

## EOIN O'CONNOR – 30 EGGS WINNER OF THE IMISON AWARD 2016

The winner of the Imison Award 2016 for the best original script by a writer new to radio is Eoin O'Connor for *30 Eggs*.

Acclaimed dramatist Mike Bartlett presented O'Connor with the award and a cheque for £1,500 at the [BBC's Audio Drama Awards](#) on 31 January 2016. The star-studded ceremony was hosted by Sir Lenny Henry.



### 30 EGGS

The judges described O'Connor's debut as:

*A joyful, funny, picaresque story of an African journey and a wonderful depiction of friendship which gave us a different insight into Rwanda and exploited the possibilities of radio to the full.*

*30 Eggs* was produced by Gemma McMullen for BBC Drama Belfast and broadcast on Radio 4.

**Synopsis:** Weary of life in the bustling Rwandan border town of Rusumo, Modeste, a blind and sickly homeless man resolves to return to his home village of Kibuye on the far side of the country with the help of his companion, Innocent, a cheeky seven year-old street orphan. The journey starts well when they stumble upon a small amount of money but little Innocent inadvertently spends the cash purchasing a basket of thirty raw eggs during a mix up in a market melee. With their peculiar bounty of raw eggs the unlikely duo set off on an adventure of a lifetime along the rising road cresting atop the many rolling hills of Rwanda.

[Read the script](#) [Listen to a preview](#)

### ABOUT EOIN O'CONNOR

Eoin has just returned to Dublin following three years living between Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. A screenplay of *30 Eggs* made the Brit List of best unproduced screenplays in the UK and Ireland, received a Tony Doyle Bursary in 2014 and is now in development as a feature film with Treasure Entertainment. Eoin is currently developing two feature films, *Family Remains* (Grand Pictures) and *Stolen* (Epos Films). Twitter: [@CognacSazerac](#) (Photo credit: Lea Valentini.)

### 2016 SHORTLIST AND JUDGES

The 2016 award is for a drama broadcast in the UK between 1 October 2014 and 31 October 2015.

The other shortlisted writers were Iain A J Ross for *A Thing Inside a Thing Inside a Thing* and Emma Spurgin Hussey for *The Churchill Barriers*. [More about the shortlist and longlist](#)

The judges were Ruth Brandon, Christopher William Hill, Marcy Kahan, Annette Kobak, Michelle Lipton, John Taylor, Jane Thynne, Elizabeth-Anne Wheal, Stephen Wyatt and Mike Walker.

### ABOUT THE IMISON AWARD

The Imison Award is administered by the [Society of Authors](#) and was founded in memory of Richard Imison. Previous winners include Mike Bartlett, Lee Hall and Nell Leyshon.

The prize of £1,500 is generously sponsored by [The Peggy Ramsay Foundation](#).