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# WELCOME TO GRIERSON 2026

Welcome to the 54th British Documentary Awards – in association with Banijay UK (formerly All3Media). I'd like to extend huge thanks to All3Media and Banijay UK for their continued support of this event, helping us shine a spotlight on the most vital stories from the past year.

It's an honour to bring the documentary community together tonight to celebrate the best of UK and international filmmaking. It feels especially powerful to be doing so as we mark the 100-year anniversary of John Grierson coining the term 'documentary' and in my first year as Chair of the Grierson Trust.

And what a year it's been for the documentary community at large, marked by continued change and disruption for our creative community. Recognising the scale and the speed of change, this year we've embarked on an ambitious plan of year-round activity designed to both support freelancers at all stages of their career via CV clinics and career coaching as well as bringing the community together via masterclasses, a unique panel at Edinburgh TV Festival and networking events – all whilst continuing with our awards programme and the Grierson DocLab: New Entrants scheme.

Speaking of which, our flagship New Entrants programme is now in its 14th year. I'd like to thank National Geographic as headline sponsor, and industry sponsor Banijay UK. Twenty-two independent production companies offered bursary supported placements to twelve trainees, helping them take their first steps into the industry. We do not underestimate the generosity of those companies as the industry in the UK has to realign around fewer commissioning opportunities. As a mentor to some of these young people myself, I have seen first-hand how the programme impacts not just their careers, but their confidence and their ideas! Ensuring talent from all backgrounds, from all across the UK, is essential to the health of our community – we simply cannot afford to stop championing new voices if we're to remain relevant to the next generation of both documentary viewer and documentary maker. Grierson DocLab Alumni are proof of that impact and many of them are in the room this evening. 18 former trainees worked on projects longlisted this year, 12 of which were nominated and are in contention tonight! Congratulations to them all.

Of course, those congratulations extend to the wider list of nominations. Being up for a Grierson Award is a huge achievement in and of itself: judging is a remarkably rigorous process, which considers the quality, integrity, creativity, originality and overall excellence of each submission. I'd like to send thanks to our reviewers and jurors who watch many, many hours of documentaries to create the longlists, decide the final nominations and vote on the winners, all of which will be revealed tonight.

I also want to thank the Grierson Trustees – many of whom chaired categories for the awards and decided on this year's *BBC* Grierson Trustees' Award recipient, Anna Godas. It's wonderful to be shining a spotlight on Anna's work; she's a tireless champion of helping documentaries reach the widest audience around the world. I especially want to thank Donna Taberer, Poppy Dixon and Louisa Compton whose time on the Grierson board has recently come to an end. Their work will leave a lasting mark on the Trust.

Finally, my thanks go to the small team of Grierson staff and freelancers who manage all of the Trust's activities, and to our host for this evening, the inimitable Nish Kumar.

I continue to be amazed by the sheer quality of the work that is being produced in documentary and am thrilled to see great work emerging outside of the confines of the traditional broadcasters and streamers too.

In these most complex of times, I believe the work of factual storytellers is more important than ever and over the next year we have ambitious plans to expand our support of documentary makers even further.

For now, have a wonderful evening celebrating the best of docs!



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**Chair, Grierson Trust**




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# Running Order

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*Sky Documentaries*
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*BBC*
**Grierson Trustees' Award**

*Netflix*
**Best Documentary Series**

*ENVY*
**Best Single Documentary**

# Food served during the drinks reception and after-party –

## Canapés

**Seabass Taco**
Jalapeño, burnt Asian pear, lime *(df, gf)*

**Watermelon Radish Spiedino**
Whipped tofu, pumpkin seed *(ve – no nuts)*

**Manchego Croquette**
Quince puree *(v)*

**Harissa Lamb Shoulder**
Roasted garlic labneh, pomegranate ketchup, crispy lamb dukkha

**Aubergine Char Sui**
Puffed green rice, furikake salt *(ve)*

## Maxi Bowls

**Brassicas & Heirloom Carrots**
Waste Knot Farm wonky vegetables, pickled blackberries, whipped tofu, sorrel *(no nuts)*

**ChalkStream Trout**
Compressed cucumber, buttermilk & horseradish puree, rye crumble, dill

**Cotswold Pumpkin Chicken**
Pine nuts & tarragon, roasted Delica pumpkin couscous

**Sri Lankan Squash**
Roasted Squash, torched leek, baked rice, coconut lime & cucumber curry leaf tarka *(ve, ng)*

**Roast Pollock**
Crushed peas, warm tartar, matchstick fries

**Hereford Rump of Beef**
Crème fraiche and horseradish potato puree, chantenay carrots, jus

*(v) Vegetarian* *(ve) Vegan*
*(df) Dairy Free* *(gf) Gluten Free*
*(ng) No Gluten-containing Ingredients*

# This year your ceremony host is Nish Kumar.



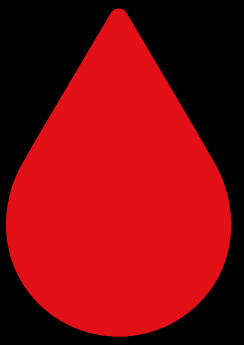
Critically acclaimed comic, internationally famed meme and wonderfully nice gentleman, Nish Kumar is a comedian, and a bloody good one at that (Time Out). Nish has achieved huge success on the stand-up circuit with five rave reviewed solo stand-up shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, two of which have been nominated for the prestigious Comedy Award for Best Show.

Alongside stand-up Nish is a frequent voice and face across both television and radio, following a successful pilot in 2016, Nish completed two series of his own topical show for BBC Radio 4, *Spotlight Tonight*, which he also hosts as well as hosting both *The News Quiz* and *Newsjack*. On screen you can catch up with Nish on the likes of *Q.I.*, *Mock The Week* and *Live At The Apollo* (BBC Two) both as a stand-up guest and host, *Have I Got News For You* and *The John Bishop Show* (BBC One), *8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown* (Channel 4), *Russell Howard's Stand-Up for Central*, *Drunk History*, *The Alternative Comedy Experience* and *Live At The Comedy Store* (Comedy Central), *Alan Davies As Yet Untitled* and *Taskmaster* (Dave). Nish starred alongside fellow comic Joel Dommett in a six-part travelogue for Comedy Central, *Joel and Nish vs The World* and hosted his own satirical, spoof news series, *The Mash Report* (BBC Two).

