

## **CELTIC MEDIA FESTIVAL REVEALS NOMINEES FOR 2017 AWARDS**

**BBC, TG4, S4C, RTÉ, ITV along with Galicia, Isle of Man, Cornwall and Brittany  
feature across the shortlist**

Literary legends WB Yeats and Roald Dahl go head to head in **Arts**, with BBC Wales' *Roald Dahl's City of the Unexpected* nominated alongside the RTÉ/BBC *A Fanatic Heart: Geldof on Yeats*. In comedy, *Still Game*, one of Scotland's most successful **comedy** exports, challenges Ireland's *Bridget and Eamon*. And it's a battle royale in the **Radio Presenter category**, as RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta's Blathnaid Ní Chofaigh goes head to head with Deacon Blue front-man Ricky Ross for BBC Radio Scotland and Welsh tenor and Go Compare star Wynne Evans of BBC Radio Wales.

The **Celtic Media Festival** has today (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March) revealed the nominees for the prestigious **Torc Awards for Excellence**. The winners are set to be revealed at the 38th Festival in Douglas on the Isle of Man, over May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2017.

**Nominees** from across the U.K., Ireland and Europe will compete across **23 award categories**, including arts, comedy, current affairs, drama, factual, sport, radio, and more. Entries for the 2017 Awards again approached the 500 mark, with the festival consistently attracting submissions from across the range of Celtic nations and regions. **10 separate juries** undertook almost **250 hours** of listening and viewing to produce a shortlist of the very best in Celtic productions in the past year.

In a change for 2017, new category **History** attracted a huge number of quality entries. Amongst those nominated is a co-production between TG4, BBC Northern Ireland and Doubleband films, *Eoin Mac Néill: Fear Dearmadta 1916*. Through dramatic reconstruction, access to MacNeill's unpublished memoir, interviews with key historians and the personal account of MacNeill's grandson, former Tánaiste Michael McDowell, pivotal moments in history are brought to life in this drama-doc.

TG4's *Eipic*, nominated in the **Drama Series** category is a story about escape, empowerment and what it means to be a teenage "hero" in contemporary rural Ireland. Set against the backdrop of the 1916 centenary

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celebrations, *Eipic* will go up against the wildly successful *Line of Duty*, BBC Scotland's *One of Us*, and the epic adaptation of *War and Peace*.

**Radio** stations and presenters from across the celtic regions compete this year in a strong line-up of native language content, covering music, magazine and documentary programming.

**Single Documentary**, one of the most hotly contested categories every year, contains nominees from 14 productions covering a multitude of subjects. The critically acclaimed *Dunblane-Our Story*, tells the story of the tragic shooting from the point of view of those caught up in the terrible events. In a landmark film to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the tragedy, many people who have never talked on camera reveal what happened on that day. Wales' *The Aberfan Young Wives Club* marks the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster, and how Aberfan has endured since 21st October 1966 when the catastrophic collapse of a colliery spoil tip killed 116 children and 28 adults. Ireland's *I am Immigrant* is a window into the lives of young immigrants who have grown up Irish, and tracks the political reaction to immigration in Europe as the conflict spills violently onto our streets.

In **Sports Documentary**, Jimmy Johnstone examines the life of a phenomenal Scottish sporting talent, telling the story of the highs and the lows of an unforgettable working class footballer, Celtic legend, husband and father who lost his life to motor neurone disease age 61.

Host nation **Isle of Man's local Manx Radio** has secured a number of nominations.

**Festival Director Catriona Logan** said: "*The breadth of talent on offer this year is remarkable, as always the quality of programming shows the calibre of those working in the Celtic Nations and Regions. The huge amount of entries were whittled down by our dedicated National Juries who, in all, watched and listened to over 250 hours of top quality submissions. We're absolutely delighted that Celtic Media Festival is approaching and we're looking forward to revealing the winners at the Festival in Douglas on the Isle of Man in May.*"

The 38<sup>th</sup> **Celtic Media Festival** takes place over 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 and will see hundreds of delegates enjoy a packed festival programme in Douglas, Isle of Man. Supported by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, TG4, BBC Scotland, RTÉ, MG ALBA, S4C, Northern Ireland Screen, BBC Northern Ireland, BBC Cymru Wales, and on the Isle of Man by Department of Economic Development, the festival consistently attracts international delegates wherever it is held and offers a programme that celebrates the influential media industry of the Celtic nations and regions, as well as providing networking opportunities for delegates and speakers alike.

