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Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards 2015 - Winners Announced

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The winners of the 2015 Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards were announced this evening (July 8) at a star-studded ceremony at London's Roundhouse in Camden.

Top artists, Alesha Dixon, Nathan Sykes, formerly of The Wanted and Aston, formerly of JLS, performed live at the ceremony, hosted by Heart London Breakfast presenters, Jamie Theakston and Emma Bunton. The awards, now in their 20th year and organised by Radiocentre, are the biggest celebration of commercial radio, marking achievement from presenters and programming to advertising and marketing.

LBC picked up three Gold gongs on the night – Nick Ferrari for **Presenter of the Year** (2 million+ TSA), Tom Swarbrick won **Journalist of the Year** in the Ali Booker memorial prize and LBC was also awarded Gold for **Station of the Year** (2 Million+ TSA).

That awards tally was matched by Absolute Radio who scooped Gold in the **Specialist Programme of the Year** category with *Rock n Roll Football*; **Single Programme or Broadcast of the Year** with *The Clarke Carlisle Story* and Absolute's Christian O'Connell also received **The Arqiva Gold Award**.

Kiss's Andy Roberts received Gold for **Programmer of the Year** and Kiss was also awarded Gold for the **Station Imaging Award**.

Trev & Caroline at 106JACKfm Oxfordshire scooped Gold for **Presenter of the Year** (under 2m TSA). Radio Borders picked up Gold for **Station of the Year** (under 500,000 TSA) and Metro Radio received Gold **Station of the Year** (500,000 – 2m TSA).

News Coverage of the Year Gold went to BOB fm's Hertfordshire News Team; Gold **Social Action Initiative** went to Viking FM for its *Cycle4Life Challenge* and Heart Sussex were awarded Gold for **Feature of the Year** for its *Lady Week*.

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Breakfast Show of the Year Gold (under 2m TSA) went to Hallam FM for *Big John @ Breakfast*, and Gold for **Breakfast Show of the Year** (over 2m TSA) went to *Sam & Amy* at Gem 106.

The **Marketing Award** Gold went to Key 103 for their *Girl Band: The Piccadillys*, and Gold for **Innovation of the Year** went to Fun Kids for the *Bin Weevils Partnership*.

Unsung Hero of the Year Gold went to Pat Broome at Smooth North West.

The **NRS Media Local Sales Team of the Year** Gold went to Radio Clyde, with the **National Sales Award** Gold going to Bauer Media for *Go Think Big*. IKEA picked up Gold for **Advertiser of the Year** and **Media Agency of the Year** Gold went to Carat.

The **PPL Most Played UK Artist on Commercial Radio** was awarded to Sam Smith and the **PPL Breakthrough UK Artist of the Year** went to Ed Sheeran.

The **Radiocentre Lifetime Achievement Award** was awarded posthumously Richard Wheatley and Jazz FM.

Siobhan Kenny, Chief Executive of Radiocentre commented: “Congratulations to all our Gold, Silver and Bronze winners this evening – a fantastic standard of entries again this year, demonstrating once again, that commercial radio remains in rude health, producing innovative, creative content and compelling radio for our listeners.”

Ben Hart, Head of Commercial Radio at Arqiva commented: “A massive congratulations to this year’s winners! It’s been a tremendous year and the calibre of talent has been extremely high. Arqiva is proud to have once again sponsored the Commercial Radio Awards, and continue our on-going support of, and growth, of this dynamic and exciting industry.”

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Notes to editors

The Ali Booker Award remembers former winner, journalist Ali Booker, who died of breast cancer in 2010.