Nish is also the co-host of *Pod Save the UK*, a podcast where he and Coco Khan are joined by politicians, experts and famous friends to unpick the latest news, look for solutions, and inspire action.

# NOMINEES

**Congratulations** to all nominees and the winners.



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# Bleeding Fingers
# Best Arts & Music Documentary

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## Black Is Beautiful: The Kwame Brathwaite Story

Yemi Bamiro, Otto Burnham, Joanna Boateng, Lizzie Gillett, Ian Bonhôte, Andrew Calof

Misfits Entertainment – BFI London Film Festival

Everyone knows the phrase "Black is Beautiful", but few know of the man who helped popularise it. Little known Harlem based photographer – freedom fighter and activist – Kwame Brathwaite took 500,000 photos across his 70-year career, always devoted to celebrating the joy and beauty of African American life. This feature documentary tells the story of Kwame and the "Black is Beautiful" movement.

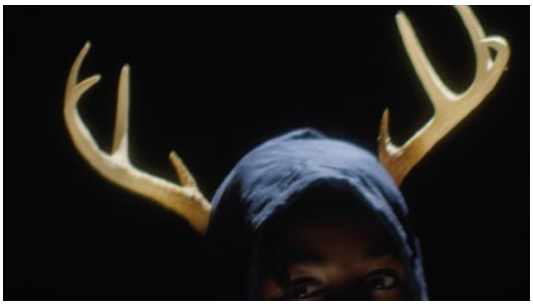


## Frederick Forsyth: In My Own Words

Dan Grabiner, Nat Lippiett, Ben Anthony, Toby Clarkson, James Incledon

Orchard Studios – BBC

In this intimate, candid and compelling documentary, legendary British thriller writer Frederick Forsyth tells his extraordinary life story in his own words.



## Songs from the Hole

Contessa Gayles, James "JJ'88" Jacobs, Richie Reseda, David Felix Sutcliffe

Netflix, Cocomotion Pictures, Question Culture in association with Impact Partners and Artemis Rising Foundation – Netflix

Sentenced to life in prison at 15, musician JJ'88 finds hope by writing songs during solitary confinement in this award-winning documentary visual album.



## Turner: The Secret Sketchbooks

Rosie Schellenberg, Rosy Ricketts, Kari Lia, Hamish Fergusson, Max Downey, Marianna Petrelli

Passion Pictures – BBC

*Turner: The Secret Sketchbooks* explores the hidden psychology of J.M.W. Turner through 37,000 private sketches, drawings and watercolours that reveal the man behind the masterpieces. Featuring previously unseen erotic sketches, original animation and cinematic visual sequences, the film opens a window into Turner's inner world, creative obsessions and emotional life. Contributors include Timothy Spall, Tracey Emin, Ronnie Wood, Chris Packham and psychoanalyst Orna Guralnik.

# Best Digital Documentary



## Barcud

Guto Rhun, Branwen Thomas, Joseff Morgan, Tobias May, Zahra Errami, Elin Howells

ITV Cymru Wales – S4C

A young man leaves the small island of Anglesey for London's cut-throat modelling world, forced to reconcile ambition with identity as he searches for success without losing the Welsh roots that shaped him.



## Inside Gooning: The Internet's Porn Epidemic

Benjamin Zand, Ben Mulley, Callum Issac, Ben Lister, Joe Sullivan

Zandland – Zandland YouTube channel

In this investigative documentary from the HUMAN series by Zandland, journalist Ben Zand dives into the darker, hidden corners of the online "Manosphere" to explore how digital subcultures are reshaping a generation of young men. By embedding himself with a self-described committed "gooner", Zand exposes the realities of extreme pornography addiction, compulsive consumption, and the isolating internet pipelines that foster them.



## Phone Snatching Exposed

Martin Read, Joe Sullivan, David Navarro, Shay Oluyinka, Andie Clare, Alan Hayling

Bushido Films – Channel 4

With up to £50million worth of phones stolen each year and up to 200 snatches per day, *Phone Snatching Exposed* investigates London's phone theft epidemic. Through GPS-tracked bait phones and a bold social experiment, the film uncovers the gangs, illegal e-bikes and organised networks driving the UK's fastest-growing street crime.



## Shot Like Enemies: Inside Nepal's Gen Z Uprising

Subina Shrestha, Antoine Schirer, Victoria Arakelyan, Rafid Hossain, Job Rabkin, Daniel Adamson

BBC World Service – BBC World Service YouTube channel

*Shot Like Enemies* is a BBC Eye investigation into the events of 8 September 2025, when 19 Gen Z protesters in Nepal were shot dead by police. The killings sparked nationwide outrage and the government collapse the following day. Using more than 4,000 videos, secret police documents, eyewitness testimony and on-the-ground reporting, the film reconstructs how a peaceful protest turned deadly, revealing the actions of security forces and the human stories behind the violence.

# Most Entertaining Documentary



## Miriam Margolyes Made Me Me

Simon Draper, Gwyn Jones, Lana Salah
Rex TV – BBC

*Miriam Margolyes Made Me Me*, a groundbreaking documentary filmed on a phone, follows out-of-work director Simon Draper's chaotic attempts to make a podcast with Miriam as her late-life popularity surges. Determined to cash in, Miriam juggles world book tours, reunions with school friends and even a royal visit, but things soon go awry. Drawn ever deeper into her orbit, Simon sees how the power of Miriam's honesty can transform lives, including his own.



## Murder in Monaco

Production Team
Netflix, Ventureland – Netflix

This real-life whodunnit unravels the mystery of billionaire banker Edmond Safra's shocking murder, with a twist that's stranger than any crime caper.



