

Two wins for SA at the NYF Radio Awards 2020 Storytellers Gala

The New York Festivals Radio Awards has announced the 2020 Storytellers Gala award-winners, with South African companies, CliffCentral and Fairly Famous bagging one award each. Fairly Famous won Bronze in the Serialized Podcast category and CliffCentral won a Finalist Award in the Narrative/Documentary Podcast category.



A global crisis could not prevent the Radio Awards Grand Jury from their commitment to judging world-class work. Compelling podcasts and audiobooks, dramas, documentaries, breaking news coverage entertainment and music specials created by storytellers around the globe impressed judges. For the complete list of the 2020 Radio Awards winners, click [here](#).

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Fleabag – Series 2 Craft - Best Writing (Two Brothers Pictures/BBC Three/ Amazon Prime Video) was honoured with the Grand for their multi-award-winning dark comedy series written and starring Phoebe Waller-Bridge. The series also earned Gold World Medals for Best Performance by an Actress, Best Performance by an Actor, and Comedy.

Very Ralph Craft - Best Original Music/Lyrics (Brian Keane Music, Inc./HBO) Multi-award-winning composer Brian Keane received the Grand for composing the original music for the first documentary portrait of fashion icon Ralph Lauren.

“I am humbled by finding out that my music score for *Very Ralph*, a Susan Lacy directed, Pentimento Films, wonderfully made documentary for HBO about the life of fashion icon, Ralph Lauren, won a grand award in the New York Festival Awards. I have won various awards for music including a Grammy, and several Emmy Awards, and have scored literally dozens of Emmy, Peabody, and Oscar-winning films, but I never have received a New York Festival grand award for music. Thank you so much!” – Brian Keane, Composer, Brian Keane Music, Inc.

Okavango - River of Dreams Documentary - Nature & Wildlife (Terra Mater Factual Studios GmbH), was recognised for their grand award-winning documentary that tells the story of the Okavango River in Botswana in Southern Africa while exploring the wildlife and landscapes along the river's path.

Apollo: Missions to the Moon Documentary - Science & Technology (1895 Films/National Geographic) The Grand award-winning documentary recounts the key moments of NASA's Apollo space program and America's goal to land on the Moon before 1970 through TV coverage, radio broadcasts, home movies, NASA film, and never before heard Mission Control audio.

“The New York Festivals is one of the finest awards in our industry. We know that to be selected as Grand winner for our National Geographic film, Apollo: Missions to the Moon, brings with it recognition and validation from our peers that we are doing a good job telling stories that matter. We are so grateful for this tremendous honour.” —Tom Jennings, Executive Producer, 1895 Films

To view the 2020 TV & Film Awards winner's gallery, click [here](#).

Broadcaster of the Year

For the fourth consecutive year, Al Jazeera English's news analysis and investigative programming earned the network the prestigious title of Broadcaster of the Year. The network's award-winning entries explored a robust number of global topics and garnered an impressive number of medals for their programming including *Al Jazeera Investigations*, *Witness*, *101 East*, *Fault Lines*, *The Big Picture* and *Earthrise*.

“We are honoured to be recognised again for the quality of our content,” said Giles Trendle, managing director of Al Jazeera English.

“Our journalists and filmmakers come from all corners of the globe and go out of their way to provide coverage that is grounded in impartial reporting and inspired storytelling. I believe our audiences appreciate our coverage of international issues and universal themes which offers a truly global perspective that, in times such as these, is an important affirmation of the inter-connectedness of our lives on this planet.”

Production Company of the Year

This is the 14th year consecutive year that The Edge Picture Company UK earned the prestigious title of Production Company of the Year.

“We are simply stunned to receive this incredible news! Winning ‘Production Company of the Year’ for 14 years in a row is something that we could never have believed was possible, so to have achieved this unique milestone makes us feel both proud and humbled. Ultimately the credit has to go to our wonderful clients for continuing to trust us to produce such

creative films and for all the incredibly talented people in our production teams whose skills ensure that our films are executed to perfection.” — Phil Blundell, Owner and Executive Producer, The Edge Picture Company, Ltd.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The National Press Club was honoured with the 2020 York Festivals Storytellers Gala Lifetime Achievement Award. The National Press Club, since 1908, has been recognised as the World’s Leading Professional Organization for Journalists™.

Annually New York Festivals, in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Global Communications, selects entries that exemplify the aims and ideals of the United Nations and honours them with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (UNDGC) awards. 2020 UNDGC winners include: “Tipping Point” (CNA, Mediacorp Pte Ltd) was honoured with the Gold UNDGC Award; “Old People’s Home For 4-Year-Olds” (Endemol Shine Australia, ABC) earned the Silver Award; and The Nonfiction: Monk and Vulnerable Souls, (Fuji Television Network) was awarded the Bronze UNDGC Award. To view the complete list of 2020 award-winning entries, click [here](#).

Gold-winning Documentaries

Gold-winning Documentaries dominated this year including “Gretchen Carlson: Breaking the Silence” (Lifetime), Surviving R. Kelly” (Lifetime), “American Swamp” (MSNBC), “The Big Picture - The World According to AI” (Al Jazeera English), “Yohji Yamamoto: Rebel in Black” (NHK), “Britain’s Viking Graveyard” (Windfall Films, NOVA) Rebellion! Stonewall” (MSNBC), “The Face of a Stranger” (CBC/Radio-Canada (émission DÉCOUVERTE), “Masterpiece: Turner” (POSDIRECT), “The Last Igloo” (Swan Films, BBC Four), “180 Days / 180 Jours” (Avanti Groupe), “GloboNews Documentário: Allies” (Globo News) and “Borneo - Earth’s Ancient Eden “ (Terra Mater Factual Studios GmbH).

Entertainment

Entertainment engaged viewers. Gold World Medalist include: “Shakira in Concert: El Dorado World Tour” (Sony Music Entertainment US Latin LLC “Bauhaus - A New Era” (ZDF German Television), “Secret in the Mountain” (ORF / ZDF / ARTE (Mona Film / Hager Moss Film), “My Greatest Dishes” (Sidney Street/Food Network UK), and “No Te Puedes Esconder” (Telemundo International Studios).

Sports

Top scoring Sports content earned Gold: “30 for 30 42 to 1”(ESPN Films) “E:60 “2-Player” (ESPN) “Football is US: The College Game” (ESPN, “Saturdays in the South: A History of SEC” (ESPN), “Patricio Manuel: A Fighter’s Chance” (CBS Sports Network), “MLB Now” (MLB Network), “Rugby World Cup 2019 Campaign” (beIN SPORTS Asia) and “Blink of an Eye” (Taublieb Films). Silver World Medalists include: “Brick by Brick: Inside Access with the San Francisco 49ers” (San Francisco 49ers) and Football is US: The College Game (ESPN).

Promos

Promos engaged viewers, entries achieving Gold include: “Climate Change The Facts” (BBC Studios), “Tragedies Special” (The Walt Disney Company Europe & Africa), “Winter Solstice Special” (AMC Networks International Southern Europe), “Sounds of Future Ocean” (The Walt Disney Company Latin America) and “Monday Night Football Open” (ESPN).

Corporate and Brand Image Films

Corporate and Brand Image Films were honoured with Gold trophies companies include: The Edge Picture Company, The Walt Disney Company Latin America, The Walt Disney Company Europe, and Africa, MerchantCantos, Sonova AG, Causal Films, Quite Frankly Productions and Plastic Pictures.

New York Festivals TV & Film Awards grand jury honoured content creators across all platforms and in all genres and

awarded in total 122 Gold World Medals, 136 Silver World Medals and 142 Bronze World Medals.

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