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BRITISH ACADEMY SCOTLAND AWARD WINNERS CROWNED

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13th November 2011, Glasgow: Glasgow was ablaze with stars as the British Academy Scotland Awards made a welcome return following a one year absence.

The red carpet was illuminated by some of Scotland's leading lights including Peter Mullan, James Cosmo, Robbie Coltrane, Kaye Adams, Richard Wilson, Ewan Bremner, Peter Capaldi, Karen Dunbar, Greg McHugh and Kirsty Young who all turned out in celebration of Scotland's moving image industry.

Taking place in Glasgow's glitzy Radisson Blu, over 500 guests arrived at the Awards which champion excellence and above all, encourage Scotland to be seen as a beacon of creative inspiration and quality.

One of comedy's finest breakthrough stars, **Kevin Bridges** hosted the ceremony, overseeing proceeds on the night which saw **Robbie Coltrane** awarded with an accolade for **Outstanding Contribution to Film** while **NEDS** and **Donkeys** picked up two awards apiece.

Donkeys was crowned best **Feature Film** and actor **James Cosmo** collected the award for **Actor/Actress in Film** for his role in the film which charts one man's attempt to reunite his estranged family.

Peter Mullan collected best **Director** and best **Writer** for **NEDS**, a film which tells the story of John McGill, a teenage boy growing up in 1970s Scotland.



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Limmy's Show picked up the **Entertainment Programme** award, presented by Kaye Adams and John Michie, beating off stiff competition from Burnistoun and Rab C Nesbitt.

Much debated documentary, **The Scheme** picked up an award for **Factual Series** with producer Michelle Friel collecting the accolade on stage. Also collecting an award was young actress **Jayd Johnson**, who received the award for **Actress/Actor in TV** for her role in **Field of Blood**.

Other winners on the night included **Case Histories** which was awarded best **TV** drama and **Quarrel** from Dundee based Denki won best **Game**.

Special Awards presented on the evening saw **Robbie Coltrane** pick up **Outstanding Contribution to Film**, whilst **Outstanding Contribution to Broadcasting** was awarded to **Eileen Gallagher** of **Shed Productions**.

The **Cineworld Audience Award** went to **Fast Romance** which was chosen by film fans who have been voting online for their favourite Scottish movie from the past two years.

Jude MacLaverty, **Director of BAFTA Scotland** said: "We're thrilled to see the British Academy Scotland Awards return for such a fantastic night. The strength of nominations in the categories demonstrates the wealth of talent we have within our country.

"The British Academy Scotland Awards has produced some truly deserving winners and my congratulations goes out to them and all the nominees."

*For a full breakdown of this year's award winners please see attached document.



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