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Hunger beats the hot tickets at movie awards

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Kate Winslet and Slumdog Millionaire Director Danny Boyle were last night unable to build on recent successes as they missed out on top accolades in the Evening Standard British Film Awards — where a film about the 1981 republican hunger strike came away with the top prize.

Tilda Swinton pipped Winslet to the award for Best Actress for her moving performance as Julia in Erick Zonca's kidnapping drama Julia.

Winslet has recently enjoyed great success winning awards at the Golden Globes and the Screen Actor's Guild for her portrayal as a former Nazi concentration camp guard in The Reader.



Michael Fassbender stars in Hunger, the film about the last six weeks in the life of Bobby Sands

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Boyle's heart-warming tale has also proved a huge success during the award season and although the director was not a winner yesterday his film was honoured when Mark Digby, production designer on Slumdog Millionaire, won a Technical Achievement award.

But both Winslet and Boyle are tipped for further success in the upcoming British Academy Awards (Baftas) and Academy Awards (Oscars).

Boyle was beaten to the Best Director award by Stephen Daldry's The Reader.

Hunger, starring Michael Fassbender as Bobby Sands, won the Best Film award. Steve McQueen's film dramatises the events at the Maze Prison in the early 1980s.

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