



NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED:

BRITISH ACADEMY GAMES AWARDS

**UNCHARTED 4 LEADS WITH EIGHT NOMINATIONS
FOLLOWED BY INSIDE WITH SEVEN**

**FIREWATCH RECEIVES SIX NOMINATIONS
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RECEIVE FOUR NOMINATIONS EACH**

DANNY WALLACE TO HOST THE AWARDS CEREMONY

London, 9 March 2017: BAFTA has today announced the nominations for the British Academy Games Awards in 2017. A total of 50 games have been recognised, showcasing the very best games of the past 12 months and highlighting an outstanding level of creative excellence from a broad range of UK and international development teams.

Uncharted 4 leads the way with eight nominations across Artistic Achievement, Audio Achievement, Best Game, Music, Narrative and three Performer nominees.

Inside receives nominations in seven categories: Artistic Achievement, Audio Achievement, Best Game, Game Design, Music, Narrative and Original Property.

Firewatch receives six nominations in Best Game, Debut Game, Game Innovation, Narrative, Original Property and Performer.

Four games receive four nominations apiece: **Overcooked** in British Game, Debut Game, Family and Multiplayer; **Overwatch** in Best Game, Game Design, Multiplayer and Original Property; **The Last Guardian** is recognised in Artistic Achievement, Audio Achievement, Music and Original Property; and **The Witness** in Debut Game, Game Design, Game Innovation and Original Property.

Battlefield 1, **Dishonored 2**, **Pokémon Go**, **Titanfall 2** and **Virginia** receive three nominations each. **ABZÛ**, **Batman: Arkham VR**, **Doom**, **Forza Horizon 3**, **Mafia III**, **OXENFREE**, **That Dragon, Cancer** and **Unravel** receive two nominations each.

Nominated in the *Performer* category are **Alex Hernandez** (Lincoln Clay) in *Mafia III*, **Cissy Jones** (Delilah) in *Firewatch*, **Navid Negahban** ('Hajj Agha') in *1979 Revolution: Black Friday* and **Emily Rose** (Elena Fisher), **Nolan North** (Nathan Drake) and **Troy Baker** (Sam Drake) in *Uncharted 4*.

Other nominated games are **The Banner Saga 2**, **Dawn of Titans**, **Destiny: Rise of Iron**, **Deus Ex Go**, **Elite Dangerous: Horizons**, **Eve Online**, **Final Fantasy XIV**, **HITMAN**, **LEGO Star**



Wars: The Force Awakens, No Man's Sky, Planet Coaster, The Playroom VR, Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon, Ratchet & Clank, Rez Infinite, Reigns, Rocket League, Stardew Valley, Tom Clancy's The Division, Toca Hair Salon 3 and Unseen Diplomacy.

Showcasing the very best in young games development and design talent, the *BAFTA Ones To Watch Award* in association with *Dare to be Digital* finalists are **Among the Stones, Pentagrab and Rebound.**

The nominations for the *AMD Esports Audience Award* are **Clash Royale, Counter-Strike: Global Offensive, Dota 2, League of Legends, Overwatch and Street Fighter V.** The winner of this award will be voted for by the public and presented at the ceremony.

For the first time, the British Academy Games Awards will be hosted by writer and presenter Danny Wallace, who commented: "I'm delighted to have been asked to host BAFTA's Games Awards, which are the very best and most prestigious awards. This year's nominations show, as always, the talent and hard work this incredibly exciting industry displays in all fields. I'm looking forward to being part of such an important night for games."

The Awards take place on Thursday 6 April at Tobacco Dock, London. The awards will be preceded by a Champagne Taittinger reception and followed by a seated dinner and after-party for guests. Tickets are available at www.bafta.org/games/awards/tickets. On the night, the ceremony will be streamed live at [twitch.tv/bafta](https://www.twitch.tv/bafta) BAFTA's website, www.bafta.org, will feature red carpet highlights, photography and winners' interviews, as well as dedicated coverage on its social networks including Facebook ([/BAFTA](https://www.facebook.com/BAFTA)), Twitter ([@BAFTAGames](https://twitter.com/BAFTAGames) / [#BAFTAGames](https://twitter.com/BAFTAGames)), Instagram and Snapchat.

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Guests attending BAFTA's awards ceremonies support the organisation's charitable work and initiatives that identify, support and nurture new talent in this thriving sector. Applications are now being taken for games membership of BAFTA at membership.bafta.org.

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