PRODUCER AWARDS

**PROGRAMME WINNERS INCLUDE *FOR SAMA*, *CHERNOBYL*, *SUCCESSION*,
THE RAP GAME UK AND *JADE: THE REALITY STAR WHO CHANGED BRITAIN***

18 November 2020, London: BBC Two was awarded the prestigious Channel of the Year Award at this year's Edinburgh TV Awards it was revealed today, via a Twitter extravaganza hosted by social media sensation, **Munya Chawawa**.

In a new twist on award ceremonies, the Edinburgh TV Festival revealed the winners of the 20 highly regarded awards on its **@EdinburghTVFest** handle and **#EdTV Awards**, in an extended lunch break treat featuring top-name presenters and special guest appearances.

Riz Ahmed, **Romesh Ranganathan**, **Abi Morgan** and **Charlotte Moore** were among those who presented awards, which celebrate the amazing quality and range of the UK and international TV industries over a challenging 12 months.

Chawawa, opened proceedings alongside several of his characters including posh drill rapper Unknown P, celebrity chef Jonny Oliver, and newsreader – and now Netflix host – Barty Crease, showcasing the skills that have made him one of the UK's hottest and most in-demand content creators.

Winners included: ***For Sama*** for Best Documentary, a category that was presented by actor and writer **Riz Ahmed**; ***Feel Good*** for Best Comedy Series which was presented to the show's creator and star **Mae Martin** by her co-star **Charlotte Ritchie**; BBC Three's ***The Rap Game UK*** for Best Entertainment Series with **DJ Target** sharing the news with his fellow show presenters, **Krept and Konan**; and ***Succession*** for Best International Drama, accepted by the show's creator, **Jesse Armstrong**.

Romesh Ranganathan surprised BBC Channel Controller **Patrick Holland** as he accepted the Channel of the Year award for BBC Two. He also accepted the Specialist Channel of the Year Award for BBC Four. **All4** won Best On Demand Service.

SISTER received two awards: Production Company of the Year which was presented by writer **Abi Morgan** and Best Drama for ***Chernobyl. Murder, Mystery & My Family*** producers, **Chalkboard** took Small Indie of the Year and **All3Media International** won the Global Success Award, with ***Midsomer Murders*** star **Neil Dudgeon** breaking the news to **Louise Pedersen**.

In an emotional acceptance video, Best Popular Factual Series winners, **Blast! Films** for ***Jade: The Reality Star Who Changed Britain*** included a surprise reveal to Jade Goody's mum, **Jackie Budden**, generating a near Twitterstorm of emotions.

Some outstanding performances were also recognised this year with **Glenda Jackson** accepting the Best TV Actor Award, from Charlotte Moore, for her turn in *Elizabeth is Missing*. *The Big Narstie Show* hosts **Mo Gilligan and Big Narstie** were on hand to take the Best TV Presenter Award and *Top Boy* star **Micheal Ward** - who is soon to be seen in the BBC drama *Small Axe* - won the Breakthrough Talent Award.

Adeel Amini was presented with the Industry Champion Award by **Donna Taberer** and **Charlotte Black** for his campaigning on behalf of industry freelancers resulting in his successful Coalition for Change agreement. A new, one-off Award – Creativity in Crisis – for stand out programming that defied the odds and showcased creative brilliance in such a moment of crisis as seen in 2020, was won by **Hospital: Fighting Covid-19**, from **Label1** for BBC Two.

The TV Moment of the Year went to **Emily Maitlis’ sensational interview with Prince Andrew** which gripped and astonished the viewing public, drawing a record audience for BBC Two’s *Newsnight* and generating headlines across the world.

This year the Festival also partnered, for the first time, with *Variety* to honour British actor and presenter, **David Harewood, MBE**, with the Edinburgh TV Festival and *Variety* Outstanding Achievement Award. Harewood received the award in recognition of his incredible body of work and success in both the UK and US as well as his work around mental health and social issues.

The Edinburgh TV Festival’s Creative Director, Stewart Clarke, said: *“In a very challenging year it has been great to take a moment to celebrate amazing work and the amazing people in our industry. It is testament to the tenacity and innovation of producers, channels, streamers, freelancers and a host of others, that there was such a formidable list of nominees and brilliant group of winners. Thank you to the incredibly talented Munya Chawawa for hosting the awards and bringing some great characters to the party, and a huge congratulations from the Festival to the 2020 winners.”*

As part of the Festival and TV Awards’ commitment to becoming more sustainable and eco-friendly, this year’s awards are made from certified sustainable timber.

The full list of winners and nominees is detailed below. A reel of all the videos from the Awards will be available on the Edinburgh TV Festival YouTube Channel in the next few days.

Further information and FAQs can be found on the Edinburgh TV Festival website www.thetvfestival.com

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Full shortlist follows (winners highlighted in yellow):

CATEGORY	CREDIT
Best Comedy Series	Feel Good, Objective Fiction and Objective Media Group Scotland for Channel 4 and Netflix
	Defending the Guilty, Big Talk Productions Limited for BBC Two
	GameFace, Objective Fiction for Channel 4

