

Press Release

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Screen Yorkshire congratulates Warp on British Independent Film Awards success

Warp Films & Warp X, based in **Sheffield**, won five awards at last night's **British Independent Film Awards (BIFAs)**. Warp X, which is partly financed by Screen Yorkshire, won **Best Film** for Paddy Considine's ***Tyrannosaur***; **Best Debut Director** for **Paddy Considine** for ***Tyrannosaur***; **Best Actress** for **Olivia Colman** in *Tyrannosaur*; and **Best Supporting Actor** for **Michael Smiley** in ***Kill List***. Warp Films also won **Best Screenplay** for **Richard Ayoade's** ***Submarine***. **Screen Yorkshire** also supported ***Tyrannosaur*** and ***Kill List*** with **locations and crew support**. The BIFAs took place at Old Billingsgate, London and were hosted by Chris O'Dowd of *The I.T. Crowd* and *Bridesmaids* fame.

Sally Joynson, Chief Executive of Screen Yorkshire, said: "Screen Yorkshire has been a supporter and financier of Warp since the very early days and is a partner investor in the Warp X films to develop new UK directing talent. Last night's success at the BIFAs continues to show they are one of the UK's most successful, prolific and innovative production companies around. I'd like to congratulate Warp on making Sheffield and Yorkshire proud of them once more."

Tyrannosaur, ***Submarine***, & ***Kill List*** received a total of 18 nominations for the BIFAs, one of the most important ceremonies in the UK film calendar. Created in 1998, The British Independent Film Awards set out to celebrate merit and achievement in independently funded British filmmaking, to honour new talent, and to promote British films and filmmaking to a wider public. Previous winners of the coveted Best British Independent Film award include *The King's Speech*, *Moon*, *Control*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, *The Constant Gardener* and *This is England*.

Tyrannosaur is the debut feature film from award winning actor Paddy Considine. Joseph, (Peter Mullan) a man plagued by violence and a rage that is driving him to self- destruction, is spiralling into turmoil. A chance of redemption appears in the form of Hannah (Olivia Colman, a Christian charity shop worker.) Their relationship develops to reveal that Hannah is hiding a secret of her own, a secret with devastating consequences for both of them. *Tyrannosaur* has picked up awards at the Sundance, Dinard, Munich and Massachusetts film festivals.

***Tyrannosaur* filmed in Leeds and Wakefield.**

Kill List is directed by Ben Wheatley (*Down Terrace*) and produced by Claire Jones & Andy Starke for Warp X / Rook Films. Eight months after a disastrous job in Kiev left him physically and mentally scarred, ex-soldier turned contract killer Jay (Neil Maskell), is pressured by his partner Gal (Michael Smiley), into taking a new assignment. As they descend into the dark, disturbing world of the contract, Jay begins to unravel once again - his fear and paranoia sending him deep into the heart of darkness.... **Kill List** filmed at locations across Yorkshire in 2010 including **Leeds, Wakefield, Sheffield** and **North Lincolnshire**.

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Editors' Notes

Pioneering digital film studio **Warp X**, based in Sheffield with a satellite in London, is an initiative of **Film4, UK Film Council, Screen Yorkshire and Studio Canal**. This low budget production slate supports emerging talent to break into feature films and previous films include *Hush*, *Bunny and the Bull*, *A Complete History of My Sexual Failures*, *All Tomorrow's Parties* and *Donkey Punch*

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Screen Yorkshire aims to support a successful and sustainable film, television, games and interactive media sector in Yorkshire and Humber. Our aim is to grow the screen media industries in Yorkshire and Humber by helping businesses to compete in a fast-changing global marketplace. Screen Yorkshire's Production Fund credits include; *This Is England '86*, *Andrea Arnold's upcoming Wuthering Heights*, *Tyrannosaur*, *Son of Babylon*, *The Damned United*, *Red Riding*, *Married Single Other*, *A Passionate Woman*, *Unforgiven*, *Wuthering Heights*, *Lost in Austen*, *Brideshead Revisited*, *Bunny and The Bull*, *All Tomorrow's Parties* and the BAFTA award winning *This Is England*. Since the launch of its £10.2m Digital Media Content Programme in 2006, supported by **Yorkshire Forward**, Screen Yorkshire has attracted over **£82 million inward investment** to the region's economy, created **1086 jobs**, supported **812 businesses** and invested in the skills of **1637 individuals**.

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