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Battle of Britain leads the way on another great night for UK indies at New York Festival radio awards

UK indie production companies celebrated another large haul of awards from the New York Festivals' Radio Awards last night.

There were 39 awards made to UK indies, including two Grand Awards, as well as an additional 11 finalists' certificates. Chief among UK successes was TBI Media, which won 'Production Company of the Year' for the fourth year running. *Battle of Britain at 75*, made by TBI Media with Snappin' Turtle Productions won the Grand Award for Best Special Event - Entertainment, plus another five Gold Awards.

Elsewhere Snappin' Turtle Productions won five separate awards for its documentary *ISIS: Young, British and Radicalised*, and Digital Drama's crowd-funded audio drama *Noel Coward's Peace in Our Time* won a Gold award. Wise Buddah Jingles won a craft award for Best Sound for a portfolio of work for the BBC and commercial radio.

Overall 22 different UK indie companies featured in the awards, a third of which are based outside London. Oxford's Overtone Productions won awards for three separate programmes, and Glasgow's Document Media won a Gold award for *The Story of the Byrds*.

Athena Media, based in Salford and Dublin, won a Grand Award and a Gold for *The Kinder Letters*, and a second Gold for the music series *Vocal Chords*, as well as being a finalist with the documentary *Bright Sparks*.

Will Jackson, Managing Director of UK indie trade body the Radio Independents Group, welcomed the awards:

"UK indies' success at the these prestigious awards is now a familiar story, but far from being complacent this shows how the sector is constantly striving to produce ever-better programming to ever-better standards."

"I'm really pleased to see companies outside London well represented, and this bodes well for radio listeners once more BBC hours are opened to competition from indies. These diverse voices are crucial in enabling the BBC to better represent the whole of the UK on its radio services."

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Notes:

1. RIG is the trade association for the independent radio production sector, which makes audio-led content for a wide variety of radio networks, corporate and private sector clients. There are around 150 companies based all around the UK: www.radioindies.org
2. A table of UK Indies' performance at the NYF Radio awards is below

3. New York Radio Festival website: <http://www.newyorkfestivals.com/radio/>

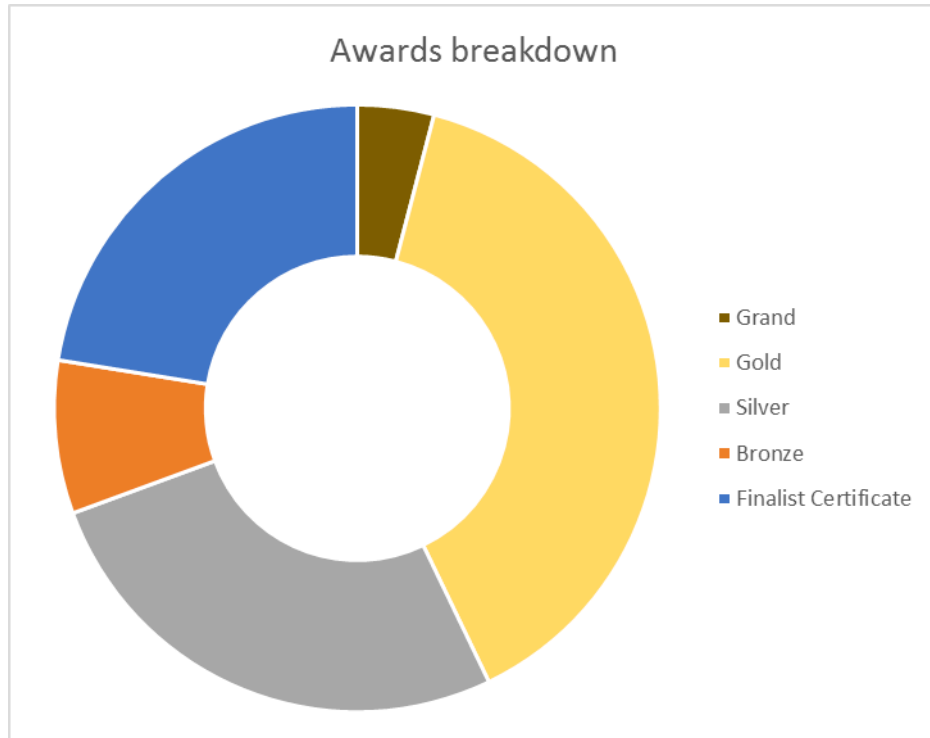
UK Independent Radio Production Companies - Awards and Finalists - NY International Radio Festival 2016

