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2021 CANNESERIES EXCELLENCE AWARD GOES TO RUSSELL T DAVIES

CANNESERIES, the Cannes International Series Festival, is very happy to honour Welsh television creator, writer and producer RUSSELL T DAVIES, creator of the current hit show “It’s a Sin” (broadcasted as an exclusive on CANAL+ starting March 22) in an exclusive conversation curated by the French media KONBINI.

“Thank you, that’s amazing! Thank you very much. I am absolutely honoured to have this. I didn’t realize that it’s the first time it’s being given to a showrunner. And I completely agree, not with me but with recognizing the job. I devoted my life to television, I love television, I love how much CANNESERIES promotes television and the night I spent there at the “Years and Years” premiere, we will never forget. It was the most extraordinary night. The applause, the joy! It was really wonderful. I really appreciate how much you get television, how much you like it, how much you support it. Thank you, thank you very much. This means an awful lot, thank you.” declared Russell T DAVIES after receiving the award.

On March 23, CANNESERIES in collaboration with CANAL+ and KONBINI will be putting an exceptional and exclusive talk online between Russell T Davies and Marion Olité, editor-in-chief of KONBINI BIINGE. The Excellence Award will be awarded to him during this conversation.

“On the occasion of his new show, “It’s a Sin”, being broadcasted on CANAL+, we wanted to recognize Russell T Davies’ career and talent. We are very proud that Russell T Davies is the first showrunner to receive this Excellence Award. What strikes us the most with him is how much the author can be found in the heart of his shows. His vision, his sense of drama and his writing are unique. He is an unparalleled storyteller and the quality of his entire body of work, often matching his personal commitments, remains unrivalled. He creates art works that are both personal and challenging but smart enough to speak to a large audience, as the amazing, touching and very long standing ovation after the “Years and Years” world premiere in CANNESERIES in 2019, can attest. It is with great pleasure that we award him the Excellence Award. We are very happy that he agreed, on this occasion, to talk about himself in this exceptional talk we’ll be sharing on March 23.” Albin LEWI, Artistic Director of CANNESERIES

“CANAL+ congratulates Russell T Davis for receiving this Excellence Award from CANNESERIES, celebrating his talent as a television series creator. CANAL+ subscribers have loved the series “Years and Years” and we cannot wait for them to discover his new creation “It’s a Sin”, as well as a large selection of classic shows on HELLO CANAL+” Jean-Marc Juramie, Paid Channels and Programs CANAL+ Group Deputy Managing Director

“KONBINI is delighted to be associated to CANNESERIES for this Excellence Award ceremony. It is an honour to meet Russell T Davis among other series creators for our new creative format SHOW MASTERS, and to talk exclusively about our common commitments, both progressive and positive. Russell T Davies’ work includes unprecedented and captivating stories of different genres, that we support at KONBINI BIINGE and KONBINI” David CREUZOT, co-founder and president of KONBINI

CANNESERIES, in collaboration with CANAL+ and KONBINI, is giving you the opportunity to discover more of Russell T Davies through 3 different times:

- Starting March 23, on the CANNESERIES YouTube channel, an exclusive 1-hour talk for CANNESERIES will be available. Russell T Davis will answer questions from Marion Olité (editor-in-chief of KONBINI BIINGE) on his career and his commitments.
- Starting March 22, 5 episodes of his new show “It’s A Sin” will be broadcasted as an exclusive on CANAL+. The full series will be available on myCANAL and HELLO CANAL+, the digital channel fully dedicated to LGBTQIA+ creations. To go with the new series, HELLO CANAL+ will offer a Hello Russell T Davies selection, with all the episodes of “Bob and Rose”, “Cucumber”, “Banana”, “Years and Years” and “Queer as Folk”.
- On the occasion of this exclusive talk, KONBINI will launch its new interview format SHOW MASTERS, broadcasted on all of KONBINI’s platforms, with Russell T Davies as first guest. Created in 2008 by David Creuzot and Lucie Beudet, KONBINI is the first news and entertainment media outlet for people under 30 in France. KONBINI succeeded in convincing and committing an entire generation by developing creative and exclusive publications through innovating journalistic propositions and always trying to respect progress and diversity values. KONBINI BIINGE, its television series dedicated channel, offers a pop analysis of television culture, with the intention of promoting the most innovating and useful creations.

RUSSELL T DAVIES

Russell T Davies started out in 1991 when he wrote “Dark Season”, a sci-fi series. Two years later, he writes a second sci-fi series for children “Century Falls” and produces the show “Children’s Ward”. Broadcasted in 1998, “Queer as Folk” was a great success worldwide. It was the first series with gay main characters. In 2001, he writes “Bob and Rose” and two years later, the religious show “The Second Coming”. In 2005, Russell T Davies, a “Doctor Who” fan since childhood, participates in the writing of new episodes and creates a spin-off, “The Sarah Jane Adventures”. In 2015, he breaks new ground with his triple series “Cucumber”, “Banana” and “Tofu”, three different formats about one main subject: the first is the main narrative, the second focuses on the LGBT characters and the third gives the floor to unknown people and actors to discuss LGBT-related themes. In 2019, “Years and Years”, a series he had been working on for ten years, is finally broadcasted. This dystopia follows the world’s transformations from 2024 to 2030 through the life of a British family. His last series, “It’s a Sin”, assembles all of the subjects he has treated over the years: family, friendship, community and identity. The series is a great success.

CANNESERIES Season 04 will take place from October 8 to 13, 2021 in Cannes and online.

The Excellence Award and the talk with Russell T Davies is an event organized by CANNESERIES, CANAL+ and KONBINI.



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