Showcasing the best work from Brittany, Cornwall, Galicia, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Scotland and Wales, the festival is expected to attract some of the biggest names in the media world to the town. Previous high-profile guests include Tilda Swinton, Rhys Ifans, Peter Mullan, Ken Loach, *The Killing* Director Birger Larsen, *River and Apple Tree Yard* producer Chris Carey, *My Mad Fat Diary* and *Watership Down* writer Tom Bidwell, and Doctor

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Who and Torchwood producer Russell T Davies. Although the festival is primarily for industry delegates, there will be a wider programme of events. Full details of the festival programme will be announced shortly. For delegate registration, visit [www.celticmediafestival.co.uk](http://www.celticmediafestival.co.uk)

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**CELTIC MEDIA FESTIVAL**  
Isle of Man 2017  
NOMINEES

**SCREEN**

**Animation**

Second To None  
The Lost Letter

Caboom Ltd  
Dream Logic Studio

**Arts**

A Fanatic Heart: Geldof on Yeats  
Oíche Chaillte an tSeanchaí  
Roald Dahl's City of the Unexpected  
The Greatest Poem of World War One:  
David Jones's In Parenthesis

RTÉ and BBC / Peninsula Television  
TG4 / C-Board Films  
BBC Wales / Rondo Media  
BBC Wales and BBC Four/Wildflame Productions

**Children's Programme**

Down On the Farm  
Is Éolaí Mé  
Os Bolechas  
Llund Ceg  
Louzaoueg Anna

BBC Scotland  
TG4 / Meangadh Fíbin Teo  
Televisión de Galicia / Edicións Bolanda  
S4C / Green Bay Media  
France 3 Breizh / JPL Films

**Comedy**

Bridget & Eamon  
Still Game  
'Run Sbit

RTÉ2 / Pure Class Productions  
BBC SCOTLAND / BBC Studios  
S4C / Cwmni Da

**Current Affairs**

BBC Scotland Investigates: Lies, Laws & the Bin Lorry Tragedy  
Eorpa Irish Babies  
Living With Dementia: Chris's Story  
RTÉ Investigates - Standards in Public Office  
Y Byd ar Bedwar - Y Cymry a'r Qu'ran

BBC Scotland  
BBC Scotland Gaelic  
BBC Wales  
RTÉ  
S4C / ITV Cymru Wales

**Drama Series**

Eipic  
Line Of Duty  
One of Us

TG4 / Magamedia  
BBC / World Productions Limited  
BBC Scotland

War and Peace	BBC One / BBC Cymru Wales
<b>Entertainment</b>	
Centenary	RTÉ
Les Miserables: Y Daith i'r Llwyfan	S4C / Rondo Media
<b>Factual Entertainment</b>	
Big Week On The Farm	RTÉ / Independent Pictures
Port	BBC ALBA and TG4 / Bees Nees Media
Wil, Aeron a'r Inca	S4C / Cwmni Da
<b>Factual Series</b>	
An Lot	BBC ALBA / MACTV
Coastal Path	BBC SW
Doctoriaid Yfory	S4C / Green Bay Media
Rural Addiction	RTÉ / Midas Productions
Scotland's Game	BBC Scotland
Tríd an Lionsa - Headhunters	TG4 / Sibéal Teo
Y Ditectif	S4C / ITV Cymru Wales
<b>History</b>	
Eoin Mac Néill: Fear Dearmadta 1916	BBC2 NI and TG4 / Doubleband Films
Ffwrtbol a Fflêrs: Cofio Arwyr `76	S4C / Rondo Media
Golden Tree	Golden Tree Productions
Scotland and The Klan	BBC / Matchlight
<b>Short Drama</b>	
Breathe	Greeble Ltd
Hula	Braw Films
Pili Palod Penygroes	BBC Wales and S4C / It's My Shout Ltd
The Battle of Ronaldsway	
<b>Single Documentary</b>	
A-vihanig	France 3 Bretagne
Aberfan - The Fight for Justice	BBC One / Cynrychiadau Alpha Productions
Coming Oot! The Fabulous History of Gay Scotland	BBC Scotland / Hopscotch Films
Dunblane - Our Story	BBC 1 / STV
Dying Breed	A38 Films
Enough to Fill Up an Eggcup	Mark Jenkin - The Independent Film Unit
Erwan Ropars, Hêrezh ar bazhvalan	France 3 Bretagne
Hamish	BBC ALBA / Bees Nees Media
How To Defuse A Bomb: The Project Children Story	RTÉ / Alleycats TV
I Am Immigrant	RTÉ / Motive Television
In Eadan na Taoide	TG4 / Scannáin Lugh Teo
Swansea Sparkle: A Transgender Story	BBC One Wales / Telesgop
The Aberfan Young Wives' Club	ITV / Shiver Cymru
Where You're Meant To Be	BBC / Better Days
<b>Single Drama</b>	
Brown Willy	The Malabar Film Unit
El desconocido	Televisión de Galicia / Vaca Films
The Green Hollow	BBC One Wales and BBC Four/BBC Cymru Wales
<b>Sports Documentary</b>	
Crash and Burn	RTÉ and BBC / Dot Television
Jimmy Johnstone	BBC ALBA / purpleTV
Merci Cymru	S4C / BBC Wales

**Kieran Hegarty Award for Innovation**

Build It Scotland  
Lifebabble  
Mise Gaillimh 2020  
MTTV news  
Say Something in Manx  
#towerlives  
Llond Ceg  
Voices 16  
wearehere  
Wilde Stories

BBC Scotland  
BBC Scotland  
Saoi Media  
PMC-TV ltd  
Say Something.com  
BBC Wales  
Galactig  
BBC Northern Ireland Productions  
BBC Scotland  
Athena Media