The Arqiva Awards are produced and staged by www.cryingoutloud.co.uk

Full list of 2015 winners

Presenter of the Year (under 2m TSA), sponsored by View Quest

Gold: Trev & Caroline - 106 JACKfm Oxfordshire
Silver: Jordan North - Rock FM
Bronze: Steve & Karen - Metro Radio

Presenter of the Year (over 2m TSA), sponsored by Ipsos Mori

Gold: Nick Ferrari - LBC
Silver: Clint Boon - XFM Manchester
Bronze: Christian O'Connell - Absolute Radio

Programmer of the Year, sponsored by RCS

Gold: Andy Roberts - Kiss
Silver: James Rea - LBC
Bronze: Tony Moorey - Absolute Radio

Unsung Hero of the Year, sponsored by GES Radio Intelligence

Gold: Pat Broome - Smooth North West
Silver: Sally Elkington - Lincs FM Group
Bronze: James Craddock - 106 JACKfm Oxfordshire & JACK 2

Journalist of the Year (Ali Booker Memorial Award)

Gold: Tom Swarbrick - LBC
Silver: Micky Welch - Metro Radio
Bronze: Laura Pennington - Hallam FM

Station of the Year (under 500,000 TSA), sponsored by PRS for Music

Gold: Radio Borders
Silver: Isle of Wight Radio
Bronze: Northsound 1

Station of the Year (500,000 – 2m TSA), sponsored by PRS for Music

Gold: Metro Radio
Silver: Clyde 1
Bronze: KMFM



Station of the Year (2m + TSA), sponsored by PRS for Music

Gold: LBC
Silver: Absolute Radio
Bronze: Classic FM

Breakfast Show of the Year (under 2m TSA), sponsored by Pure

Gold: Big John @ Breakfast - Hallam FM
Silver: JACK's Morning Glory - 106 JACKfm Oxfordshire & JACK 2
Bronze: Keith Clarkson at Breakfast - Radio Borders

Breakfast Show of the Year (over 2m TSA), sponsored by Reelworld

Gold: Sam & Amy - Gem 106
Silver: Classic FM's More Music Breakfast with Tim Lihoreau
Bronze: The Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show - Absolute Radio

Feature of the Year

Gold: Lady Week - Heart Sussex
Silver: Auschwitz - A Survivor Returns - LBC
Bronze : Kid in the Car - Forth 1

Single Programme or Broadcast of the Year, sponsored by Roberts Radio

Gold: The Clarke Carlisle Story - Absolute Radio
Silver: The LBC EU Leaders Debate - LBC
Bronze: Referendum Live - Bauer Scotland

Specialist Programme of the Year

Gold: Rock n Roll Football - Absolute Radio
Silver: Andi Durrant - the Electrick Playground - Kiss Fresh
Bronze: Nightowls - Metro Radio

Social Action Initiative

Gold: Cycle4Life Challenge - Viking FM
Silver: Thirsty Kirsty - Banbury Sound
Bronze : Global's Make Some Noise - Heart London

Station Imaging Award

Gold: KISS FM UK
Silver: Saturday Night at the Movies - Classic FM
Bronze : Capital Xtra

News Coverage of the Year, sponsored by IRN & Sky News

Gold: BOB fm Hertfordshire News Team - BOB fm
Silver: Global's Newsroom Wales
Bronze: Free Radio News - Free Radio

Innovation of the Year, sponsored by 7digital



Gold: Bin Weevils Partnership - Fun Kids
Silver: One Breakfast Show, Seven Playlists - Absolute Radio
Bronze: Composed - Classic FM

Marketing Award

Gold: Girl Band: The Piccadillys - Key 103
Silver: Punching Above Your Weight - Metro Radio
Bronze : The Free Radio Phantom - Free Radio

Local Sales Team of the Year, sponsored by NRS Media

Gold: Radio Clyde
Silver: Smooth North East
Bronze: Radio Borders

National Sales Award

Gold: Go Think Big - Bauer Media
Silver: Masters of Man Time with Just for Men - Absolute Radio
Bronze: X Men FM - XFM

Advertiser of the Year

Winner IKEA

Media Agency of the Year, sponsored by GTN UK

Gold: Carat
Silver: RadioWorks
Bronze: OMD

PPL Breakthrough UK Artist of the Year

Gold: Sam Smith
Silver: Clean Bandit
Bronze: Ella Henderson

PPL Most Played UK Artist on Commercial Radio

Gold: Ed Sheeran
Silver: Calvin Harris
Bronze: Queen

The Arqiva Gold Award

Winner Christian O'Connell - Absolute Radio

Lifetime Achievement Award

Winner Richard Wheatley & Jazz FM