## The Dyers' Caravan Park – That's Entertainment

Jordan Read, Josh Jacobs, Claudia Webster, Harry Forte, Denise Kadoo, Ben Wicks
Expectation – Sky 1

Danny Dyer and daughter Dani try their hand at investing in and running a holiday caravan park in the UK. With childhood nostalgia in his heart and business ambition in his sights, Danny and Dani are diving headfirst into the £7billion holiday park industry. They'll stop at nothing in their quest to transform a caravan park into a place that lives up to Danny's misty-eyed memories of the best holidays he's ever had.




## Welcome to Wrexham – Do a Wrexham

Production Team
FX Productions, More Better Productions, Maximum Effort, 3 Arts Entertainment, Boardwalk Pictures – Disney+

Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds navigate running the 3rd oldest professional football club in the world. *Welcome to Wrexham* is a docuseries tracking the dreams and worries of Wrexham, a working-class city in North Wales, UK, as two Hollywood stars guide the future of their historic Club.

# Best Crime & Justice Documentary




## Life After

Reid Davenport, Colleen Cassingham, Don Bernier, Jess Devaney, Anya Rous

Multitude Films – BFI London Film Festival

In 1983, a disabled Californian woman named Elizabeth Bouvia sought the "right to die", igniting a national debate about autonomy and the value of disabled lives. After years of courtroom battles, Bouvia vanished from public view. Disabled director Reid Davenport embarks on a personal investigation to find out what really happened to Bouvia and reveal why her story is disturbingly relevant today.



## Lover, Liar, Predator

Marta García Aliaga, Flora Stewart, Graeme McAulay, Nancy Bornat

DSP Films – BBC

When four women discover they have each been coercively controlled and abused by the same man, they join forces to end their nightmare and put him on trial.



## Storyville – The Darkest Web

Sam Piranty, Mandy Chang, David Mcilveen, Charlie Macdonald, Mark Keady

BBC World Service – BBC

US agent Greg Squire and an extraordinary global team of undercover officers take on the almost impossible; infiltrating the darkest corners of the internet to rescue children, bringing hope where none seemed possible.




## The Alabama Solution

Production Team

HBO Documentary Films, Hit The Ground Running – Sky Documentaries

In 2019, whispers from Alabama inmates spark a six-year probe into a deadly prison system, exposing hidden brutality, corruption and a fight for truth and survival.

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# British Documentary Awards 2027

Entries Open
**17 March 2027**

Entries Close
**27 May 2027**

Ceremony
**9 November 2027**

Documentaries must have been made available to a UK audience between 1 June 2026 and 31 May 2027 to be eligible for the 2027 Grierson British Documentary Awards.

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# Best Science & Natural History Documentary



## Confessions of a Brain Surgeon

Harriet Bird, Charlie Russell, Dov Freedman, Freddie Lange-Hewlett, Yasmin Heidary-Milic, William Grayburn

Curious Films – BBC

Henry Marsh was one of Britain's top brain surgeons, operating on thousands of patients over a 40-year career. Then he received his own life-threatening diagnosis. In this film Henry returns to his past, meeting the families of the patients who died in his care, and exploring the impact his work had on his own family, to reveal the huge emotional and personal challenges of this extraordinary job.



## The Secret of Me

Grace Hughes-Hallett, Flora Stewart, James Rogan, Mark Hedgecoe, Soleta Rogan, Esther Gimenez Sanchez

Rogan Scotland, Film4, Channel 4, Screen Scotland, Dogwoof – Channel 4

College student Kristi discovers a secret her doctor and parents have kept from her all her life. Her search for truth uncovers a radical experiment on a pair of twins and a terrible lie.



## Turtle Walker

Taira Malaney, Zoya Akhtar, James Reed, Nainita Desai, Sam Rogers, Reema Kagti

Tiger Baby, Ceres, Emaho Films, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios – Raindance Film Festival

In the late 1970s, Satish Bhaskar embarked on an epic journey along India's coastlines and the spectacular Andaman and Nicobar islands, where he uncovered the vital nesting beaches of sea turtles. During his death-defying quest, he unravels mysteries surrounding these enigmatic ocean creatures – and sets out to save them from extinction. After a devastating tsunami strikes in 2004, Bhaskar grapples with a pressing question: What happens to sea turtles when their nesting beaches disappear?



## Wild London

Joe Loncraine, Sharmila Choudhury, David Allen, Gaby Bastyra, Tom Hugh-Jones

Passion Planet, WNET, NHK – BBC

After a life spent travelling the globe, the world's most famous naturalist turns his attention closer to home to explore the wildlife of England's iconic capital. Having lived in London for 75 years, Sir David has an intimate knowledge of the city's natural history, and there's no better guide to introduce us to its most spectacular wildlife secrets.


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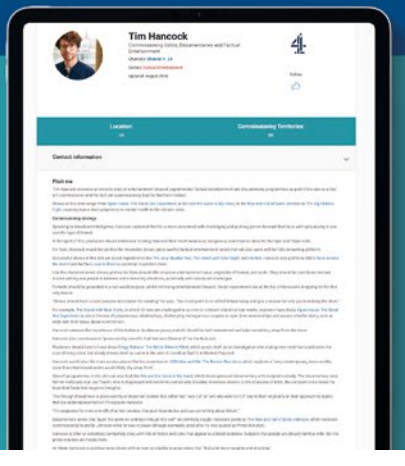
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# Best Single Documentary – International

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## 2000 Meters to Andriivka

Mstyslav Chernov, Michelle Mizner, Raney Aronson-Rath, Alex Babenko, Sam Slater, Derl McCrudden

PBS Frontline, AP – Sky Documentaries

A Ukrainian platoon's mission: traverse a heavily fortified mile of forest to liberate a strategic village from Russian forces. A journalist accompanies them, witnessing the ravages of war and the growing uncertainty about its conclusion.



