

Blackout provided extensive draping for this year's star studded National Television Awards (NTAs)



held at the O2 Arena, 22nd January 2014. Broadcast live on ITV1 and hosted by Dermot O'Leary, the glittering ceremony saw TV's biggest stars out in force for the 19th annual event. The evening saw Coronation Street steal the show, taking home the serial Drama Award and Geordie duo Ant and Dec triumphed, picking up a handful of gongs, including the Entertainment Presenter Award for the 13th consecutive year. Contracted by NTA producers Indigo Television, Blackout installed black wool serge drapes 82 metres wide with an 18 metre drop, to create the desired effect for the TV broadcast. The drapes were shaped around the large 19m by 9.5m screen, which was the focal point of the show, with additional drapes used to mask off the arena to create the environment for the spectacular production.

Chris Brain, Blackout's installation director, commented: "The installation was completed over three days in which we had to ensure that all the drapes were shaped seamlessly to fit the exact dimensions of the screen. We also provided additional draping in the VIP areas of the arena and in a number of dressing rooms. "It's our seventh year at the event and it's always a fantastic evening to be involved in. Congratulations to all the winners, Indigo Television and the rest of the production team for once again putting on a brilliant show."