



Press Release

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE RPS MUSIC AWARDS **www.rpsmusicawards.com**

What was the most memorable ensemble performance of 2015?

Was there a singer, conductor or instrumentalist, or new work that made your musical world move?

Have you been inspired by participating in a music event? Or has your understanding and enjoyment of music been widened by an online project, book or multi-media event?

Which operas, chamber music and young artists have made you think twice this year?

Nominations are now open for the Royal Philharmonic Society [RPS] Music Awards, the UK's highest annual accolades for live classical music, presented in association with BBC Radio 3.

Each year, through its annual RPS Music Awards, the Royal Philharmonic Society celebrates outstanding achievement in music. Awards are made in 13 categories, each selected by an independent jury of leading music professionals, with winners announced each May at a glittering award ceremony at The Brewery in London.

This year, the society is looking for nominations from all over the sector that reflect the wide and wonderful gamut of fine music making in UK in the calendar year, 2015. Rosemary Johnson, RPS Executive Director comments: *"The opening of nominations for the RPS Music Awards is always an exciting time for us. Taken collectively, the nominations always provide a fascinating snapshot of live classical music at its best from all over the UK, and they also shed light on the individual ways in which people are engaging in music – as passionate concertgoers, as participants, and as imaginative creators of brilliant events and initiatives that widen the understanding and appreciation of the music that we love.*

So, we're very much looking forward to hearing about the musicians and events – both large and small scale – that have made a real difference to the way that we listen to and enjoy music in 2015, and to receiving the always well-considered thoughts of our nominators – RPS Members and members of professional music organisations from across the UK. "

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN AT www.rpsmusicawards.com, AND
CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY 18 JANUARY 2016**

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RPS MUSIC AWARDS - THE CATEGORIES

- AUDIENCES AND ENGAGEMENT
- CHAMBER MUSIC AND SONG
- CHAMBER-SCALE COMPOSITION
- CONCERT SERIES AND FESTIVALS
- CONDUCTOR
- CREATIVE COMMUNICATION
- ENSEMBLE
- INSTRUMENTALIST
- LARGE-SCALE COMPOSITION
- LEARNING AND PARTICIPATION
- OPERA AND MUSIC THEATRE
- SINGER
- YOUNG ARTISTS

ABOUT THE RPS MUSIC AWARDS NOMINATORS

The Royal Philharmonic Society has an extensive list of nominators from across the UK, drawn from the Society's members and representatives of professional music organisations. Professional organisations that wish to be considered as nominators should email admin@philharmonicsociety.uk

Membership of the Royal Philharmonic Society is open to musicians and those within the music industry, and to music lovers. www.philharmonicsociety.uk