## Come See Me in the Good Light

Ryan White, Jessica Hargrave, Tig Notaro, Stef Willen, Berenice Chavez, Brandon Somerhalder

Tripod Media, Amplify Pictures in association with Treat Media, Something Fierce Productions – Apple TV

*Come See Me in the Good Light* is a love story about poets Andrea Gibson and Megan Falley facing an incurable cancer diagnosis. Through laughter and perspective, they transform pain into purpose, and mortality into a celebration of resilience.



## Storyville – Mr Nobody Against Putin

Pavel Talankin, David Borenstein, Helle Faber, Radovan Sibrt, Alzbeta Karaskova, Lucie Kon

Made in Copenhagen, PINK CZ – BBC

When Russia invades Ukraine, a schoolteacher in a small industrial town picks up his camera and becomes an unlikely dissident. Pavel Talankin isn't a journalist or activist, but when patriotic lessons and military drills begin replacing regular classes, he starts filming. What emerges is a chilling portrait of how propaganda seeps into everyday life and how children are drawn into the machinery of war.



## The Perfect Neighbor

Geeta Gandbhir, Alisa Payne, Nikon Kwantu, Sam Bisbee

Netflix, Message Pictures, SO'B Productions, Park Pictures – Netflix

Using bodycam footage from dozens of police visits, *The Perfect Neighbor* bears witness to a tight-knit community navigating one neighbour's relentless harassment. But her hostility takes a sinister turn when it escalates into a fatal crime.

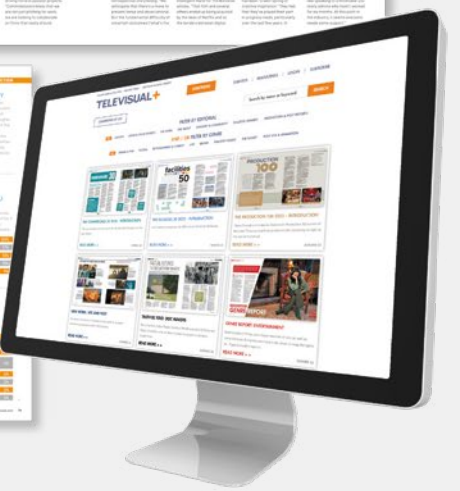
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# Televisual
# Best Current Affairs Documentary





## Exposure – Breaking Ranks: Inside Israel's War

Benjamin Zand, Josh Reynolds, Maya Rostowska, Matan Cohen, Tom Giles

Zandland – ITV1/ITVX

Israeli soldiers break ranks to speak out about what they witnessed – and took part in – on the ground in Gaza. Featuring exclusive testimony from IDF conscripts, reservists and veterans, this BAFTA-nominated ITV Exposure film examines how Israel's campaign was conducted and raises questions about accountability, command, and the hidden realities of war. It's the definitive telling of Israel's war in Gaza, through the eyes of those who fought it.



## Surviving Syria's Prisons

Sasha Joelle Achilli, Sara Obeidat, Andrew Pattison, Amel Guettatfi, Saad Alnassife, Sarah Waldron

BBC Current Affairs, PBS Frontline – BBC

Thousands vanished. Now the men who carried it out break their silence. After Bashar al-Assad's fall in December 2024, the end of Syria's 13-year war revealed a grim legacy: over 100,000 disappeared into prisons, mass graves, and secret files. *Surviving Syria's Prisons* uncovers this system through rare interviews with more than 40 former regime operatives, alongside the story of two brothers who survived. Their testimonies expose a regime's war on its citizens and the cost of silence.



## The Devil is Busy

Christalyn Hampton, Geeta Gandbhir, Rose Arce, Amber Fares, Soledad O'Brien, Tristan Nash

HBO Documentary Films, Soledad O'Brien Production, Message Pictures – HBO Max

A daylong journey with Tracii, the determined head of security at a women's healthcare clinic in Atlanta, Georgia as she works to ensure the safety of women seeking abortions in the face of new restrictions and persistent protests. The film follows the routines of the staff who continue to provide a range of medical services, including preventive screenings, checkups, and reproductive healthcare, in an environment where clinics often face daily threats of danger.



## The Zero Line: Inside Russia's War

Ben Steele, Vasiliy Kolotilov, Mike Radford, Helga Farhadian, Rick Barker, Charles Brown

BBC Current Affairs – BBC

This film exposes the brutal reality inside Putin's army through the testimony of Russian soldiers and civilians filming secretly with the BBC. Courageous individuals reveal their identities to bear witness to men forced into suicidal assaults, tortured for refusing orders and, shockingly, executed by their own commanders. Harrowing and intimate, it documents a system built on fear, coercion and impunity, where the Russian state turns its capacity for violence on its own people.

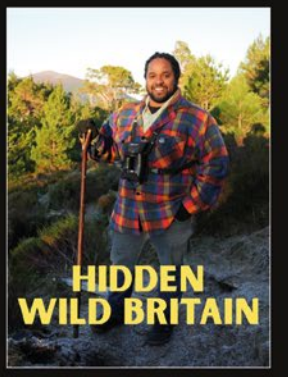
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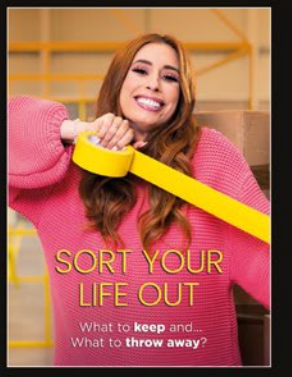

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# Best Student Documentary



## Blue Valley

Ritu Pillai, Paul Mu-Hsuan Lin, Mai Nguyen Van, Noah Lüthi

National Film and Television School

In a tiny Welsh valley, a single disabled mother keeps up her grandmother's legacy in their 150-year-old family-owned pub, while raising her spirited seven-year-old daughter who struggles to contain her aspirations in the valley.



