

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY 14TH MAY

CELEBRATE THE VIRGIN TV BRITISH ACADEMY TELEVISION AWARDS NOMINEES WITH CHAMPAGNE TAITTINGER AND VILLA MARIA

11th April - The nominees for the Virgin TV British Academy Television Awards were announced this morning by Michaela Coel and Andrew Buchan. Historical drama, *The Crown*, leads the way to win a sought-after BAFTA award, which recognises excellence in television, with 5 nominations including Drama Series and Leading Actress for Claire Foy.



Michaela Coel & Andrew Buchan announcing the nominations for the
2017 British Academy Television Awards
Credit: BAFTA/Jamie Simonds

As official Champagne and Wine Partners to BAFTA and keen supporters of the arts, Champagne Taittinger and Villa Maria wines from New Zealand are thrilled to be helping the guests celebrate at the Award ceremony which takes place on Sunday 14th May at the Royal Festival Hall in London, and will be hosted for the first time by Sue Perkins.

Bespoke BAFTA labelled Magnums and bottles of Champagne Taittinger Brut Réserve NV will be served at the ceremony, and New Zealand's most awarded winery for over 30 years, Villa Maria, will be serving their Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc 2016 and Private Bin Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 at the special post ceremony dinner and after-show party.

The nominees announced this morning include those below. To see the full list of nominations, please visit:
<http://awards.bafta.org/2017>

LEADING ACTOR

ADEEL AKHTAR *Murdered by My Father* - BBC Studios/BBC Three

BABOU CEESAY *Damilola, Our Loved Boy* - Minnow Films/BBC One

BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH *The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses* - Neal Street Productions/BBC Two
Productions/Carnival Films/NBC Universal/Thirteen/BBC Two

ROBBIE COLTRANE *National Treasure - The Forge*/Channel 4



LEADING ACTRESS

CLAIRE FOY *The Crown* - Left Bank Pictures/Netflix

JODIE COMER *Thirteen* - BBC Studios/BBC America/BBC Three

NIKKI AMUKA-BIRD NW - Mammoth Screen/BBC Two

SARAH LANCASHIRE *Happy Valley* - Red Production Company/BBC One

SUPPORTING ACTOR

DANIEL MAYS *Line of Duty* - World Productions/BBC Two

JARED HARRIS *The Crown* - Left Bank Pictures/Netflix

JOHN LITHGOW *The Crown* - Left Bank Pictures/Netflix

TOM HOLLANDER *The Night Manager* - The Ink Factory/Demarest/Character Seven/BBC One

SUPPORTING ACTRESS

NICOLA WALKER *Last Tango in Halifax* - Red Production Company/BBC One

SIOBHAN FINNERAN *Happy Valley* - Red Production Company/BBC One

VANESSA KIRBY *The Crown* - Left Bank Pictures/Netflix

WUNMI MOSAKU *Damilola, Our Loved Boy* - Minnow Films/BBC One

ENTERTAINMENT PERFORMANCE

ADAM HILLS *The Last Leg* - Open Mike Productions/Channel 4

CLAUDIA WINKLEMAN *Strictly Come Dancing* - BBC Studios/BBC One

GRAHAM NORTON *The Graham Norton Show* - So Television/BBC One

MICHAEL MCINTYRE *Michael McIntyre's Big Show* - Hungry McBear/BBC One

DRAMA SERIES

THE CROWN *Production Team* - Left Bank Pictures/Netflix

THE DURRELLS *Production Team* - Sid Gentle Films Ltd/Masterpiece/ITV

HAPPY VALLEY *Sally Wainwright, Juliet Charlesworth, Nicola Shindler, Neasa Hardiman* - Red Production Company/BBC One

WAR & PEACE *Production Team* - BBC Studios/BBC Wales/Lookout Point/TWC/BBC One

FEMALE PERFORMANCE IN A COMEDY PROGRAMME

DIANE MORGAN *Cunk on Shakespeare* - House of Tomorrow/BBC Two

LESLEY MANVILLE *Mum* - Big Talk Productions/BBC Two

OLIVIA COLMAN *Fleabag* - Two Brothers Pictures/BBC Three

PHOEBE WALLER-BRIDGE *Fleabag* - Two Brothers Pictures/BBC Three

MALE PERFORMANCE IN A COMEDY PROGRAMME

ASIM CHAUDHRY *People Just Do Nothing* - Roughcut TV/BBC Three

DAVID MITCHELL *Upstart Crow* - BBC Studios/BBC Two

HARRY ENFIELD *The Windsors* - Noho Film and Television/Channel 4

STEVE COOGAN *Alan Partridge's Scissored Isle* - Baby Cow Productions/Sky Atlantic

The Virgin TV British Academy Television Awards will air on BBC One on Sunday 14th May.

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