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## THE 2023 MIPCOM CANNES DIVERSIFY TV AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED



**Cannes, 17 October 2023** – MIPCOM CANNES today announced the 2023 winners for the 7th MIPCOM CANNES Diversify TV Awards, the industry's only awards to champion and promote diversity and inclusion in television internationally.

Following submissions from 27 countries, 8 winners were announced from a longlist of 24 nominees live in Cannes during the awards ceremony, which took place in the Palais des Festivals and was hosted by international journalist and anchor Femi Oke.

The 2023 Diversify TV Awards winners are:

### Representation of Disability - Non-Scripted

**Inside our Autistic Minds** (UK)

Original Broadcaster: BBC Two

Distributor: BBC Studios

Production Company: BBC Studios

### Representation of Disability - Scripted

**About Antoine** (Canada)

Original Broadcaster: Club illico, TVA

Distributor: Amuz Distribution  
Production Company: ComediHa!

Representation of LGBTQIA+ - Scripted

**Nights in Tefia** (Spain)

Original Broadcaster: ATRESplayer  
Distributor: Buendia Estudios Canarias  
Production Companies: Buendia Estudios Canarias with the participation of Atresmedia TV

Representation of LGBTQIA+ - Non-Scripted

**Lotus Sports Club** (Cambodia)

Original Broadcaster: TVK National Television of Cambodia  
Distributor: Dutch CORE  
Production Company: Document Our History NOW and RoCK

Representation of Race and Ethnicity - Scripted

**Little Bird** (Canada)

Original Broadcaster: Bell Media and APTN  
Distributor: Fremantle  
Production Companies: Rezolution Pictures, OP Little Bird

Representation of Race and Ethnicity – Non-Scripted

**The Swap** (Australia)

Original Broadcaster: SBS Australia  
Distributor: No Distributor  
Production Company: Southern Pictures

Representation of Diversity in Kids Programming - Pre-School

**Reu and Harper's Wonder World** (UK)

Original Broadcaster: Channel 5  
Distributor: Channel 5 and Doc Hearts Ltd  
Production Company: Doc Hearts Ltd

Representation of Diversity in Kids Programming - Older Children

**Phoenix Rise** (UK)

Original Broadcaster: BBC iPlayer  
Distributor: Sinking Ship  
Production Company: BBC Studios Kids & Family

The Behind The Scenes Impact

**Deborah Williams OBE** (UK) CEO, Creative Diversity Network (CDN)

This special recognition award was presented for Williams' three decade career driving change in perceptions of disability and increased inclusion across television, film and theatrical industries as an artist, activist and latterly an influential policy maker and executive.

The Diversify TV Awards are organised by MIPCOM CANNES in collaboration with founding partner Diversify TV, and in association with Founding Presenting Partner A+E Media Group and Data Presenting Partner Gracenote<sup>(1)</sup>. 2023 Awards Partners also include All3Media International, Iron Mountain, Telefilm

Canada and The Canada Media Fund, OUTtv, The United Nations Media Compact, D.I.M.E.S., and Lightboat Media among other supporting partner companies and organisations.

Finalists were short-listed by the MIP Markets Diversity Advisory Board and Short List Jury, composed of a peer group of international industry professionals, with winners chosen by a Final Round Jury of leading advocacy organisations and specialised publications within Diversity and Inclusion including GADIM, GLAAD, SCOPE and the Minority Rights Group.

Amongst those presenting awards at the ceremony were award-winning Muslim playwright and performer Bilal Baig, and celebrated Paralympian and documentary maker Ellie Simmonds OBE.

To be eligible, programmes submitted were required to provide a fair and balanced representation of Race & Ethnicity, LGBTQIA+ and Disabled communities; show a positive impact; stand out in originality and excellence in terms of storytelling, casting and production values; challenge stereotypes and to have aired the past year. A total of 165 submissions were received for the 2023 edition.

<sup>(1)</sup> *Gracenote is the content solutions business unit of Nielsen providing entertainment metadata, content IDs and related offerings to the world's leading creators, distributors and platforms. Gracenote technology enables advanced content navigation and discovery capabilities helping individuals to easily connect to the TV shows, movies, music and sports they love while delivering powerful content analytics making complex business decisions simpler. To learn more about Gracenote Inclusion Analytics, visit <https://www.nielsen.com/solutions/content-metadata/inclusion-analytics/>.*

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