

The Sandford St Martin Radio and Television Awards 2014

About the awards

The Sandford St Martin Awards are the UK's most prestigious broadcast awards for radio and TV programmes that reflect religious, spiritual or ethical themes. Entries are welcome from news, current affairs, factual, the arts, music, drama and comedy – as well as from teams producing specifically 'religious' commissions.

Prize money of around £10,000 is awarded each year to production teams who – in the eyes of the judges – have achieved excellence with thoughtful, innovative content together with high production values.

The Awards are held at Lambeth Palace, in front of an invited audience representing the industry, journalists and broadcasters and religious traditions.

For the 2014 Awards, separate Radio and TV judging panels will each select winners of a Premier Award of £2,000 and a Runner-up Award of £1,500. A special award of £1,000 will be made for the best entry from a Local/Community station or Online source.

In addition, there is a Radio Times Readers' Award given to a programme chosen by the magazine's readers and presented by the Editor.

The Trust also makes an annual Trustees' Award as well as occasional Personal Awards for outstanding contributions to the wider understanding of religious broadcasting.

To submit an entry, read the criteria below and complete an entry form for EACH programme you wish to submit. Please note that *not more than 2 programmes or episodes of any one series should be submitted*. Each programme must be submitted as a separate entry and will be judged as such.

Please note! The closing date for entries this year is Friday 21 February 2014.

Eligibility

- Programmes should explore religious themes – or examine broader aspects of life of particular interest or concern to religious communities as well as appealing to a wider, general audience.
- The Trust welcomes programmes on any of the world religions.
- We welcome entries from news, current affairs, drama, music, the arts etc – as well as from specifically 'religious' commissions.

- Entries should generally have been transmitted in the United Kingdom for a UK audience. Any queries about eligibility should be raised with the Trust via the Administrator and the Trust will adjudicate on a case-by-case basis.
- Entries must have been broadcast for the first time between **1 February 2013 and 31 January 2014** and should be 'as transmitted' (e.g. no 'highlights' compilations' etc). *No more than 2 programmes or episodes of any one series should be submitted.* Each episode will count as a **separate** entry and must be submitted separately.

Judging criteria

The judges will be looking for:

- Programmes with a strong religious or spiritual dimension – reflecting, investigating or explaining a religious approach to life and its meaning, seeking to evoke a religious response in the viewer, bringing a religious perspective to bear on political, social and economic arguments, or explaining a religious point of view, or an ethical dilemma.
- Boldness, originality and impact in the central editorial idea and its narrative structure – including format, presenters, and contributors.
- Creative use of the relevant craft skills, e.g. sound, pictures, commentary, script, photography, directing and editing – consistent with the genre and budget.
- Entertaining and engaging editorial that has clear appeal to the target audience.

How to enter

Please complete one entry form for each programme. (Forms are downloadable from the Trust's website www.sandfordawards.co.uk).

For **each entry**, please include:

- Two copies of the programme (unless you're submitting electronic files which may be copied). We accept any common digital media file formats, as well as PAL DVD and Audio CD. Please ensure all media is clearly labelled with source, title and duration.
- Two copies of the entry form, plus the entry fee of **£50** for network broadcasts or the reduced rate of **£25** for local/community radio or other non-network entries.

Cheques should be made payable to **The Sandford St Martin (Church of England) Trust**. BACS payments should be made to **CAF Bank Ltd., Sort Code 40-52-40, Account 00016810**. Please notify Gill@sandfordawards.org.uk when BACS payments are processed.

Send completed entries to:

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