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## **NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2015 ARQIVA COMMERCIAL RADIO AWARDS ANNOUNCED**

The nominations for the 2015 Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards were today (May 14) unveiled by Absolute Radio's Rob Beckett and Sarah Champion via video broadcast at [www.commercialradioawards.org](http://www.commercialradioawards.org), on IRN audio, plus on twitter @arqivaawards.

A boost in both the level and quality of entries will this year be reflected with a shortlist of five in each award category, with a Bronze, Silver and Gold winner to be announced at the ceremony on July 8<sup>th</sup>

Nominations this year see a wide cross-section of stations, media agencies, advertisers and presenters in the running, from Radio Borders for **Station of the Year** (under 500,000 TSA) and KMFM for **Feature of the Year** with its *Save Someone's Christmas*, to IKEA for **Advertiser of the Year** and Absolute Radio's Christian O'Connell for **Presenter of the Year (2m+TSA)**. **Full list of nominations below.**

The awards, now in their 20<sup>th</sup> year, are organised by RadioCentre, the industry body for commercial radio, with Arqiva as the headline sponsor, and numerous industry companies supporting individual awards, including Pure Digital, NRS Media, Ipsos Mori, ViewQuest, RCS, GES Radio Intelligence, PPL, PRS for Music, Reelworld, Roberts Radio, IRN and Sky News, 7digital, NDL and GTN UK.

Siobhan Kenny, Chief Executive of RadioCentre said: "The Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards are a great opportunity for commercial radio to showcase the breadth and diversity of its output and this year's bag of entries is no exception. Standards are relentlessly high and competition stiff – which will make for an exciting evening in July."

Ben Hart, Head of Commercial Radio at Arqiva said: "Congratulations to all those who have been nominated this year. As ever, the calibre of talent is very high and we wish everyone the best of luck, in what looks set to be a fantastic 2015 awards."

Heart London breakfast presenters Jamie Theakston and Emma Bunton will host the awards on the evening of Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Camden Roundhouse in London. There will also be live music performances by special guests to be announced nearer the event.

There are a total of 24 categories, including PPL Breakthrough UK Artist of the Year, PPL Most Played UK Artist on Commercial Radio and a new award for 2015, the Innovation Award for the best 'new idea' whether digital, station operation, or ways to generate more revenue.

Tickets for the awards will go on sale on May 21<sup>st</sup> – see [www.commercialradioawards.org](http://www.commercialradioawards.org) website for booking details and prices.

## **ENDS**

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## **Notes to editors**

- The Ali Booker Memorial Award remembers journalist Ali Booker who died of breast cancer in 2010. Ali spent the last three years of her life working as a journalist at JACKfm and Glide fm in Oxfordshire. She was awarded an Arqiva 'Best Special Programme' for her 'cancer diaries' as well as a Silver Sony award for Best Community Programming in 2010.

## The 2015 Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards – Nominations

### **Presenter of the Year (under 2 Million TSA) - Sponsored by View Quest**

Brian Moore	Metro Radio
Jordan North	Rock FM
Mark & Twiggy	107 Oak FM
Steve & Karen	Metro Radio
Trevor & Caroline	106 JACKfm Oxfordshire

### **Presenter of the Year (over 2 Million TSA) - Sponsored by Ipsos Mori**

Christian O'Connell	Absolute Radio
Clint Boon	XFM Manchester
Frank Skinner	Absolute Radio
Jon Holmes	XFM London
Nick Ferrari	LBC

### **Programmer of the Year - Sponsored by RCS**

Paul Gerrard	Heart & Smooth West Midlands, Capital Birmingham
Tony Moorey	Absolute Radio
James Rea	LBC
Andy Roberts	Kiss
Gary Stein	Heart London

### **Unsung Hero of the Year - Sponsored by GES**

Lisa Bayley	Absolute Radio
Pat Broome	Smooth North West
James Craddock	106 JACKfm and JACK 2
Sally Elkington	Lincs FM Group
Rhiana Povey	Capital NW & Wales