**RADIO**

**Radio Comedy**

Big Country  
Bennett Arron Worries About... Being Offensive  
Breaking the News  
Bron Meirion  
Colm O'Regan Wants a Word  
Fags, Mags And Bags  
Lewis Macleod's Wired News  
The Unexplainers

BBC Radio Ulster / Cave Bear Productions  
BBC Radio Wales / Absolutely Productions  
BBC Radio Scotland  
BBC Radio Cymru  
RTÉ Radio 1 / Sideline Productions  
BBC Radio 4 / The Comedy Unit  
BBC Radio Scotland / The Comedy Unit  
BBC Radio Wales / Zipline Creative LTD

**Radio Documentary**

Aberfan  
Aberfan - Covering a Catastrophe  
Fianais  
Documentary On One: Ireland's Secret Hangman  
Documentary On One: No Time To Lose  
Our Story - Ravenscraig  
Sin an Saol  
Tormod a' Bhocsair  
The Forgotten Champion  
Young Voters on the Isle of Man

BBC Radio Cymru  
BBC Radio Wales / Leaping Wing  
BBC Radio nan Gàidheal  
RTÉ Radio 1  
RTÉ Radio 1  
BBC Radio Scotland  
RTÉ Raidió Na Gaeltachta  
BBC Radio nan Gàidheal  
BBC Wales Sport  
Manx Radio

**Radio Magazine Show**

Adhmhaidin  
An Bricfeasta Blasta  
Beag air Bheag  
Behind the Headlines  
Rhaglen Aled Hughes  
Scots Radio  
The John Toal Show  
Women Today

RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta  
Raidió na Life  
BBC Radio nan Gàidheal  
Isles FM - Annie Delin  
BBC Radio Cymru  
Birseland Media  
BBC Radio Ulster  
Manx Radio

**Radio Music Programme (Live)**

Blas Ceoil  
Caithream Ciuil  
Frank Hennessy's Six nations Musical Finale  
Mac 'Ille Mhicheil  
Recordiau Rhys Mwyn  
The Rolling Wave  
Travelling Folk Special with Bruce MacGregor

BBC Gaeilge  
BBC Radio nan Gàidheal  
BBC Radio Wales  
BBC Radio nan Gàidheal/Sorbier Productions Ltd  
BBC Radio Cymru  
RTÉ  
BBC Radio Scotland

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### **Radio Presenter of the Year**

Bláthnaid Ní Chofaigh  
Ricky Ross  
Wynne Evans

RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta  
BBC Radio Scotland  
BBC Radio Wales

### **Radio Sports**

A Long way to Tipperary - Sunday Sport RTÉ End of year  
Cymru v Gwlad Belg  
Euro 2016 Wales V Belgium  
Spòrs na Seachdain  
Sportsound  
WPLRADIO

RTÉ Sport / Adrian Eames  
BBC Radio Cymru  
BBC Wales Sport  
BBC Radio nan Gàidheal  
BBC Scotland  
audioBoom

### **Radio Station of the Year**

Raidió na Life 106.4FM  
BBC Radio Ulster  
Radio Foyle  
Raidió Fáilte  
RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta  
Manx Radio  
BBC Radio Scotland  
Radio nan Gàidheal  
BBC Radio Wales  
Radio Cymru

Raidió na Life  
BBC Radio Ulster  
BBC  
Raidió Fáilte  
RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta  
Manx Radio  
BBC Radio Scotland  
BBC Gàidhlig  
BBC Radio Wales  
BBC Radio Cymru

## **ABOUT THE CELTIC MEDIA FESTIVAL**

- The Celtic Media Festival 2017 is being held from 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> of May in Douglas Isle of Man.
- The Celtic Media Festival's aim is to promote the languages and cultures of the Celtic countries on screen and in broadcasting. The Celtic Media Festival is supported by broadcast, film, cultural and economic development organisations throughout the Celtic countries.
- The Festival is an annual three-day celebration of broadcasting, film talent and excellence from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the Isle of Man, Cornwall, Brittany and Galicia.
- One of the many festival highlights will be the presentation of the Torc Awards for Excellence. Categories include Factual Series, Arts, Drama, Sport, Current Affairs, Best App, Innovation, Radio Station of the Year and one new category for 2017, History. For further details, please see [www.celticmediafestival.co.uk](http://www.celticmediafestival.co.uk)
- For more details on the history of the festival, award categories and delegate registration, please visit [www.celticmediafestival.co.uk](http://www.celticmediafestival.co.uk)
- The Festival moves location every year, reflecting the peripatetic nature of the Celts.
- The festival is core funded by: BBC Wales, BBC Northern Ireland, RTE, TG4, MG ALBA, Northern Ireland Screen, BBC Scotland and S4C.
- Festival Sponsors for 2017 are: Department of Economic Development - Isle of Man, SES/Isle of Media, Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, TG4, BBC Scotland, RTÉ, MG ALBA, S4C, Northern Ireland Screen, BBC Northern Ireland and BBC Cymru Wales.