Company	City	Title	Brand	Award	Category	Category Grp
Alfi Media	Berkshire	Date Me I'm Disabled	BBC Radio 5 Live	Silver	Social Issues	Info/Doc
Athena Media	Dublin / Salford	Bright Sparks: An Atmosphere for Change	RTÉ Radio 1/BAI	Finalist Cert	Climate Change & Sustainability	Info/Doc
		Vocal Chords	RTÉ Radio 1/BAI	Gold	Music	Info/Doc
		The Kinder Letters	Newstalk/BAI	Gold Grand Award	History History	Info/Doc Info/Doc
Somethin' Else	London	Donald Duck Gets Drafted	BBC Radio 4	Silver	Culture & The Arts	Info/Doc
				Silver	History	Info/Doc
BlokMedia	London	Growing Up Without A Dad	BBC Radio 1	Finalist Cert	Best Editing	Craft
				Silver	Human Relations	Info/Doc
Digital Drama	London	Peace in Our Time - Noël Coward	Digital Drama	Gold	Drama	Audio Podcasts
Document Media	Glasgow	The Story of the Byrds	BBC Radio 2	Gold	Music	Info/Doc
Freewheel Productions	London	Ginsberg in India	BBC Radio 3	Bronze	Biography/Profiles	Info/Doc
Just Radio	London	Cassandro - Queen of Lucha Libre	BBC World Service	Silver	Sports & Recreation	Info/Doc
		Arthur Miller - Speaking Of New York	BBC Radio 3	Silver	Biography/Profiles	Info/Doc
Loftus Media	London	Where Are You Going? The New York edition	BBC World Service	Gold	Profiles/Community Portraits	Info/Doc
Magnum Opus	London	30 Years Man & Boy: Boy George Story	BBC Radio 2	Gold	Biography/Profiles	Info/Doc
Overtone Prodn	Oxford	America's Mosques: A Story of Integration	BBC World Service	Bronze	Religious Programs	Info/Doc
		Random Radio	BBC Radio 4	Finalist Cert	Best Innovation	Craft
		Arts Technologica: Music	BBC Radio 4	Finalist Cert	Music	Info/Doc
Pozzitive	London	Shush!	BBC Radio 4	Bronze	Best Regularly Scheduled Comedy	Entertainment
		The Brig Society	BBC Radio 4	Finalist Cert	Best Regularly Scheduled Comedy	Entertainment
Prison Radio Association	London	Lynn Hill: Twenty-First Century War Poet	BBC Radio 4	Bronze	Biography/Profiles	Info/Doc
		The Abuse Trial	BBC Radio 4	Gold	Social Issues	Info/Doc
Ruth Evans Productions	Oxford	Two men and a Mule	BBC Radio 4	Finalist Cert	Travel & Tourism	Info/Doc
		Under The Mushroom Cloud	BBC Radio 4	Silver	History	Info/Doc
Snappin' Turtle Productions	London	ISIS: Young, British and Radicalised	BBC Radio 1	Gold	Best Investigative Report	News Programs

Company	City	Title	Brand	Award	Category	Category Grp
				Gold	Best News Analysis / Commentary	News Programs
				Gold	Best News Documentary Or Special	News Programs
				Silver	Best Coverage, Ongoing News Story	News Programs
				Silver	Current Affairs	Info/Doc
Spiteful Puppet	Newbury	HOOD: Warriors' Harvest	Spiteful Puppet	Finalist Cert	Best Audio Book - Fiction	Audio Books
		HOOD: King's Command	Spiteful Puppet	Silver	Best Audio Book - Fiction	Audio Books
TBI Media	London	The Battle of Britain at 75 (with Snappin' Turtle Productions)	BBC Radio 2	Grand Award	Best Special Event	Entertainment
				Gold	History	Info/Doc
				Gold	Best Live Sound	Craft
				Gold	Best Music Special	Entertainment
				Gold	Best Narration	Craft
				Gold	Best Special Event	Entertainment
				Gold	Sound Art	Entertainment
		VE Day at 70 (with Snappin' Turtle Productions)	Classic FM	Gold	Best Special Event	Entertainment
				Gold	Best Music Special	Entertainment
		Good Morning Vietnam	BBC Radio 2	Silver	History	Info/Doc
Finalist Cert	Biography/Profiles			Info/Doc		
2035	BBC Radio 5 live	Finalist Cert	Science & Technology	Info/Doc		
Trevor Dann's Company	Hertfordshire	Stars of Wonder	BBC Radio 4	Finalist Cert	Profiles/Community Portraits	Info/Doc
		Sinatra in the UK 1953	BBC Radio 2	Silver	Music	Info/Doc
USP Content	London	In Search of Southern Hospitality	BBC Radio 4	Silver	Profiles/Community Portraits	Info/Doc
White Stiletto Productions	Bucks	Little Volcanoes	Sky Arts	Finalist Cert	Best Online Radio	Online
Wise Buddah Jingles	London	Wise Buddah Jingles Portfolio 2015/16	n/a	Gold	Best Sound	Craft
Zinc Media	London	John Lennon: Verbatim	BBC Radio 4	Gold	Culture & The Arts	Info/Doc

Statistics - UK indie awards - New York International Radio Festival 2016

Number of awards	Grand	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Finalist Certificate	Total
	2	19	13	4	11	50



Number of UK independent production companies	In London	Out of London	Total
	15	7	22