

Today, The British Urban Film Festival has announced three new script judges handpicked from the National Film and Television School (NFTS) to join longstanding judges Donna Dowe (Turna page) and Michelle Blake (BBC Drama) as BUFF Script Judges to select the winners of the 2018 Script Awards.

The BUFF Script readings began five years ago at Channel 4, with judges BAFTA Winning judges Daniel Fajemisin-Duncan and Marlon Smith (writers of Run) exhibiting BUFF selected script writers to have their script performed to a live audience. Since 2016, the live script readings has developed, allowing the writers to cast and direct the reading which is performed live on Colourful Radio. This exposure has garnered a wider audience (over 100,000 listeners) for writers and has been instrumental in secured representation for talented writers, including 2017 winner, Isis Davies who is now represented by literary agency Cassarotto. 2016 script winner, Louis Lagayette has successfully produced script 'Trendy' into a feature length film which premiered at Raindance, September 2017.

The three judges have vast experience in film and TV, crucial for selecting scripts that could be eventually developed and produced in-house by BUFF's production company AAA Film and TV or by supporting broadcasters and studios.

Erick Kwashie is a BAFTA Crew member and was awarded by Raindance with a filmmakers certificate in 2016. Having worked on Channel4's Random Acts films 'Alleyway of 1000 questions' and 'Where's the fish?', Erick now works for BBC Writers room in Comedy and Drama.

Latoya Wilson is a freelance script coordinator. Since graduating with a BA in Media and Communications at Birmingham City University, Latoya has immersed herself in the art of storytelling. She has cut her teeth in the script and story departments of *EastEnders* and *Holby City*. Latoya worked on international comedy *Episodes* and is currently working on a project for Netflix. Latoya has an undeniable passion for films, from script reading to studying at the National Film and Television School. Latoya also presents *Reel Focus* for Luton Urban Radio, which discusses the latest film and television reviews on Saturdays from 6-8pm.

Lois Gratton helped develop 'Out Of Innocence', a crime drama based on real events, written and directed by Danny Hiller and starring Fiona Shaw, Alun Armstrong and Ruth McCabe. She has also worked on multiple film and TV productions, including the upcoming 'Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom' and Joe Cornish's 'The Kid Who Would Be King'.

The five judges will be present at BUFF Media day, Thursday 8th March to announce the official three script winners.

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