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THE COMMENT AWARDS

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News release: Tenth Anniversary winners revealed

Friday 16 November, 2018: The winners of the 10th anniversary Comment Awards 2018 were revealed at an awards ceremony held at The May Fair Hotel London this morning.

Julia Hobsbawm, Founder of The Comment Awards and Chair of this year's judges said:

"This was such a volatile year in the world. Not only was comment as vital as ever, but it became contentious. The awards reflected the culture wars of the day, where opinion itself is in the firing line. We proudly support freedom of expression and the key role comment plays in the media."

The UK Comment Pages of the Year award went to **The Sunday Times**, a notable achievement given that no other paper than The Times or Financial Times has ever won this category. This year we also gave the writers themselves a chance to vote for their favourite UK journalist, with a poll revealing **Matthew Parris** of The Times as the 'Commentator's Commentator'.

Marina Hyde of The Guardian and **Sarah O'Connor** of the Financial Times won awards for the second year running, while **India Knight**, The Sunday Times Magazine, **Miranda Green**, Financial Times, **Oliver Moody**, The Times, **George Monbiot**, The Guardian, **Hadley Freeman**, The Guardian Weekend, **Stephen Bush**, New Statesman and i, **Tony Parsons**, GQ and **Jonathan Liew**, The Independent were all first time Comment Award winners.

The Comment Awards 2018 winners in full:

Brexit Commentator of the Year

- Daniel Finkelstein, The Times

Business Commentator of the Year

- Sarah O'Connor, Financial Times

Comment Piece of the Year

- India Knight, The Sunday Times Magazine, piece: Sexual Revolution 2.0

Commentator of the Year

- Marina Hyde, The Guardian

Commentator's Commentator

- Matthew Parris, The Times

Culture, Diary and Social Commentator of the Year

- Miranda Green, Financial Times

Fresh New Voice Commentator of the Year

- Oliver Moody, The Times

Health, Wellbeing and Medicine Commentator of the Year

- George Monbiot, The Guardian

Magazine Commentator of the Year

- Hadley Freeman, The Guardian Weekend

Political Commentator of the Year

- Stephen Bush, i

Popular Columnist of the Year

- Tony Parsons, GQ

Science & Data Commentator of the Year

- Tim Harford, Financial Times
- Oliver Moody, The Times

Society and Diversity Commentator of the Year

- Gary Younge, The Guardian

Sport Commentator of the Year

- Jonathan Liew, The Independent

UK Comment Pages of the Year

- The Sunday Times

Wit & Humour Commentator of the Year

- Hugo Rifkind, The Times

Chair's Choice: Commentator of the Decade

- The Public

This year's panel of judges as usual hail from an eclectic range of industries and backgrounds and included for the first time a range of senior editors from some of the UK's biggest publications. Among this year's judges:

Decca Aitkenhead, Chief Interviewer, The Sunday Times; **Tobyn Andreae**, Deputy Editor, Daily Mail; **Charles Arthur**, Freelance Technology Journalist; **Becky Barrow**, News Editor, The Sunday Times; **Jim Bruce Ball**, Former Sports Editor, The Daily Telegraph; Co-founder & Director, SportSide; Communications Manager, Harlequins RFC; **George Chesterton**, Managing Editor, GQ; **Solomon Elliott**, Founder, The Student View; **Alice Feinstein**, Editor: Front Row, Film Programme, Saturday Review, BBC Radio 4; **Claire Fox**, Director, Academy of Ideas; **Dr. Margaret Heffernan**, Entrepreneur, CEO & Writer; **Dylan Jones**, Editor, British GQ; **Joy Lo Dico**, Executive Editor, London Evening Standard, Contributor, Monocle and Founder, The Trouble Club; **Brooke Masters**, Comment & Analysis Editor, Financial Times; **Simon Minty**, Comedy producer, BBC Ouch Presenters and disability consultant; **Max Pemberton**, Doctor and Columnist, Daily Mail and Reader's Digest; **Robert Peston**, Political Editor, ITV; **Doug Wills**, Managing Editor, Evening Standard; **Emily Wilson**, Editor, New Scientist and **Robert Yates**, Assistant Editor, The Observer.

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