



**NOMINATIONS ARE ANNOUNCED FOR
CBBC me and my movie award, in association with BAFTA**

CBBC and BAFTA are proud to announce that four young film-makers have been nominated in this year's **CBBC me and my movie award** in association with BAFTA.

This exclusive award inspires and enables children across the UK to make their own films and tell their own stories as part of a BBC Learning film-making initiative - **CBBC me and my movie**.

The initiative was featured on Blue Peter throughout the year, with each presenter creating their own short film to demonstrate the production process. The project has also been supported by Newsround and CBBC Presentation.

In September more than 20,000 people attended the BBC Learning and CBBC experience at the Mayor's Thames Festival, where children were invited to meet CBBC and BAFTA stars, and were offered hot tips on film-making, and the chance to go behind the scenes in the Newsround studio, be a reporter and have a go at recording their own TV links.

There were also free film-making workshop events across the UK, inspiring children to make their own films and giving them access to equipment and expert support.

Children aged between 6 -14 years submitted over 500 short films. The resulting entries were judged by a panel of industry experts from CBBC and BAFTA, who shared judging duties with some well known celebrity faces, including; Blue Peter's Andy Akinwolere, The Spiderwick Chronicles star Freddie Highmore, Harry Potter actress Bonnie Wright and actors Hugh Bonneville and Colin Salmon amongst others.

The four **CBBC me and my movie award** nominees for 2008 are:

- **The Bomber** (Nicky, aged 14 from London) Moving and dramatic CGI animation charting a bomber's journey across land and sea.
- **My Dad, My Beard** (Euan, aged 11 from Edinburgh) What happens when you give your child control over your facial hair? Euan's dad is about to find out.
- **The Prank** (Leah, aged 12 from Essex) A cheeky wooden mannequin decides to play a prank in this surreal and visually striking short film.
- **Tree House Trouble** (Thea, aged 10 from Nottinghamshire) When the ladder to their tree house is taken away a group friends hatch a plan involving some magic 'jumping' beans.

All four young nominees will be attending the prestigious annual EA BAFTA Children's Awards on 30 November at the London Hilton Park Lane, where highlights of their films will be screened to a star studded audience. The winner will be announced on the night and will receive the coveted **CBBC me and my movie award** – the only children's award at the BAFTA's that is available to children themselves.

All nominated films can be viewed on the CBBC **me and my movie** website in the BAFTA section - bbc.co.uk/cbbc/meandmymovie. This innovative online space enables children to share and rate each others films. Children can also download the free and hugely popular film-making guide.

CBBC me and my movie is a unique collaboration between BBC Learning, CBBC and BAFTA.

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Note to Editors

The EA British Academy Children's Awards will be held on Sunday 30 November at the London Hilton on Park Lane, and will be hosted by hosted by Keith Chegwin.