## Chasing Coexistence

Ieuan Rose, Albert Michaud

UWE Bristol

Daniel Kutata, a community ranger in Southern Kenya, is at the centre of a growing human-elephant conflict along a vital migratory route. Caught between protecting livelihoods and safeguarding elephants, he struggles to maintain a fragile peace. Farmers are calling for help, to chase off crop-raiding elephants that have begun breaking through electric fences, and camera trap footage reveals the tactic is being passed on to younger bulls, threatening to overwhelm Daniel and his team.



## In the Name of Mother

Sahil Saxena, Densu Moseti, Ronak Kotian, Filip Badiar, Jacob Stone, Sriramachandhran A

National Film and Television School

What does it truly mean to protect something sacred, and at what cost? In a nation divided by polarising beliefs and nationalist politics, Shiva, a cow vigilante, devotes himself to saving cows at all costs, revealing a journey towards uncompromising dogmatism that questions the price of faith in India today.



## Sherbet Dads

Annalise Valentino, Laura Wiggett, Maria Luiza Munhoz, Rutik Joshi, Amir Ashoori

National Film and Television School

A 30-year-old filmmaker who was abandoned by her own father hops in and out of London Black Cabs in the hope that the drivers can tell her more about what it means to be a father.




From *The Murder Detective* to *England 'Til I Die,* at Channel 4 we are unafraid to bring complex stories out of the darkness and into the light.

# Channel 4
# Best Constructed & Formatted Documentary Series



## Blue Therapy

Andy Amadi, Anna Edwinson, Luti Fagbenle, Vanessa Van-Yeboah, Deborah Famodun, Mark Johnson

Netflix, Osun Group – Netflix

*Blue Therapy* follows seven couples facing challenges in their relationship – from infidelity to financial insecurity – as they attempt to mend and rebuild their lives together. Guided by a therapist, each couple must confront their deepest fears, unearthing life-shattering secrets along the way. As they return to their lives outside of the therapy room, every breakthrough is tested and hard truths come at a cost.



## Sort Your Life Out

Production Team

Optomen Television – BBC

*Sort Your Life Out* sees Stacey Solomon and a team of experts help a family completely transform their home through a life-changing declutter, deep clean and makeover. After meeting the family and discovering why their home no longer works for them, every single possession is removed and laid out in a vast warehouse, revealing the astonishing scale of their belongings. The experts explain they have just one week to transform both the family's home and the way they live.



## The Jury: Murder Trial

Production Team

ScreenDog Productions – Channel 4

A young mother says she killed her boyfriend in self-defence, but is she telling the truth? A real-life murder trial is restaged – with actors – for a jury of 12 ordinary people. Will the jury agree with the verdict of the original trial?



## Virgin Island

Production Team

Double Act – Channel 4

In this groundbreaking series, *Virgin Island* follows 12 adult virgins as they attend a unique intimacy course at an island retreat designed to help them overcome the fears holding them back. The age at which young people are losing their virginity is higher than ever, driven by social media, pornography and loneliness. Through therapy from world-leading sexologists, this heartwarming, timely and thought-provoking series explores these people's issues as they take their first steps towards sex.


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# Analogue
# Best Documentary Short



## Authors of the Estate

Abdou Cissé, Marnie Hollande, Andre Wooz, George Telfer, Nabil Alkinani, Adam Reid

Freedom & Balance – Theatrical release

In August 2019, the Chalkhill Estate, tired of outsiders telling their stories, decided to 'be the plot twist'. Pen in hand, they turned their neighbourhood into a publishing house, re-writing their narrative and delivering real stories of community right from the source. Set in North West London, the film follows two housing estates as they take their story into their own hands. It explores a powerful tale of ownership, creativity, and community.



## Children No More: Were and are Gone

Hilla Medalia, Sheila Nevins, Yael Melamede, Siobhan Sinnerton, Vesna Cudic

Medalia Productions, SALTY Features, Full Story Films – Sky Documentaries

In Tel Aviv, activists gather weekly to demonstrate their opposition to the war in Gaza with a silent vigil for the children killed in Israeli attacks.



## Murewa

Ché Scott-Heron Newton, Matt Houghton, Marlon Francis

Fee Fie Foe – Bolton Film Festival

Two boys form a close friendship in a quiet coastal town, sharing passions for skateboarding and photography. As they grow up, life takes them in drastically different directions – one to university, the other to prison.



## The Oath

Louis Hollis, Liane Aviram, Kyri Evangelou, Lina Qasem-Hassan, Jess Gormley, Lindsay Poulton

The Guardian Documentaries – theguardian.com

Dr Lina Qasem-Hassan, a Palestinian living and working in Israel, teaches medical ethics as well as practising as a physician, caring for both Israeli and Palestinian patients. In Israel's internationally acclaimed healthcare system, regarded as one of the world's leading examples, a quarter of doctors are Palestinian citizens of Israel. While the medical oath calls for equal care for all patients, Lina witnesses the system veering away from that promise.

# Best Sports Documentary



## Champions of the Golden Valley

Ben Sturgulewski, Katie Stjernholm, Yiannis Exarchos, Baktash Ahadi, JT Taylor, Justin Lacob

Olympic Channel, XTR Studios, Sturgefilm, Tideshift, Optimist, Taleem – Olympics.com

In the remote mountains of Afghanistan, former Olympic hopeful Alishah Farhang builds a grassroots ski community with handmade equipment and unbreakable optimism. As rival villages unite through competition, the return of conflict transforms this uplifting sports story into a deeply human portrait of resilience, displacement and the enduring power of hope.



## King Of Lies: Football's Trillion Dollar Con

Louis Myles, Daniel Sharp, Matthew Lorenzo, Sam Cryer, Jack Oliver, Will Stone

Dash Pictures, Sky, Matthew Lorenzo Productions, Intermission Film – Sky Documentaries

Football's greatest con is a stranger than fiction caper – how one man took control of almost half a London bank, duped an England manager and a former Chief of Defence Intelligence and cut a trillion-dollar deal with North Korea.



