

RORY PECK AWARDS 2014

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RORY PECK AWARDS 2014 – FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Rory Peck finalists remind us why freelance journalists deserve recognition, support and protection

NEW YORK, 13.00 hrs, WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014: In a presentation at New York City's British Residence today, **legendary US news broadcaster TOM BROKAW** announced the nine finalists for the Rory Peck Awards 2014, sponsored by Sony.

The Rory Peck Awards are the only awards dedicated to the work of freelance cameramen and camerawomen in news and current affairs - self-shooting journalists, video-journalists and filmmakers who work independently covering events and uncovering stories in many of the globe's most difficult regions. This year's finalists come from Britain, Central African Republic, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Syria, USA and Ukraine.

TINA CARR, Director of the Rory Peck Trust, who organises the Rory Peck Awards, said this year's finalists prove that most freelancers are experienced, committed journalists and filmmakers, producing exceptional work. "At a time when journalists are being targeted and silenced more than ever before, the finalists of this year's Rory Peck Awards show us the power of independent reporting, and the determination of freelancers to bear witness and uncover stories. Freelancers play a central role in our understanding of the world, but as recent events have shown, they are often the most vulnerable. The Rory Peck Awards remind us why freelancers deserve recognition, support and protection."

Sony has been a committed sponsor of the Rory Peck Awards since they began in 1995. "The ability of freelancers to produce breath-taking and engaging footage in the most challenging conditions is an inspiration to us all", said **OLIVIER BOVIS, Head of Marketing AV Media and Solutions, Sony Professional Solutions Europe**. "At Sony, we know how much meticulous planning and hard work goes into capturing the human story or split second of footage that can change viewers perceptions around the globe. Our sponsorship of the Rory Peck Awards is Sony's recognition of the immense value that freelancers bring to the news agenda, and our support of the Rory Peck Trust for the work they do, equips freelancers with the skills, knowledge and back-up they need to work with confidence."

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Rory Peck Awards 2014 Finalists

RORY PECK AWARD FOR NEWS

PACOME PABANJI (Central African) for **CAR: Descent into Chaos**

Shot in CAR, December 2013 to May 2014. Broadcast by AFPTV

NICHOLE SOBECKI (American) for **Terror strikes Kenya: Attack at the Westgate Mall**

Shot in Kenya, September 2013. Broadcast by AFPTV

ANDRIY PERUN (Ukrainian) for **Ukraine Crisis: Kiev**

Shot in Ukraine, December 2013 to February 2014. Broadcast by Reuters

RORY PECK AWARD FOR FEATURES

MARCEL METTELSIEFEN (German) for **Children on the Frontline**

Shot in Syria, July to August 2013. ITN Productions for Channel 4 *Dispatches*. Additional funding from ARTE, DR, SVT, Skyvision,

MUHAMMAD ALI (Syrian) for **Syria's Second Front**

Shot in Syria, November 2013 to January 2014. Clover Films for PBS *Frontline*

TEAM MINDEULLE (North Korean) for **North Korea: Life Inside the Secret State**

Shot in North Korea and South Korea, 2011 to 2013. Hard Cash Productions for Channel 4 *Dispatches* and PBS *Frontline*

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RUHI HAMID (British) for **Knife Crime ER**

Shot in South Africa, November 2013. Sundog Pictures for BBC3 *Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa* series

SAFA AL-AHMAD (Saudi) for **Saudi's Secret Uprising**

Shot in Saudi Arabia, January to February 2013, December 2013 and January 2014

Commissioned by BBC Our World with BBC Persian and Arabic channels. Broadcast across BBC.

BEN STEELE (British) for **Hunted**

Shot in Russia, November to December 2013.

Blakeway Productions for Channel 4 *Dispatches*. Co-funded by BBC Worldwide.

The winners of the Rory Peck Awards 2014 will be announced at the **Rory Peck Awards Ceremony**, 19.30 hrs GMT, **Wednesday 19 November 2014** at London's BFI Southbank. For more information about the finalists and how to buy tickets, visit <http://www.rorypeckawards.org>.

For further information about the Rory Peck Awards and Rory Peck Trust, and to arrange interviews with 2014 Finalists and Rory Peck Trust representatives, please contact:

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About the Rory Peck Awards

The Rory Peck Awards, sponsored by Sony, are uniquely dedicated to the work of freelance cameramen and women in news and current affairs. Established in 1995, and named after freelance cameraman Rory Peck who was killed in Moscow in 1993, these highly prized awards honour quality of camerawork, journalistic ability and individual endeavour and initiative. There are three competitive categories: the Rory Peck Award for News; the Rory Peck Award for Features and the Sony Professional Impact Award. The Martin Adler Prize is a non-competitive honour which recognises the dedication and bravery of local freelancers. The Rory Peck Awards ceremony is the main annual fundraiser for the Rory Peck Trust. www.rorypeckawards.org

About The Rory Peck Trust

The Rory Peck Trust is uniquely dedicated to the support, safety and welfare of freelance newsgatherers and their families around the world. Working with local and international partners in over 60 countries, the Trust provides financial assistance to freelancers and their families in crisis and is a source of information, advice and resources on issues including risk assessment, safety, insurance, trauma counselling and professional development. The Trust also provides safety training bursaries for freelancers planning to work in hostile environments, and collaborates on in-country projects tailored to the needs of freelancers working in specific regions and situations. A non-profit, non-partisan organisation, the Trust is based in London and relies on charitable donations and sponsorship to carry out its work. www.rorypecktrust.org

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