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RED RIDING WINS BEST TV DRAMA AT THE FINAL SOUTH BANK SHOW AWARDS

Acclaimed Yorkshire drama *Red Riding* has beaten *Being Human* and *Collision* to take the TV drama award at the final South Bank Show Awards, which took place at The Dorchester in London yesterday. Sean Bean accepted the award on behalf of the team behind the ambitious and dark trilogy, which was co-funded by Screen Yorkshire and aired on Channel 4 last year to critical acclaim.

The Damned United - also adapted from a novel by Ossett-born author David Peace and co-funded by Screen Yorkshire - was in the running for **Best Film** alongside *An Education*, but lost out to Academy award winning writer/director Andrea Arnold for her second film, *Fish Tank*.

Hugo Heppell, Head of Production at Screen Yorkshire says

"We are thrilled that the last ever South Bank Show Awards has recognised the outstanding achievement that is Red Riding, and the sustained brilliance to which so many both in front of and behind the camera contributed. We at Screen Yorkshire are immensely proud to have been involved from the beginning in bringing David Peace's extraordinary books to the screen, and congratulate Andrew Eaton, Tony Grisoni and all involved for this much merited award."

Red Riding is currently building a storm of anticipation in the US prior to its theatrical release there on **5th February**. Adapted by Toni Grisoni from local author David Peace's cult noir novels, *Red Riding* (1974, 1980 and 1983) is an ambitious, dark, and thrilling trilogy of interlinking films set in the dark and paranoid world of 1970s and early 80s Yorkshire at the time of the Ripper murders. The *Red Riding* trilogy was supported by Screen Yorkshire through its Production Fund.

Melvyn Bragg hosted the final South Bank Show Awards, which celebrate the full spectrum of the arts, in front of a star-studded audience at The Dorchester, London yesterday. He took the Outstanding Achievement Award, which was presented by Sir David Attenborough; along with taped testimonials screened to the audience from: HRH Prince Charles the Prince of Wales, Clive James, Beryl Bainbridge, PD James and Victoria Wood.

The Awards will be broadcast on ITV1 on Sunday 31 January 2010 at 10.15pm. For a full list of the winners, go to:

<http://www.itv.com/presscentre/pressreleases/programmepressreleases/winnersofthefinalsouthbankshowawards/default.html>

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Red Riding shot at locations across West Yorkshire in 2008, including the Yorkshire Post the Yorkshire Post building in Leeds, Seacroft and Cookridge hospitals, [Temple Newsam](#) and the Brudenell Social Club.

RED RIDING is a [Channel 4](#) presentation in association with **Screen Yorkshire**, [LipSync Post](#) and [Revolution Films](#). The films were aired on Channel 4 in 2009 and are now available to buy on DVD. **To view trailers and find out more about the films, [visit the Channel 4 website](#).**

Screen Yorkshire is the regional screen agency responsible for inspiring, promoting and supporting a successful and sustainable film, television, games and interactive media sector in Yorkshire and Humber. Screen Yorkshire offers a variety of funding and support initiatives to screen media companies and individuals based in the region, supported by its two key partners, Yorkshire Forward and the UK Film Council.

Screen Yorkshire's Production Fund invests in film and television production in the region. Credits include; *The Damned United*, *Red Riding*, *Unforgiven*, *Wuthering Heights*, *Lost in Austen*, *Brideshead Revisited*, *Hush*, *All Tomorrow's Parties* and the BAFTA award winning *This Is England*. Screen Yorkshire is committed to developing regional talent and supports low budget feature slate Warp X, in partnership with the UK Film Council, Film4 and Optimum Releasing. Screen Yorkshire also has a Business Investment Fund, distributes

Lottery and Grant in Aid awards on behalf of the UK Film Council and offers a range of training and skills support packages.

Since the launch of its £10.2m Digital Media Content Programme in 2006, Screen Yorkshire has attracted over £62 million inward investment to the region's economy, created 824 jobs, supported 805 businesses and invested in the skills of 1457 individuals. For further information, visit: www.screenyorkshire.co.uk