## Queen of Chess

Rory Kennedy, Mark Bailey, Keven McAlester, Jesse Overman, Azin Samari

Netflix, Moxie Films – Netflix

A 12-year-old Hungarian girl dreams of conquering the male-dominated world of international chess. As Judit Polgár blazes her way to the top, she sets her sights on beating world champion Garry Kasparov – and over a 15-year journey, discovers that it takes more than genius and grit to become one of the greatest chess players of all time.



## The Corinthians: We Were the Champions

Helen Tither, Sarah Walters, Greg Cheetham, Craig Leedham, John Whittington, Zoe Callan

Films Not Words – BBC

The real-life story of the original rebel girls of football – The Corinthians Ladies FC from Manchester – who defied the misogyny of The English Football Association's 50-year ban on women to become global champions. Sidelined from history, 10 players reveal exclusively how a gang of working-class girls beat the male establishment. The documentary's cinema release sparked a campaign that made The FA apologise for the women's ban for the first time in 105 years.

# Best History Documentary



## Children of the Blitz

Jack Warrender, Sophie Jones, Morgan Matthews, George Grafton, Sonia Khan, Anna Price

Minnow Films – BBC

Before the outbreak of war in September 1940, the British government put plans in place to evacuate millions of children, but only 800,000 left towns and cities at risk of being bombed. *Children of the Blitz* features stories from some of the two million children who stayed at home. Now the last surviving witnesses to the reality of the Blitz, their testimony offers an intimate and moving portrait of wartime Britain through children's eyes.



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Production Team

Netflix, Rogan Productions – Netflix

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## Sally

Cristina Costantini, Lauren Cioffi, Jon Bardin, Dan Cogan, Tom Maroney, Alfie Koetter

Story Syndicate, Muck Media – National Geographic

Sally Ride became the first American woman to blast off into space, but beneath her unflappable composure, she carried a secret. Revealing the romance and sacrifices of their 27 years together, Sally's life partner, Tam O'Shaughnessy, tells the full story of this complicated and iconic astronaut for the first time.



## The Dunblane Tapes

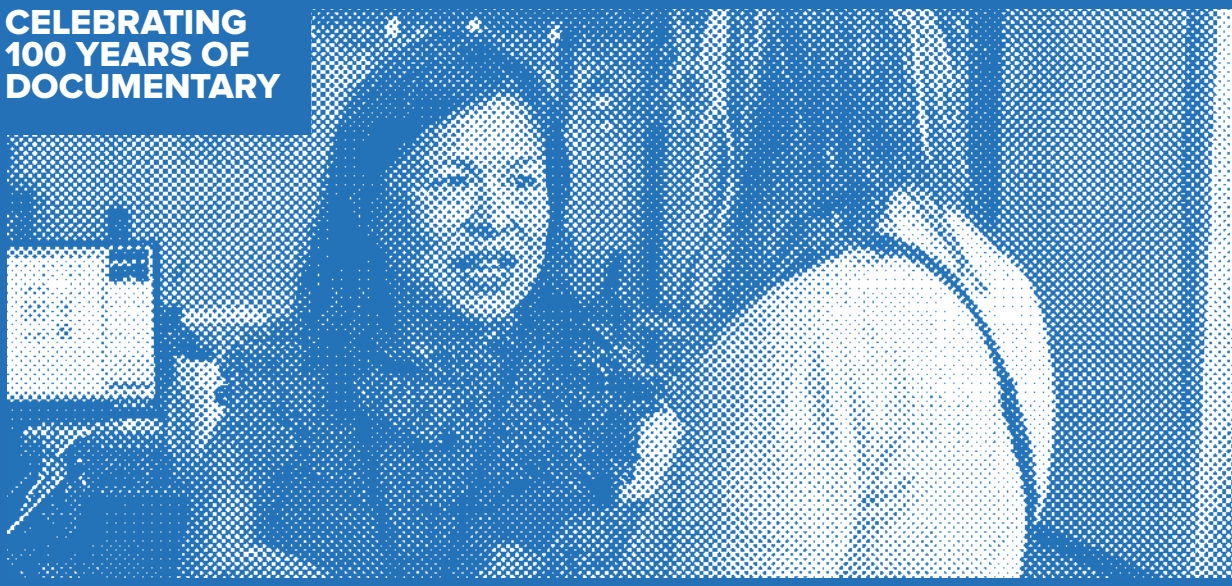
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# GRIERSON SESSIONS

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF DOCUMENTARY



**Celebrating 100 years since John Grierson coined the term 'documentary', the Grierson Sessions supported the factual freelancing community by bolstering skills and connections across the UK documentary workforce.**

Throughout the year, the Trust ran online masterclasses, networking sessions with Talent Managers, CV clinics, and career coaching with the Grierson Trustees.

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**"The CV session was a huge confidence booster, encouraging me to be louder about my achievements, and the best ways to capture them with clear actionable feedback."**

– CV Clinic participant

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**"I found my session with Tom McDonald highly beneficial; he was exceptionally generous and welcoming with his time. I appreciate all that you do. My gratitude is endless!"**

– Tom S., Career Clinic participant

# Best Documentary Presenter



## Amol Rajan

**for *Amol Rajan Goes to the Ganges***

Brigid McFall, Dilesh Korya, Anwar Mamon, Rebecca Wootton, Linda Stephens, Dhruv Singh

Wildstar Films – BBC

Journalist Amol Rajan heads to India on a personal pilgrimage. At the largest religious festival in history, the Kumbh Mela, he wants to find out if faith can help heal the grief of losing his father.



## Christine Flack

**for *Caroline Flack: Search for the Truth***

Production Team

Curious Films – Disney+

The shocking story of Caroline Flack, the *Love Island* presenter and one of Britain's biggest stars. After her arrest in 2019, she became the target of a relentless media storm. Vilified in the press and online, her world spiralled and ended in tragedy when she took her own life. This powerful two-part Disney+ documentary follows Caroline's mother, Christine, as she investigates the truth about her daughter's final months.



