



Press Release

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Hosts and speaker announced for

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY MUSIC AWARDS DINNER

Tuesday 5 May at 6.45pm, The Brewery, City of London

Presented in association with BBC Radio 3

- **Sir Antonio Pappano to give keynote speech**
- **Dame Felicity Lott to present RPS Music Awards trophies**
- **BBC Radio 3 presenters Suzy Klein and Sean Rafferty to host**

Sir Antonio Pappano, Music Director of the Royal Opera House, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Royal Philharmonic Society [RPS] Music Awards* on Tuesday 5 May. The awards will be hosted by **Sean Rafferty** and **Suzy Klein**, presenters of BBC Radio 3's drive-time programme, *In Tune*, with silver lyre trophies presented to the winners in thirteen categories by much-loved soprano, **Dame Felicity Lott**.

The RPS Music Awards, presented in association with BBC Radio 3, are the UK's highest recognition for live classical music. This year's awards celebrate outstanding achievement in 2014.

Sir Antonio Pappano is the latest in a long line of distinguished awards speakers, including the Director of the British Museum, **Neil MacGregor**, Director of the Royal National Theatre, **Nicholas Hytner** and artist **Grayson Perry**, who have offered wise, often provocative words on the major cultural issues of the day.

Suzy Klein hosts the awards for the first time, alongside popular RPS Music Awards veteran, **Sean Rafferty**.

A special programme featuring highlights from the RPS Music Awards ceremony, interviews and music will be broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on Monday 11 May at 7.30pm

FIND OUT WHO'S SHORTLISTED FOR THIS YEAR'S AWARDS AT
www.rpsmusicawards.com

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* Sandi Toksvig, previously advertised as speaker, has regrettably had to withdraw due to unforeseen work commitments.