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ARQIVA COMMERCIAL RADIO AWARDS 2016

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The winners of the 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards were announced this evening (17 May) at a star-studded ceremony at London’s Roundhouse in Camden.

The awards, now in their 21st year and organised by Radiocentre, are the biggest annual celebration of commercial radio. They honour the best in all aspects of the original broadcast medium, from presentation and programming to advertising and marketing. The ceremony was hosted by comedian Jon Holmes and the atmosphere enhanced by blistering live sets from BB Diamond, Jack Savoretti and Fleur East.

Both Global and Bauer scooped scores of awards. Global’s Gold winners included Iain Dale of LBC, who took home **Presenter of the Year (over 2 million TSA)** and Ella Griffith of Global’s Newsroom Yorkshire, who won **Journalist of the Year** (Ali Booker Memorial Award). Heart’s 100 Happy Days on the Heart Network scooped **Feature of the Year** and Global’s Make Some Noise campaign took Gold in the **Social Action Initiative** category.

Bauer’s Gold gongs winners included Paul Sylvester of Absolute Radio who won **Programmer of the Year**. Radio Borders was hailed **Station of the Year (500,000 TSA)**, while Absolute Radio were awarded Gold in the **Station of the Year (2 million + TSA)** category. The Christian O’Connell Breakfast Show won **Breakfast Show of the Year (over 2 million TSA)**.

Independents did themselves proud once again, scooping handfuls of glittering prizes: 106JACKfm Oxfordshire took the Gold for not only Station Imaging Award, but also Presenter of the Year (under 2 million TSA) with a stellar performance by Trevor Marshall and Caroline Verdon.

No one was surprised when The Bay’s Robin Duff won the Gold award for Unsung Hero of the Year, for his work during Storm Desmond. The Bay also took home the Silver Award in the Social Action Initiative for The Bay Action Desk’s sterling efforts for the local community in its hour of need.

Jess Glynne was awarded the PPL Breakthrough UK Artist of the Year Award, while Ed Sheeran won the PPL Most Played Artist on Commercial Radio. Global’s Steven Miron took the inaugural Arqiva Industry Leader of the Year Award and broadcasting stalwart Gillian Reynolds was presented with the 2016 Arqiva Lifetime Achievement Award.

Siobhan Kenny, CEO of Radiocentre, says: “huge congratulations to all our Gold, Silver and Bronze winners this evening. The Arqivas came of age tonight. As the media landscape grows increasingly complex, commercial radio not only remains but goes from strength to strength, producing compelling content, curated by DJs and presenters who are trusted by legions of listeners. Everyone here tonight should be very proud.”

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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 Commercial Radio Awards are produced and staged by www.cryingoutload.co.uk

FULL LIST OF 2016 WINNERS:

The 2016 Arqiva/View Quest Commercial Radio Presenter of the Year (under 2 million TSA)

Gold: Trevor Marchall and Caroline Verdon, 106 JACKfm Oxfordshire

Silver: Dave Connor and Vanessa Motion, Kingdom FM

Bronze: Jordan North, Rock FM

The 2016 Arqiva/Ruark Audio Commercial Radio Presenter of the Year (over 2 million TSA)

Gold: Iain Dale, LBC

Silver: Christian O’Connell, Absolute Radio

Bronze: Boogie & Dingo, Bauer City Network

The 2016 Arqiva/RCS Commercial Radio Programmer of the Year

Gold: Paul Sylvester, Absolute Radio

Silver: James Rea, LBC

Bronze: Gavin Harris, 107 JACK fm Berkshire

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Unsung Hero of the Year

Gold: Robin Duff, The Bay

Silver: Zach Watson, Heart Network

Bronze: Giles Gear, 106 JACKfm Oxfordshire and JACK 2

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Journalist of the Year (Ali Booker Memorial Award)

Gold: Ella Griffith, Global’s Newsroom Yorkshire

Silver: Shiona McCallum, Forth One

Laura Pennington, Hallam FM

The 2016 Arqiva/PRS fir Music Commercial Radio Station of the Year (500,000 TSA)

Gold: Radio Borders

Silver: 103.1 Central FM

Bronze: MFR

The 2016 Arqiva/PRS fir Music Commercial Radio Station of the Year (500,000 to 2m TSA)

