

## Scots Trad Music Awards Nominations Form 2006

Hands up for Trad, in association with BBC Scotland Interactive, will be hosting the fourth 'Scots Trad Music Awards' weekend in Fort William from the 1st - 3rd December, 2006. The aim of these Awards is to highlight Scotland's wonderful traditional music in all its forms and to create a high profile opportunity which will bring the music and music industry into the spotlight of media & public attention. Thank you to all our sponsors without whom this event would not go ahead. Please support them.

In this our 4th year we have decided to extract the festival from the Central Belt, extend it from one night into a weekend event, and take it up to the Highlands for the next 2 years. This is a very exciting move for us. In the second of these years (2007) the Scots Trad Music Awards will be part of the exciting Highland 2007 Year of Culture.

Tickets for the Saturday night Scots Trad Music Awards Ceremony and Gala Concert on 2nd December will be available to buy from the Hands Up For Trad website soon. But why not come to Fort William for the weekend and enjoy the full celebration? We have negotiated rates of £60 per room (for two people) in the Alexandria Hotel (tel: 01397 702241), Ben Nevis Hotel (tel: 01397 702331) and the Grand Hotel (tel: 01397 702928). Please mention the Scots Trad Music Awards when calling to get the rates. Alternatively you can also get in touch with [VisitScotland.com](http://VisitScotland.com)

### Stage 1: Nominations: (2nd - 20th October 2006)

Open to everyone. We would like you to pick 4 nominations from the field of Scottish traditional music for each of the 15 categories listed in the Nominations Form printed below within the time frame October 2005 to October 2006. You do not have to complete every category if you feel unqualified. The results of Stage 1 of the nomination procedure will be collated and the top four nominations in each category will go forward to the Stage 2 voting process, which will, as in previous years, be hosted online by The BBC's Celtic Roots website ([www.bbc.co.uk/celticroots](http://www.bbc.co.uk/celticroots)).

**PLEASE E.MAIL OR POST YOUR COMPLETED NOMINATIONS FORM TO HANDS UP FOR TRAD BY FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER. ADDRESS DETAILS AT THE FOOT OF THE PAGE.**

### Stage 2: Voting: (1st - 24th November 2006)

Voting will again be hosted online by The BBC's Celtic Roots website ([www.bbc.co.uk/celticroots](http://www.bbc.co.uk/celticroots)). The website will be open for voting on 1st November 2006. There will also be an opportunity to register votes manually with voting forms available from Hands Up For Trad at the address below.

## NOMINATIONS (STAGE 1)

\*NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

\* POSTAL ADDRESS:

**\*PLEASE NOTE: IF NO NAME AND ADDRESS IS GIVEN YOUR NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE COUNTED**

## CATEGORIES FOR NOMINATION

### 1. Album of the Year sponsored by *Birnam CD*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### 2. Club of the Year sponsored by *Living Tradition Magazine*

An Award to recognise the club (folk club, accordion club etc) which you feel was best organised, most welcoming, had the best or most discerning audiences etc.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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**3. Composer of the Year** sponsored by *Distil*

An Award for the best songwriter or tunesmith of 2005.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**4. Community Project of the Year** sponsored by *Scottish Power*

Award for the traditional music project that best serves your community.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**5. Event of the Year** sponsored by *VisitScotland*

An Award to recognise the event/festival which you feel was best organised, most welcoming, had the best or most discerning audiences etc

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**6. Gaelic Singer of the Year** sponsored by *Macmeanmna*

Award for artist singing in Gaelic.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**7. Instrumentalist of the Year** sponsored by *Temple Records*

Award for outstanding instrumentalist. Can be any instrument.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**8. Live Act of the Year** sponsored by *Greentrax Recordings*

This is open to any traditional music act touring in Scotland.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**9. Citty Finlayson Scots Singer of the Year** sponsored by *Traditional Music and Song Association*

Award for artist singing in Scots.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**10. Scottish Dance Band of the Year** sponsored by *National Association of Accordion and Fiddle Clubs*

These nominations are for bands who meet one or more of the following criteria:-

- Interaction with/impact on community.
- Musical impact - CDs/concerts/ etc.
- Positive media attention for any particular reason.
- Success in overcoming difficult circumstances.
- Cultural ambassadors for the music or for Scotland abroad.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**11. Scottish Folk Band of the Year** sponsored by *Foot Stompin' Records*

These nominations are for bands who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Musical impact - CDs/ concerts/ etc.
- Interaction with/ impact on community.
- Positive media attention.
- Success in overcoming difficult circumstances.
- Cultural ambassadors for the music or for Scotland abroad.

- 1.
- 2.
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- 4.

**12. Scottish Pipe Band of the Year**

These nominations are for bands who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Competitive success within relevant grade.
- Rapid or significant improvement.
- Interaction with/ impact on community.
- Teaching activity.
- Musical impact - CDs/concerts/experimentation etc.
- Positive media attention.
- Success in overcoming difficult circumstances,
- Cultural ambassadors for the music or for Scotland abroad.

- 1.
- 2.
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**13. Strathspey and Reel Society of the Year** sponsored by *Royal Scottish Country Dance Society*

For the fiddle groups and societies keeping Scottish music and the joy of playing together thriving in their communities.

- 1.
- 2.
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**14. Services to Industry Award** sponsored by *Scottish Arts Council*

An award for the retailer, distribution company, PA/sound company, tour manager, agent etc whose services to the traditional music industry are indispensable.

- 1.
- 2.
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**15. Up and Coming Artist of the Year** sponsored by *Wellington Consultancy*

This is open to individual artists emerging onto the scene. Nominations can be for people of any age as long as they are up and coming.

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**Please support all our sponsors - without them this event would not happen: BBC Scotland, BBC Radio Shetland, Birnam CD, Foot Stompin' Records, Greentrax, Highland Council, Living Tradition Magazine, Lochaber Enterprise, Macmeanmna, McEwan's Sessions, National Association of Accordion and Fiddle Clubs, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Scottish Arts Council, Temple Records, Traditional Music and Song Association, VisitScotland, Wellington Consultancy.**

Please return either by email to [info@handsupfortrad.co.uk](mailto:info@handsupfortrad.co.uk) or by post to Hands Up for Trad, PO Box 8774, Biggar, ML12 6WZ by **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**.