

Winners and nominees

BEST ARTS PRODUCER

This category celebrates the best of arts and culture-based audio, reported and produced to the highest of standards, giving a sense of special insight into the subject.

Michael Umney, Resonance/Reduced Listening **GOLD**

Andrew McGibbon, Curtains For Radio **SILVER**

Victoria Ferran, Just Radio Ltd **BRONZE**

Also nominated:

Anna Scott-Brown, Overtone Productions

Jo Wheeler, Freelance

Mair Bosworth, BBC Radio 4

BEST MUSIC PRODUCER

This award is for an exceptional producer working in music audio. Entries can range from single programmes and documentaries to sequence programmes, as well as specialist music programming, live music and discussion.

Steve Urquhart, Listen To Steve **GOLD**

Paul Smith, Just Radio Ltd **SILVER**

Nick Harris, Absolute Radio **BRONZE**

Also nominated:

Jax Coombes, BBC 6 Music

Natalie Steed, Freelance

Ollie Wilson, Somethin' Else

BEST FACTUAL PRODUCER

This category is for non-news based factual programming. The judges will be looking for a strong storytelling capability and a crystal clear, gripping narrative, plus compelling and creative production values that resonate with the audience.

Dom Byrne, Greenpoint **GOLD**

Sue Nelson, Boffin Media **SILVER**

Katherine Godfrey, Whistledown Productions **BRONZE**

Also nominated:

Kate Cocker, Reform Radio

Natalia Golysheva, Freelance

Jo Wheeler, Freelance

BEST NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS PRODUCER

Celebrating the best in news and current affairs production. Entries here should be from programmes which are clearly led by the current affairs agenda.

Rory Carson, BBC Radio 5 live **GOLD**

Gabriela Jones, Wisebuddah **SILVER**

James Shield, The RSA **BRONZE**

Also nominated:

Robert Nicholson, Whistledown Productions

Siobhann Tighe, BBC Radio 4

Tim Johns, BBC Radio 2

BEST SPORTS PRODUCER

Entries can feature outstanding, engaging sports programming from many formats; from live daytime programmes to round-table podcasts, but they must relate to sports in a clear and defined way.

Ben Mundy, BBC Radio 1 Newsbeat **GOLD**

Tom Whalley, Freelance **SILVER**

Ben Green, Muddy Knees Media **BRONZE**

Also nominated:

Mark Sharman, TBI Media

BEST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCER

Recognising producers who successfully create fresh and fun entertainment content. For example, entries might be drawn from live programmes and/or light-hearted podcasts.

Dave Masterman, Absolute Radio GOLD

Darby Dorras, Somethin' Else SILVER

Claire Solan, Absolute Radio BRONZE

Also nominated:

Peter Curran, The Foghorn Company

Ed Morrish, Freelance

Brian Murphy, Magic Radio & Absolute Radio

GETHIN THOMAS COMEDY AWARD

All comedy-based audio can be entered here, including sitcoms, scripted comedy, sketch shows or comedy-led panel shows. Any format with the primary aim of making people laugh fits the bill.

The category is named in honour of the pioneering Welsh comedy producer and performer, Gethin Wyn Thomas, who died suddenly and prematurely earlier last year.

Gus Beattie, Gusman Productions GOLD

Ed Morrish, Freelance SILVER

Giles Gear, Union JACK Radio BRONZE

Also nominated:

Gareth Gwynn, Freelance

David Tyler, Pozzitive

BEST LIVE EVENT/OUTSIDE BROADCAST PRODUCER

Entries here may span a wide range of formats and subject matter. The key is that they must have been created in a live broadcast setting.

Chris Evans Production Team, BBC Radio 2 GOLD

Chris Gilvear, Jazz FM SILVER

Mark Carter, BBC Sussex & BBC Surrey BRONZE

Also nominated:

Annabelle Buckland, JACKfm

Nick Carter, BBC Radio Cambridgeshire

BEST PODCAST PRODUCER

Celebrating an outstanding Podcast Producer who truly understands the special possibilities of the medium.

Tamsyn Kent, BBC Radio 1 Newsbeat GOLD

Mike Holt, BBC Radio 5 live SILVER

Eva Krysiak, Freelance BRONZE

Also nominated:

Neil Cowling, Fresh Air Production

Lucy Dearlove, Freelance

Sue Nelson, Boffin Media

BEST DRAMA PRODUCER

Recognising exceptional producers who know how to bring the story, characters and narrative to life in listeners' minds.

Nicolas Jackson, Afonica GOLD

Laurence Bowen, Dancing Ledge Productions SILVER

Kate Valentine, Digital Drama BRONZE

Also nominated:

Simon Barnard, Bafflegab Productions

Boz Temple-Morris, Holy Mountain

David Beck & Katie Arlett, Wireless Theatre Company, Audible Studios

BEST AUDIOBOOK/READINGS PRODUCER

Judges will be looking at the range and choice of material, performance, direction and production values here. Producers can enter an unedited section from a single book/reading or extracts from several books/readings.