Gold: Clyde 1

Silver: Hallam FM

Bronze: Metro Radio

The 2016 Arqiva/PRS fir Music Commercial Radio Station of the Year (2m + TSA)

Gold: Absolute Radio

Silver: Classic FM

Bronze: LBC

The 2016 Arqiva/Roberts Radio Commercial Radio Breakfast Show of the Year (under 2 million TSA)

Gold: Capital Breakfast with Matt, Polly and Geraint, Capital South Wales

Silver: Heart Breakfast with Tom, Nicola and Jack, Heart Sussex

Bronze: JD & Roisin, Free Radio

The 2016 Arqiva/ReelWorld Commercial Radio Breakfast Show of the Year (over 2 million TSA)

Gold: The Christian O’Connell Breakfast Show, Absolute Radio

Silver: KISS Breakfast with Rickie, Melvin and Charlie, KISS

Bronze: Capital Breakfast with Bodg, Matt and Scarlett, Capital North East

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Feature of the Year

Gold: Heart’s 100 Happy Days, Heart Network

Silver: Classroom SOS, Heart Sussex

Bronze: Not Just a Number, LBC

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Single Programme or Broadcast of the Year

Gold: Torture on the Kwai: The Diary of Raymond Savage, 101 Touch FM

Silver: 7/7: London Remembers, LBC

Bronze: Justice for Karen Buckley, Heart Scotland

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Specialist Programme of the Year

Gold: The Farming Programme, Lincs FM, KCFM, Rutland Radio

Silver: Rock N Roll Football, Absolute Radio

Bronze: Charlotte Green’s Culture Club, Classic FM

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Social Action Initiative

Gold: Global’s Make Some Noise

Silver: The Bay and Storm Desmond

Bronze: Capital XTRA’s Music Potential

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Station Imaging Award

Gold: JACKfm Oxfordshire

Silver: Absolute Radio, Real Music Matters

Bronze: Classic FM, The Home of Christmas Music

The 2016 Arqiva/Sky News & IRN Commercial Radio News Coverage of the Year

Gold: Hallam FM

Silver: Lincs FM Group Yorkshire

Bronze: The Bay

The 2016 Arqiva/NDL Commercial Radio Marketing Award

Gold: Radio X Launch, Radio X

Silver: VOD Campaign 2015, LBC

Bronze: Absolute Radio & Q Magazine

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Local Sales Team of the Year

Gold: The Bay

Silver: Radio Clyde

Bronze: Manx Radio

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio National Sales Award

Gold: Helping Lucozade “find their flow”, GTN

Silver: Exhibitionism – The Rolling Stones Story, Absolute Radio

Bronze: Bauer Media & JUST EAT

The 2016 Arqiva/Broadcast Bionics Commercial Radio Innovation of the Year

Gold: My Capital XTRA, Capital XTRA

Silver: Global’s Dax, Vizeum and Panasonic

Bronze: N60Sean, Fun Kids

The 2016 Arqiva/GTN UK Commercial Radio Media Agency of the Year

Gold: Mindshare

Silver: MediaCom

Bronze: the7stars

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Most Creative Campaign of the Year

Gold: P&G Duracell Perfectionist

Silver: AA Fuel Assist, Adam & Eve DDB

Bronze: Specsavers Bat, Specsavers

The 2016 Arqiva Commercial Radio Most Effective Agency Case Study of the Year

Gold: Lucozade Energy – “Find Your Flow”, MediaCom

Silver: Yorkshire Gold Tea, Classic FM Live Partnership, Goodstuff Communications

Bronze: Wickes and The Christian O’Connell Breakfast Show on Absolute Radio, Carat

PPL Breakthrough UK Artist of the Year: Jess Glynne

PPL Most Played UK Artist on Commercial Radio: Ed Sheeran

The 2016 Arqiva/7 digital Music Champion Award: John Kennedy, Radio X

The 2016 Arqiva Industry Leader of the Year: Steven Miron, Global Radio

The 2016 Arqiva Lifetime Achievement Award: Gillian Reynolds

The 2016 Arqiva Gold Award: Steve Allen, LBC