



THE 2022 IMISON AWARD

Applications are now open for the 2022 Imison Award, for audio drama scripts by a writer new to the medium which were broadcast or made available online between 1 October 2020 and 31 October 2021.

The Imison Award is presented annually to the best audio drama script by a writer new to the medium and which, in the opinion of the judges, is the best of those submitted. The award perpetuates the memory of Richard Imison, acknowledging the encouragement and friendship he gave to writers in general, and to radio dramatists in particular.

The award is administered and judged by the Society of Authors and we are grateful to the Peggy Ramsay Foundation and the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society (ALCS) for their generous sponsorship of this award, including the £3,000 prize.

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

What we are looking for

The Imison Award is designed to celebrate the best new writing in audio drama. It is open to original audio drama first broadcast on radio or made available online via a recognised platform (whether on a streamed or download basis). This must be within the UK by a UK-based producer during the period 1 October 2020 - 31 October 2021 by a writer or writers new to audio drama. Please ensure that you read the following criteria carefully and contact Theo (tjones@societyofauthors.org) if you have any questions.

The work must be an original commissioned piece for audio and it must be the first audio drama by the writer(s) to have been released. An adaptation of a piece produced or published for any other medium (e.g. stage, television, film, novel, poem or a short story) will not be eligible. Writing pairs must both be new to audio drama.

Recognised platforms for the purpose of this award include Audible, iTunes, BBC Sounds and Spotify. Other platforms may be recognised on a case by case basis as the industry develops. Submissions must run to a minimum length of 10 mins and maximum length of 90 minutes. When submitting episodes from a series or serial we will require consecutive episodes (including the first episode) to make up at least 45 minutes or the complete series if a lesser duration. The judges reserve the right to call in the subsequent episodes if required.

Judging

The Imison Award will be judged by the Scriptwriters Committee of the Society of Authors. Their decision is final.

Presentation

The Imison Award will be presented at the BBC Audio Drama Awards in March 2022 (TBC).

Submissions

Submissions will be accepted from any party (producer, broadcasting organisation, writer, agent, etc.) and must consist of the following items:

- a completed Google entry form;
- one copy of the final studio script;
- a synopsis and author biography (each no more than 150 words).

We would appreciate a link to a freely available broadcast or downloadable file.

To enter, click here to complete and submit an entry form with attachments using Google Forms. If you are unable to make a submission using Google Forms, please complete the form overleaf and return this together with all attachments by post or e-mail (e-mail preferred) to Sophia A Jackson using the details provided. Entries must be received by **Monday 1 November 2021**.

If you have any questions, please contact **Sophia Jackson**:

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THE 2022 IMISON AWARD ENTRY FORM



ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Title of programme _____

Name of writer(s) _____

Date of original broadcast _____

Broadcast channel _____

Length of programme _____

YOUR DETAILS

Name _____

Position _____

Company _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Where did you hear about the Imison Award? _____

DECLARATION

I confirm that this piece is the writer's first audio drama to be broadcast or made available online, that it was specially written for audio, and was (or will be) produced by a UK-based producer and first broadcast in the UK between 1 October 2020 - 31 October 2021.

I have read the SoA's Privacy Statement online (www.societyofauthors.org/Legal-Privacy/Privacy-Statement) and consent to the processing of my data in accordance therewith. I agree for my data to be shared with the person or persons comprising the Scriptwriters Group Committee of the SoA appointed to judge the Award.

Signature _____

Date _____

RETURN THIS FORM VIA EMAIL TO:

Sophia A Jackson
sjackson@societyofauthors.org



Please ensure you provide all items required by email, as directed in the guidelines.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2021