Karen Rose, Sweet Talk Productions GOLD

Chris Thompson, Heavy Entertainment SILVER

Natalie Steed, Freelance BRONZE

Also nominated:

Roy McMillan, Penguin Random House

Samuel Gunn, Heavy Entertainment

Tanya Hougham, HarperCollins Publishers

BEST NEW PRODUCER

Celebrating a newcomer to audio production who shows potential to reach the very highest level.

Nick Harris, Absolute Radio GOLD

Shanida Scotland, Falling Tree Productions SILVER

Jonathan O'Sullivan, TBI Media BRONZE

Also nominated:

Hannah Dean, Freelance

Nathan Gower, Whistledown

Stuart Russell, Eyebrow Media

BEST STATION SOUND PRODUCER

For exceptional contributions to audio imaging and/or station sound production.

Liam Hadley, BBC Radio Pop Hub Station Sound GOLD

Ben Stones, BBC Radio Pop Hub Station Sound SILVER

Dan Prior, Absolute Radio BRONZE

Also nominated:

Carl Kinsman, Q Radio

Gordon Lundy, Absolute Radio

Stan Was, BBC Radio 4

BEST SOUND DESIGNER/ENGINEER

Celebrating the talents of sound designers, mixers, studio managers and others who create startling soundscapes that elevate audio from great to extraordinary.

Steve Urquhart, Listen To Steve GOLD

Eloise Whitmore, Naked Productions SILVER

Alasdair McGregor, Holy Mountain BRONZE

Also nominated:

Steve Bond, Freelance

Adam Fowler, Overtone Productions

Antony Shaw, TBI Media

GRASSROOTS PRODUCTION AWARD

For an individual, production company, radio/audio station or community-based organisation that has shown extraordinary achievement in identifying, nurturing or mentoring new and diverse talent to the audio industry.

Reform Radio GOLD

Radio Wanno – HMP Wandsworth SILVER

Resonance BRONZE

Also nominated:

PRA Productions/Prison Radio Association

Transmission Roundhouse

Women's Radio Station

AUDIO PERFORMER OF THE YEAR

Recognising and rewarding a performer who has demonstrated exceptional talent at interpreting the written word over the year, as exemplified by a single outstanding piece of work or a body of work. This could include narrators of audiobooks or actors in an audio drama.

Oliver Jeffers for HarperCollins Publishers GOLD

Bill Nighy for Penguin Random House SILVER

Jacob Anderson for Penguin Random House BRONZE

Also nominated:

David Rintoul for Penguin Random House Audio

David Walliams for HarperCollins Publishers

Lee Ingleby for Penguin Random House Audio

BEST PRESENTER – SPEECH

For exceptional on-air talent presenting speech programmes. Compelling conversation, high production values, brilliant interviews, a sustained contribution to the genre, outstanding creativity and deep-rooted connection to the audience.

Justin Dealey, BBC Three Counties Radio GOLD

Tony Livesey, BBC Radio 5 live SILVER Cole

Moreton, TBI Media BRONZE

Also nominated:

Nihal Arthanayake, BBC Radio 5 live

Abdul-Rehman Malik, TBI Media

Andrew Mueller, Monocle 24

BEST PRESENTER – MUSIC

For exceptional on-air talent presenting music programmes. Unrivalled understanding of their chosen music genre(s), the ability to share that passion, plus constant creativity, strong production values and powerful audience connection.

Trevor Nelson, Somethin' Else for BBC Radio 2
GOLD

Steve Lamacq, BBC 6 Music **SILVER**

Lauren Laverne, BBC 6 Music BRONZE

Also nominated:

Ruthie Henshall, Mellow Magic

Cerys Matthews, BBC Radio 2 & BBC 6 Music

Emily Segal, heat radio

NEW VOICE AWARD

For outstanding presenters who have recently entered the audio world or recently gained significant mainstream presentation recognition for the first time.

Jessie Ware, Table Manners GOLD

Martin Morales, Blok Media **SILVER**

**Frankie Wells & Anouszka Tate, Project Pleasure –
Transmission Roundhouse BRONZE**

Also nominated:

Blanche Girouard, BBC Radio 4

Ronan Keating, Magic Radio

Julia Raeside, Great Big Owl

GOLD AWARD

Recognising and celebrating an individual who has made an outstanding contribution, usually over a number of years, to the audio sector in the UK.

Jez Nelson

PRODUCTION COMPANY OF THE YEAR

This award recognises and celebrates a company's success across the year.

Wisebuddah GOLD

Reduced Listening **SILVER**

Whistledown BRONZE

Also nominated:

Naked Productions

PRA Productions – Prison Radio Association

Somethin' Else