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Film Critic and Broadcaster Mark Kermode to host the British Film Designers Guild Awards 2018

Mark Kermode, Observer Film Critic and presenter on BBC Radio 5 Live will be the host of the BFDG's annual awards ceremony to be held at the Royal Horseguards Hotel, Westminster, London.

Mark will be hosting the event which takes place on Saturday 9 February at the Royal Horseguards Hotel, London SW1. The awards are an annual event in the calendar of the British Film Designers Guild who come together to celebrate excellence in Film and Television Art Departments.

Adam O'Neill, Chairman of the British Film Designers Guild said:

"It is an immense pleasure to welcome Mark Kermode as our awards host this year. This is yet another milestone for the BFDG in our aim to put our event on the map and to become an established and highly respected part of the international awards calendar".

The British Film Designers Guild was established over 70 years ago and has a membership of over 400 who represent every level of the Art Department those straight from education, to heads of department: Supervising Art Director, Set Decorator and Production Designer.

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CONTACTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Awards that will be presented on the evening are as follows:

1. Spotighting New Talent – from the BFDG membership
2. Best Production Design – Light Entertainment Television Programme - includes comedy and general entertainment
3. Best Production Design - Independent Television Drama including mini series, Television movie or limited series
4. Best Production Design – International Television Drama including mini series, Television movie or limited series



5. Best Production Design - Independent Feature Film - period
6. Best Production Design – Independent Feature Film - contemporary
7. Best Production Design - International Studio Feature Film - period
8. Best Production Design - International Studio Feature Film - contemporary
9. Best Production Design - International Studio Feature Film – fantasy
10. Lifetime Achievement - from BFDG membership

Mark Kermode is the UK's best known and most trusted film critic. He is the Chief Film Critic for the **Observer**, co-host of *Kermode & Mayo's Film Review* on **BBC Radio 5 Live**, reviewer for the BBC's *News Channel Film Review* and host of his own podcast *Kermode On Film*. He has written and presented film and music shows on Channel 4, BBC 2 and BBC 4, and on BBC Radio stations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5Live and more. He is making a third series of *Celluloid Jukebox* on **BBC Radio 2** and his second **BBC4** series *Secrets of Cinema* airs this spring. His monthly stage show *Mark Kermode Live in 3D* at the **BFI Southbank** is in its fourth year. He holds two **Sony Awards** for his radio programmes, and his band The Dodge Brothers' album *The Sun Set* was voted **Blues Album of the Year** 2013.

The society of British Film Directors and Designers was founded in 1946, for the betterment of Design in British Films. Out of this society grew the Guild of Film Art Directors, and the present British Film Designers Guild, who now include in their membership all the various branches of the Art Department.

Our membership covers a diverse range of skills and experience. Spanning project budgets for International, Independent and micro budget productions. As well as Feature films, Shorts, Pilots, Promos, Commercials, Television Film, Series and Light Entertainment; we work across the board.



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