

BAFTA IN WALES ANNOUNCE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2011 BRITISH ACADEMY CYMRU AWARDS



Sian Williams and Jason Mohammad to present the 20th British Academy Cymru Awards Ceremony in May

- Pen Talar nominated for 12 awards
- Sherlock up for 6 awards, The Indian Doctor for 5
- Rondo's Caryl Ebenezer nominated for 3 awards

BAFTA in Wales has announced the nominations for its 20th annual British Academy Cymru Awards to honour the best in the world of broadcasting, interactive and film in Wales.

There are **26** programme, craft and performance categories to be awarded this year. The winners will be announced at the ceremony which will be hosted by **Sian Williams** and **Jason Mohammad**, at **Wales Millennium Centre** on **May 29th, 2011**.

Jason says: "I'm looking forward to presenting the awards with Sian this year, this will be my first time fronting these prestigious awards and, working alongside so many excellent professionals, I realise how important they are in recognising talent on and off the screen."

Drama productions continue to perform strongly this year with S4C's **Pen Talar** - produced by **Fiction Factory**, receiving **16** nominations in all.

BBC's **Sherlock** follows with **6** and **The Indian Doctor** with **5**. Documentaries and single factual programmes also feature highly. **Mali Harries** receives two out of the three nominations for best Actress category - for her performances in Pen Talar and The Indian Doctor.

Lisa Nesbitt, BAFTA in Wales Director says:

"It's been a challenging time for many in the industry in Wales and beyond - we are aware that more than ever, we need to keep recognising excellence and awarding all the hard work that goes in to making and producing film and television."

Special presentations will also be made for the Siân Phillips Award and Lifetime Achievement Award. The nominations for the Gwyn Alf Williams Award for best programme or series of programmes which have contributed most to the understanding and appreciation of history in Wales are Y DAITH: O DDYFFRYN AERON I MADAGASCAR (S4C), VALE OF SORROW – THE SIX BELLS MINING DISASTER (ITV WALES) and SNOWDONIA 1890 (BBC CYMRU WALES).

BAFTA in Wales is also delighted to announce its new Event Sponsor for this year's awards. **NEP Cymru** is a new OB & studios facilities company with familiar faces to all in the Welsh industry and we are delighted to be welcoming it into our family of sponsors. We look forward to working with all at NEP Cymru to ensure that this year's awards ceremony is the best yet.

A limited number of tickets will be available for the public and these can be bought from Wales Millennium Centre ticket office on 029 2063 6464.

See attached for full list of nominations

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