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## The CTBF unveils 2014 John Brabourne awards' winners

The Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund (CTBF), a charity for people working behind the scenes in the UK film, cinema and commercial television industries, has revealed the recipients of the annual John Brabourne Awards (JBAs), dedicated to providing invaluable financial assistance to individuals that have faced difficulties in progressing their career. The 2014 awardees will be honoured during a formal reception at BAFTA this evening.



A record 184 entrants applied for consideration, a 50 per cent uplift on 2013, with the successful candidates receiving a grant ranging between £1,000 and £5,000, towards the development of their careers in the film and TV industries. Nine awards were made this year, with an experienced industry committee finalising the list of recipients.

Awardees being recognised at tonight's reception at BAFTA include: Charlotte Hudson (pictured), an exciting comedy writer with a number of film and TV projects in development, and one half of the double act, Two Left Hands; Adam Biskupski, an award-winning shorts editor whose debut feature *The Goob* recently premiered at Venice Film Festival and will screen in competition at the upcoming London

Film Festival; and the highly promising Hero Mackenzie, an MA filmmaking student at the London Film School.

Richard Wilson, chief executive of The CTBF, commented: “We are delighted with the record number of submissions and level of interest shown in this year’s JBA’s, and believe it reflects the unique position, and value, the award holds within the film and television industries. We have chosen a diverse and very deserving group of recipients and trust that this award will act as a creative catalyst for each awardee, helping them achieve their ambitions within their respective fields, and continue to share in the success previous awardees have experienced through the JBA programme.”

Targeted at talented individuals within the film and television industries, The JBAs aim to provide a financial stepping stone for those that have faced difficulties within their personal or professional lives – from financial hardship and accident to illness and bereavement. Previous awardees have gone on to create award-winning film and television, including Krishnendu Majumdar, series director, *An Idiot Abroad*, who received a JBA in 2008, William Jessop, director of BBC 3’s *Growing Up Downs* who received an award in 2011, and Sandhya Suri, director of *I For India*, who received an award in 2013.

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