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STEP INTO AWARDS SEASON WITH UKTV

THE EE BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS 2017 AND THE BRIT AWARDS 2017, COMING TO UKTV IN FEBRUARY.



UKTV is celebrating the glitz and glamour of awards season, with the **EE British Academy Film Awards 2017**, premiering on UKTV express from the UK on Tuesday, 14th February at 8.30pm, and the **BRIT Awards 2017**, express from the UK on Thursday, February 23 at 8.30pm.

Considered one of the biggest nights in the film industry calendar, the **EE British Academy Film Awards** will be held at London's iconic Royal Albert Hall, with **Stephen Fry** returning to host the ceremony for a 12th time as BAFTA celebrates its 70th anniversary.

The awards are renowned for welcoming and honouring an impressive line-up of stars and are regarded as an important indicator of the frontrunners for the Academy Awards®.

This year's nominations reflect a stellar year in film, with *La La Land* leading with eleven BAFTA nominations; *Arrival* and *Nocturnal Animals* taking nine nominations apiece, and *Manchester by the Sea* receiving six.

Australian film *Lion*, which follows the true story of a young boy adopted by an Australian couple on his search for his birth parents 25 years later, is nominated in five categories, including Best Supporting Actress for **Nicole Kidman**. This will be her fourth BAFTA-nomination, and she previously won the Leading Actress award for *The Hours*.

You can watch Sophie Turner (*Game of Thrones*) and Dominic Cooper (*Preacher*) announce the nominations in full [here](#).

The most anticipated night of the British music industry, the **BRIT Awards** will this year be hosted by multi-platinum selling singer **Michael Buble** in a star-studded ceremony at London's O2 Arena.

The show will feature a host of live performances from artists including **Little Mix**, **Emeli Sandé** and **The 1975**.

The nominees, announced on Saturday, 14th January, include Australian singer songwriter **Sia**, who is in the running for International Female Artist, and **Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds**, shortlisted for International Group.

The late **David Bowie** could win a posthumous award, either in the British Male Solo Artist category, or for MasterCard British Album of the Year best album with *Blackstar*.

Craig David, Kano, Michael Kiwanuka and **Skepta** are also nominated for British Male Solo Artist, while British Female Solo Artist sees competition between **Anohni, Ellie Goulding, Emeli Sande, Lianne La Havas** and **Nao**.

Rag N Bone Man has been announced as winner of the Critic's Choice award, while **Robbie Williams** will be awarded with the Brits Icon award.

A full list of nominations can be found [here](#).

The EE British Academy Film Awards will be broadcast on UKTV on Tuesday, 14th February from 8.30pm.

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