Bernard Happé Lecture 2015 and BKSTS Annual Awards event

The Bernard Happé Lecture and Annual BKSTS Awards Event took place in London on the evening of March 2nd at the new MediCinema at Guy's Hospital.

MEDICINEMA feel better with film

The evening was extremely well attended. Guy's and St Thomas' boasts the distinction of being the first NHS foundation trust in the UK to offer a MediCinema at both its hospitals – two permanent, state-of-the art cinemas for patients, their families and carers to enjoy. Opened in December 2013, the ICAP MediCinema at Guy's Hospital is equipped with a 4K digital projector with 3D capability. The cinema has a capacity for 37 patrons in modern spacious cinema style seats, 5 patrons in full size hospital beds and 7 wheelchair spaces. On this evening temporary additional seating occupied the bed and wheelchair areas to host a capacity audience.

The evening began with drinks and canapés and some networking and convivial greeting of colleagues. Following this Sir Christopher Frayling gave the annual Bernard Happé lecture which was about a subject that he is an expert on - Sergio Leone. The lecture gave an overview of Sergio Leone's career and his approach to making Westerns in Europe and exporting the genre back to America and around the world. Using such diverse materials as a hand puppet and a never previously seen before in the UK "out-takes reel" Sir Christopher gave a good insight into the visual style and production methods of Leone and his collaborative creative team. The fascinating and entertaining lecture was very enthusiastically received by the audience.

After an interval, when more drinks and light refreshments were available, the Annual Awards Ceremony took place with BKSTS Patron Sir Sydney Samuelson presenting the Awards.

It was good to notice that the changes that had taken place in our once male dominated industry were being followed through to seeing more and more women having their contribution to our changing industry recognised in the Society awards each year. Sir Christopher Frayling and Sir Sydney Samuelson were themselves both honoured at the event. Sir Sydney was presented with the first ever BKSTS Lifetime Achievement Award and Sir Christopher Frayling was presented with an Honorary Fellowship of the BKSTS.



BKSTS Awards 2015

The awards were presented by BKSTS Patron Sir Sydney Samuelson. BKSTS Accreditation - Bournemouth University Honorary Memberships - Mark Middleton, Terry Millard Fellowship - Kevin Phelan (top left) Honorary Fellowships - Anna Mansi (bottom left), Roger Thornton, Fiona Clarke-Hackston, Rebecca O'Brien (bottom right), Sir Christopher Frayling Technical & Scientific Achievement Award - Arri - for their Arri Alexa 65 camera Gerry Anderson VFX Award - 'Mark Holt Special Effects' - for "Paddington Bear" Lady Doris Samuelson Award - Carol Brierley Sir Sydney Samuelson Award for Film & Television - Ken Roberts & Steve Joberns -Shipleys Award of Merit - Richard Hühndorf President's Award - Kent Houston (top right) Outstanding Contribution to the Industry - Amanda Berry BKSTS Lifetime Achievement Award - Sir Sydney Samuelson

The author of this short report took the liberty of photographing Sir Christopher Frayling and Sir Sydney Samuelson - "A Fistful of Sirs" - in appropriate Leone widescreen Techniscope style.



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