



Scots Trad Music Awards Voting Form 2005

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Hands up for Trad, in association with BBC Scotland Interactive, will be hosting the third 'Scots Trad Music Awards' Celebrations on the 3rd December, 2005 at The Queen's Hall, South Clerk Street, Edinburgh (Box Office 0131 6682019). 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.

The Awards, which give recognition to excellence within Scotland's thriving musical culture, encompass all aspects of traditional music from Gaelic Song, Folk, Scottish Dance music, to Pipe Bands and a host of others in between.

Voting is open to everyone and we would like you to make one choice for each of the 16 categories below by ticking or circling 1 nominee in each category. You do not have to complete every category if you feel unqualified. You can also complete this form online at the BBC's Celtic Roots website (www.bbc.co.uk/celticroots). Extra forms can be downloaded from www.handsupfortrad.co.uk. **PLEASE POST OR E.MAIL YOUR COMPLETED NOMINATIONS FORM TO HANDS UP FOR TRAD BY SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER. ADDRESS DETAILS AT THE FOOT OF THE PAGE.**

PLEASE COMPLETE

*NAME:

EMAIL:

* POSTAL ADDRESS:

***PLEASE NOTE: IF NO NAME AND ADDRESS IS GIVEN THE VOTING FORM BECOMES VOID.**

CATEGORIES FOR VOTING

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

Luminosity - Back of the Moon
Magnificent Seven - Blazin' Fiddles
Ordinary Angel - Compilation
Yont the Tay - Jim Reid

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

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

Campsie Accordion and Fiddle Club
Glenfarg Folk Club
Leith Folk Club
Stirling Folk Club

3. Composer of the Year sponsored by *Distil*

An Award for the best songwriter or tunesmith of 2005.

Charlie McKerron
Donald Shaw
Karine Polwart
Michael Marra

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- 4. Community Project of the Year** sponsored by
Award for the traditional music project that best serves your community.
Celtic Connections Education Programme
Glasgow Fiddle Workshop
Inverness Traditional Music Project
Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop
- 5. Event of the Year** sponsored by *VisitScotland*
An Award to recognise the event/festival which guest musicians feel was best organised, most welcoming, had the best or most discerning audiences etc
Auchtermuchty
Blas
Blazin' in Beaully
Girvan Folk Festival
- 6. Gaelic Singer of the Year** sponsored by *Macmeanmna*
Award for artist singing in Gaelic.
Arthur Cormack
Fiona Mackenzie (Dingwall)
James Graham
Julie Fowlis
- 7. Instrumentalist of the Year** sponsored by *Temple Records*
Award for outstanding instrumentalist. Can be any instrument.
Aaron Jones
Aidan O'Rourke
Anna Massie
Finlay MacDonald
- 8. Live Act of the Year** sponsored by *Royal Scottish Country Dance Society*
This is open to any traditional music act touring in Scotland.
Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham
Fiddlers Bid
Old Blind Dogs
Peatbog Faeries
- 9. Media Award** sponsored by *Greentrax*
An award for radio and TV programmes, magazines, and journalists who are getting the word out through the media.
Aig Cridhe Ar Ciuil
Billy Anderson – Tay FM
Living Tradition Magazine
Travelling Folk

- 10. Scots Singer of the Year** sponsored by *Traditional Music and Song Association*
Award for artist singing in Scots.
Alison McMorland
Emily Smith
Jim Malcolm
Jim Reid
- 11. Scottish Dance Band of the Year** sponsored by *National Association of Accordion and Fiddle Clubs*
Graham Geddes and his Scottish Dance Band
Gordon Shand and his Scottish Dance Band
Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Scottish Dance Band
Skipinnish
- 12. Scottish Folk Band of the Year** sponsored by *Foot Stompin' Records*
Back of the Moon
Cliar
Daimh
Karine Polwart Band
- 13. Scottish Pipe Band of the Year** sponsored by *The National Piping Centre*
George Watson's School Pipe Band
House of Edgar Shotts & Dykehead Pipe Band
Kintyre Schools Pipe Band
National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland
- 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.
Arthur Cormack
MusicScotland
Sound Sense
Stoneyport Agency
- 15. The McEwan's Sessions Venue of the Year 2005**
Hootananny, Inverness
ÒranMór, Glasgow
Sandy Bells, Edinburgh
The Drovers Inn, Inverarnan
The Lismore, Glasgow
The Lounge, Lerwick
The Mishnish, Tobermory
The Royal Oak, Edinburgh

16. Up and Coming Artist of the Year sponsored by *Wellington Consultancy*

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

Darren Maclean

Gary Innes

Hamish Napier

Jenna Reid

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Please return either by email to info@handsupfortrad.co.uk or by mail to Hands Up for Trad, PO Box 8774, Biggar, ML12 6WZ by **Saturday 25th November**