## Hamza Yassin

**for *Hamza's Hidden Wild Isles***

Laura Howard, Hamza Yassin, Siobhan Brook, Philippa Edwards, Alastair Fothergill, Loz Whitaker

Silverback Films, The Open University – BBC

Wildlife cameraman Hamza Yassin spends the spring revealing hidden natural spectacles across the UK – badgers, adders and nightingales offer memorable and intimate encounters.



## Hannah Fry

**for *AI Confidential with Hannah Fry***

Production Team

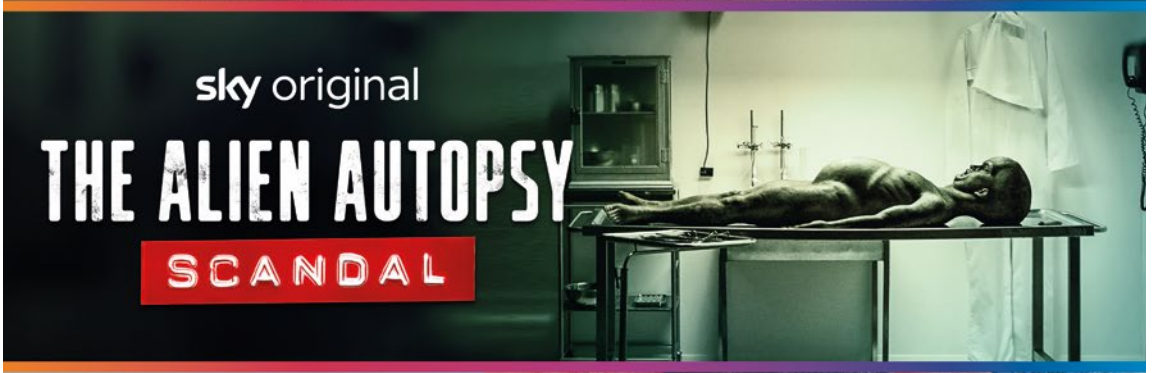
Curious Films, The Open University – BBC

Professor Hannah Fry investigates the most shocking and surprising stories from the AI revolution – exploring what happens when this powerful new technology collides with human lives. From the British teenager whose AI girlfriend encouraged him to assassinate the Queen, to the first pedestrian killed by a driverless car, and the algorithm that may have led to one of the most infamous murders of recent years, Hannah reveals the true impact AI is having today.













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documentaries

Congratulations to all the nominees
of the 2026 Grierson Awards.

# Sky Documentaries
# Best Cinema Documentary



## 2000 Meters to Andriivka

Mstyslav Chernov, Michelle Mizner, Raney Aronson-Rath, Alex Babenko, Sam Slater, Derl McCrudden

PBS Frontline, AP – Sky Documentaries

A Ukrainian platoon's mission: traverse a heavily fortified mile of forest to liberate a strategic village from Russian forces. A journalist accompanies them, witnessing the ravages of war and the growing uncertainty about its conclusion.



## Come See Me in the Good Light

Ryan White, Jessica Hargrave, Tig Notaro, Stef Willen, Berenice Chavez, Brandon Somerhalder

Tripod Media, Amplify Pictures, Treat Media, Something Fierce Productions – Apple TV

*Come See Me in the Good Light* is a love story about poets Andrea Gibson and Megan Falley facing an incurable cancer diagnosis. Through laughter and perspective, they transform pain into purpose, and mortality into a celebration of resilience.



## The Shepherd and the Bear

Max Keegan, Elizabeth Woodward, Jesse Moss, Amanda McBaine

Salthill Films, WILLA, Mile End Films, Pinky Promise – Theatrical release

High in the French Pyrenees, the reintroduction of wild bears in a traditional shepherding community provokes deep conflict. An ageing shepherd struggles to find a successor as bears prey on his flock, and a teenage boy becomes obsessed with tracking the bear.



## The Tale of Silyan

Production Team

Concordia Studio, The Corner Shop, Ciconia Film – National Geographic

Nikola, a farmer grappling with the harsh realities of new government policies, finds himself unable to sell his land or crops. He takes a job as a landfill attendant, where he encounters the injured white stork Silyan. As he nurses the bird back to health, an unlikely bond forms between man and animal. The result is a deeply moving film that touches on climate change, economic migration, resilience and the quiet power of connection.



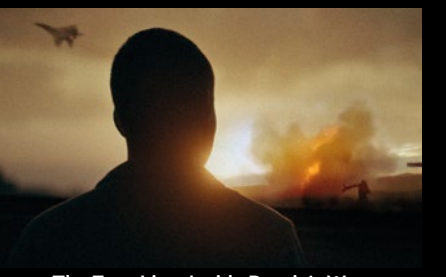
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Turner: The Secret Sketchbooks



The Zero Line: Inside Russia's War



Lover, Liar, Predator




Mr Nobody Against Putin



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The Mother of All Cons



Children of the Blitz



Confessions of a Brain Surgeon

BBC

Proudly Supporting British Documentary Makers

# BBC Grierson Trustees' Award

BBC

## This evening Anna Godas receives the prestigious Grierson Trustees' Award in recognition of her role in distributing and producing multiple award-winning feature documentaries for more than 20 years.



Anna Godas is CEO and co-founder of UK-based documentary film company Dogwoof. Over the past 22 years the company has backed 37 Academy Award-nominated documentaries, including seven winners, alongside five BAFTA-winning and 20 Grierson Award-winning films. Titles funded or distributed by Dogwoof include *20 Days in Mariupol, Navalny, No Other Land, Free Solo, Apollo 11, Fire of Love, All That Breathes, The Act of Killing* and *Blackfish*.

During that time, Anna has helped transform Dogwoof from a small UK independent film distributor to a leading global brand in the field of documentary. She spearheaded the launch of Dogwoof's international sales division, and its move into financing and production, creating a business that can support documentaries from development through to international sales and distribution.

