



Press Release
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Nominations open for the RPS Music Awards

- Which LIVE performances stood out in 2014?
- Which musicians provided the high note of your year? Which organisations pushed the boundaries to create new paths for classical music?
- Now's your chance to tell us about the musicians and events that opened eyes and ears in 2014, and made a difference.

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Nominations are now open for the RPS [Royal Philharmonic Society] Music Awards, the UK's leading professional awards celebrating creativity, excellence and understanding in live classical music, presented in association with BBC Radio 3.

Nominations for outstanding musical achievement during the calendar year 1 January – 31 December 2014 are now sought from RPS members and members of the music profession. The awards website, at rpsmusicawards.com features an easy-to-use online nominations form and a wealth of information about awards categories, criteria for nominations, previous winners and RPS Music Awards sponsors.

Professional music organisations wishing to join the RPS list of official nominators should email awards@philharmonicsociety.uk with their details for consideration. Nominations remain open until **midday Monday 19th January (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW CLOSING DATE)**.

With 13 categories, the RPS Music Awards offer the broadest spectrum of recognition for excellence both in and away from the concert hall. Independent juries consider every nomination, with selected shortlists in each category announced in April 2015.

In 2015, the RPS Music Awards moves to a new venue, The Brewery in the City of London. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Tuesday 5 May 2015.

Rosemary Johnson, Executive Director of the Royal Philharmonic Society comments:
"The RPS Music Awards are the awards for outstanding live music making in the UK and the nominations we receive not only provide exhilarating food for thought for our juries, but each year provide a valuable, sometimes surprising, snapshot of the astounding range of musical activity across the country. Now is your chance to add your voice and make the case for your favourites of 2014. Every nomination is considered, and every suggestion – whether for a headline-grabbing blockbuster or small, but perfectly hewn event, is judged against the Society's core principles of encouraging creativity, excellence and understanding of music.

2015 marks a new era for the RPS Music Awards, and we are tremendously excited to be moving to the Brewery, with its mix of rich history, splendid architecture, contemporary style and excellent food. We look forward to seeing the nominations and to saluting the best in classical music in fitting style at the 2015 RPS Music Awards ceremony at the Brewery next May."

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