Best Comedy Series cont'd	Mum, Big Talk Productions Limited in association with The Money Men for BBC Two
	Sex Education, Netflix
	Stath Lets Flats, Roughcut TV for Channel 4
Best Documentary	For Sama, Channel 4 News and ITN Productions for Channel 4/PBS
	63Up, MultiStory Media North, an ITV group company
	Don't F**k With Cats: Hunting an Internet Killer, Netflix
	Murder Trial: The Disappearance of Margaret Fleming, Firecrest Films for BBC Two/BBC Scotland
	Belsen: Our Story, Atlantic Productions for BBC Two
	The Family Secret, Candour Productions for Channel 4
Best Drama	Chernobyl, SISTER, The Mighty Mint, Word Games, Sky Atlantic, HBO
	The End of the F***ing World, Clerkenwell Films and Dominic Buchanan Productions for Channel 4 and Netflix
	Elizabeth is Missing, STV Studios for BBC One
	Giri/Haji (Duty/Shame), a SISTER Production for BBC Two and Netflix
	The Crown, Netflix
	Years and Years, Red Production Company and HBO for BBC One
Best Entertainment Series	The Rap Game UK, Naked Television for BBC Three
	Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway, ITV Studios Entertainment/Mitre Television Co-production for ITV
	Gogglebox, Studio Lambert for Channel 4
	Hypothetical, Hat Trick Productions for DAVE
	The Graham Norton Show, So Television for BBC One
	Taskmaster, Avalon Television for Dave, UKTV
Best International Drama	Succession, HBO Entertainment in association with Project Zeus, Hyperobject Industries and Gary Sanchez Productions for Sky Atlantic
	Agatha Raisin, a Free@Last TV and Company Pictures production for Acorn TV
	Euphoria, HBO in association with Reasonable Bunch, A24, Little Lamb, Dreamcrew, ADD Content Agency HOT TCDY Productions for Sky Atlantic

Frankie Drake Mysteries, Shaftesbury in association with CBC and UKTV

Best International Drama cont'd	Game of Thrones, HBO Entertainment in association with Bighead, Littlehead; 360 Television/Startling Television for Sky Atlantic
	Upright, Lingo Pictures for Sky Atlantic and Foxtel, international distribution by eOne
Best Popular Factual Series	Jade: The Reality Star Who Changed Britain, Blast! Films for Channel 4
	Flirty Dancing, Second Star for Channel 4
	Kathy Burke's All Woman, Flicker Productions for Channel 4
	Race Across The World, Studio Lambert for BBC Two
	The Circle, Studio Lambert & Motion Content Group for Channel 4
	Tyson Fury: The Gypsy King, Optomen Television for ITV
Best TV Actor	Glenda Jackson in Elizabeth is Missing
	Emily Watson in Chernobyl
	Jared Harris in Chernobyl
	Jessie Buckley in Chernobyl
	Kane Robinson in Top Boy
	Olivia Colman in The Crown
Best TV Presenter	Big Narstie & Mo Gilligan
	Ant & Dec
	Adam Hills
	Graham Norton
	Kathy Burke
Breakthrough Talent	Micheal Ward
	Mae Martin
	Aisling Bea
	Mirren Mack
	Naomi Ackie
	Tobi King Bakare
Channel of the Year	BBC Two
	BBC One
	Channel 4
	ITV
	Sky Atlantic
	Sky One

Best On Demand Service	All4
	Britbox UK
	Disney+
	Marquee TV
	NowTV
Global Success Award	All3Media International
	Fremantle
	ITV Studios
Production Company of the Year	SISTER
	ITN Productions
	MultiStory Media
	Red Production Company
	Remarkable Television
	Big Talk Productions
Small Indie of the Year	Chalkboard
	Big Deal Films
	Alaska
	Firecrest Films
	Red Sky Productions
	The Connected Set
Specialist Channel of the Year	BBC Four
	National Geographic
	Sky Arts
The Green Award	Bang, S4C
	The Big Night In, BBC Studios
	Sky Sports - #GoZero
TV Moment of the Year	Emily Maitlis vs Prince Andrew
	Dracula's watery twist
	Tories and Brexit Party iced out of the Climate Debate
	Grey's Anatomy's Wall of Women
	Emily Maitlis Covid-19 cold open
	Ant & Dec return to an empty studio
	Coronation Street - Yasmeen stands up to Geoff
	Silent protests in empty stadiums: Premier League football returns
	Boris Johnson announces lockdown

Creativity in Crisis	Hospital: Fighting Covid-19, Label1 for BBC Two
	A Day in the Life of Coronavirus Britain, Candour Productions for Channel 4
	Bitesize Scotland Daily, BBC Scotland
	Charlie Brooker's Antiviral Wipe, Broke & Bones for BBC Two
	Gardeners' World, BBC Studios for BBC Two
	Get Well Soon: Coronavirus Special, Kindle Entertainment for BBC iPlayer
	Grayson's Art Club, Swan Films for Channel 4
	History Hit Live, History Hit and Little Dot Studios for YouTube
	8 minutes and 46 seconds: The Killing of George Floyd, Sky News/Sky Documentaries
	Shelf Isolation, IWC Media for the BBC Scotland Channel
	The Martin Lewis Money Show: A Coronavirus Special Live, MultiStory Media for ITV
	The Big Night In, BBC Studios for BBC One
Industry Champion	Adeel Amini

Note to Editors:

The Edinburgh TV Festival brought to you by YouTube and Freeview, is the UK's foremost television event, bringing together leading industry figures and a broad, diverse range of delegates to celebrate and dissect the world of global television production. This year's speakers included David Olusoga who delivered the MacTaggart Lecture, Emilia Clarke, John Landgraf, Russell T Davies, Noel Clarke, Big Zuu, Grayson Perry, Jeniffer Kim, Howard Lee and the teams behind *Gangs of London* and *Normal People*.

As a Festival and a charity, the Edinburgh TV Festival is committed to helping people from all backgrounds gain access to, and develop their careers further in, the TV industry.

The TV Foundation is the charity umbrella that further expands the Festival's remit to support the television industry. The TV Foundation runs two talent schemes; Ones to Watch and The Network which have helped over 4000 individuals since 1991, as well as supporting new initiatives such as TV PhD, the annual New Voice Awards, partnerships with industry initiatives and a year-round programme of events and support.