The Grierson Trustees' Award, sponsored by the BBC, recognises the role Godas has played as the driving force in developing new routes to finance and market for independent documentary, connecting filmmakers with international buyers, distributors and production partners. By expanding Dogwoof beyond traditional UK distribution, she has helped create opportunities for ambitious documentaries to secure backing and reach global audiences, while strengthening the UK's position within the international documentary sector.

Congratulations, Anna!

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**SHOULD I MARRY A MURDERER?**

DOCUMENTARY SERIES

*Songs from the Hole*

ARTS AND MUSIC DOCUMENTARY

# Netflix
# Best Documentary Series

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## Hostage

Production Team
Story Films, Basement Films – BBC

The rise of a violent rogue state and the journalists who disappeared. Loyalty and coercion collide in Islamic State Group's chilling kidnap of James Foley and John Cantlie.



## See No Evil

Production Team
Passion Pictures – Channel 4

A shocking two-part documentary about the life and crimes of John Smyth, the most prolific serial abuser associated with the Church of England. This inside story hears from those closest to him, including family members, his widow and the victim/survivors of his abuse.



## Should I Marry a Murderer?

Production Team
Netflix, Candle True Stories – Netflix

First he declared his love, then he confessed to a brutal crime. In this documentary, a wife-to-be faces an unimaginable truth – and an impossible choice.



## The Mother of All Cons

Luned Tonderai, Jonathan Smith, Charlie Hawryliw, Ruth Mayer, Michelle Clinton, Georgia Moseley
BBC Studios Documentary Unit – BBC

A teenage girl's charity for sick children brings fairytales to life and wins celeb-backing from One Direction. But when some parents turn detective, a darker truth comes to light.

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# ENVY
# Best Single Documentary – Domestic



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## Molly vs THE MACHINES

Marc Silver, Kat Mansoor, Natalie Humphreys, Emiliano Battista, Shoshana Zuboff, Saya Gray

Snowstorm Productions, Storyboard Studios, Marc Silver Ltd – Channel 4

From a teenager's suburban bedroom to the boardrooms of Silicon Valley, *Molly vs THE MACHINES* is the story of a heartbroken father's quest to uncover the truth behind his daughter's death and his fightback against how the most powerful corporations of the modern age operate.



## One Day in Southport

Dan Reed, James Parris, Bruce Law, Iris Maor, Milo Iurio

Amos Pictures – Channel 4

July 2024: The mass stabbing and murder of little girls at a Taylor Swift-themed dance workshop triggers nationwide rioting on an unprecedented scale. *One Day in Southport* relives the crime through the eyes of a surviving girl then examines the roots of the mob violence which caught the government unprepared.



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# GRIERSON DOCLAB

# NEW ENTRANTS

In association with NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

**The Grierson Trust is proud to continue supporting new and emerging talent through the Grierson DocLab: New Entrants training programme. With thanks to headline sponsor National Geographic plus industry supporter Banijay UK and a number of independent production companies.**

**Our Supporters**



## Now in its 14th year, Grierson DocLab: New Entrants supports UK-based 18-to-25-year-olds who are passionate about documentaries and looking to take their first steps in the industry. The programme continues to seek out people who are under-represented in the sector.

Twelve trainees from across the UK were selected to take part in an intensive programme of in-person and online training, alongside a trip to Sheffield DocFest, a work placement at a production company, mentorship, and a range of networking opportunities.

The programme covered everything from documentary genres, forms and formats to workshops with industry professionals; navigating life as a freelancer; working with sensitive topics and caring for contributors; using AI tools; developing digital-first docs, and much more.

Trainees then put their learning into practice, culminating in the opportunity to pitch a documentary idea to industry professionals representing a range of broadcasters and production companies.

22 production companies also generously offered support via trainee placements, including – 22 Summers, 72 Films, BBC Studios, Blast Films, Box to Box Films, Curious Films, Dragonfly TV, KEO Films, Lightbox, Mindhouse Productions, Minnow Films, Orchard Studios, Passion Pictures, Raw TV, Rogan Productions, The Garden, True North, Twenty Twenty, Twofour, Wall to Wall, Wise Owl Films (part of All3Media) and Wonderhood Studios.

Huge thanks to lead trainer, Carol Nahra, the industry speakers who led workshops and sessions, to the Grierson DocLab Alumni who shared their insights with the new trainees, and to our valued supporters Clear Cut Pictures, Creators Counsel and Talented People.

**“It was so surreal to have the opportunity to work for a company I have admired for so many years. The placement gave me the opportunity to show off my skillset and help support production and development teams. I never would have had a chance for something like this if it wasn’t for the Grierson Trust.”**



Mila Boersma, Grierson DocLab: New Entrants 2026 trainee – placement at Raw TV

**“Mila approached everything with enthusiasm, initiative and professionalism, and the impact she made during her placement was so significant that we decided to extend her time with us and bring her onto the production on a paid contract. She is a fantastic example of just how valuable these placements can be.”**

Tasha Dancona, Senior Story Producer – Raw TV

GRIERSON DOCLAB

# ALUMNI

**Once they have completed their training, Grierson trainees join the ever-growing alumni network, remaining an important part of our community. We continue to stay connected with our alumni through a buddying system, sharing job opportunities, mentoring, and creating opportunities to connect with the wider industry.**

We’re also proud to champion their achievements and this year, we were particularly proud to see a record number of Grierson DocLab Alumni recognised on the Grierson Awards longlist – a testament to the creativity and ambition of the people who have come through the programme. We’re delighted to celebrate their successes and see the impact of their work across the industry.

**“Grierson has given me opportunities, support and the confidence to succeed, I wouldn’t be where I am today without them. My recent credits include *Love You to Death*, *Free Nelson Mandela* and *Black Is Beautiful: The Kwame Brathwaite Story*, which won the 2025 Audience Award at the BFI London Film Festival and is nominated for the Best Arts and Music Documentary at the Griersons. This year, I was the recipient of the Prince William BAFTA Bursary and selected as one of 25 for Edinburgh TV Festival’s prestigious Visionaries scheme.”**

Chandler Pierre,
New Entrants trainee 2020



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