### **Journalist of the Year (Ali Booker Memorial Award)**

Lauren Jones	Global's Newsroom Wales
Laura Pennington	Hallam FM
Tom Swarbrick	LBC
Micky Welch	Metro Radio
Gillian Wheelan	Global's Newsroom Scotland

### **Station of the Year (<500,000 TSA) - Sponsored by PRS for Music**

Isle of Wight Radio  
 Northsound 1  
 MFR  
 Radio Borders  
 Radio Plymouth

### **Station of the Year (500,000 to 2M TSA) - Sponsored by PRS for Music**

Clyde 1  
 Forth one  
 Hallam FM

KMFM Metro Radio	
<b>Station of the Year (2 Million + TSA) - Sponsored by PRS for Music</b> Absolute Radio Classic FM LBC Planet Rock Smooth Radio UK	
<b>Breakfast Show of the Year (under 2 Million TSA) - Sponsored by Pure Digital</b> <div> Capital Breakfast with Matt, Polly &amp; Geraint Big John @ Breakfast Jack's Morning Glory Keith Clarkson at Breakfast Mark O'Sullivan at Breakfast </div> <div> Capital South Wales Hallam FM 106 JACKfm Oxfordshire &amp; JACK 2 Radio Borders Touch FM </div>	
<b>Breakfast Show of the Year (over 2 Million TSA) - Sponsored by Reelworld</b> <div> The Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show Tim Lihoreau - More Music Breakfast Sam &amp; Amy Heart breakfast with Jamie &amp; Emma XFM Breakfast with Tim Cocker </div> <div> Absolute Radio Classic FM Gem 106 Heart London XFM Manchester </div>	
<b>Feature(s) of the Year</b> <div> Auschwitz - A Survivor Returns Kid in the Car Lady Week Live Music Thursday Save Someone's Christmas </div> <div> LBC Forth 1 Heart Sussex Absolute Radio KMFM </div>	
<b>Single Programme or Broadcast of the Year - Sponsored by Roberts Radio</b> <div> Back to 94 Behind the Curtain: A Royal Opera House Special The Clarke Carlisle Story The LBC EU Leaders Debate Referendum Live </div> <div> XFM Manchester Classic FM Absolute Radio LBC Clyde 1 </div>	
<b>Specialist Programme of the Year</b> <div> Andi Durrant - the Electrick Playground Breaking Bands Nightowls Rock n Roll Football Saturday Night at the Movies </div> <div> Kiss Fresh Team Rock Metro Radio Absolute Radio Classic FM </div>	
<b>Social Action Initiative</b> <div> Brighter Rider Cycle4Life Challenge Make Some Noise </div> <div> LBC Viking FM Heart London </div>	

Street Angels Thirsty Kirsty - Dogs for the Disabled	Key 103 Banbury Sound
<b>Station Imaging Award</b>	
Capital Xtra Saturday Night at the Movies Global's Make Some Noise Kiss FM UK Smooth Radio Network	Capital Xtra Classic FM LBC, Capital, Heart, Smooth, Classic FM, XFM, Gold Kiss FM UK Smooth Radio Network
<b>News Coverage of the Year - Sponsored by IRN &amp; Sky News</b>	
BOB fm Hertfordshire News Team Free Radio News Global's Newsroom Scotland Global's Newsroom Wales Hallam FM News Coverage	
<b>Innovation of the Year - Sponsored by 7digital</b>	
Composed Bin Weevils Partnership Jack to Control the Music Project Banana Share Radio	Classic FM Fun Kids JACK 2 Absolute Radio Share Radio
<b>Marketing Award</b>	
Classic FM Interactive The Free Radio Phantom The Picadillys Punching Above Your Weight Stand Ups at Breakfast	Classic FM Free Radio Key 103 Metro Radio Absolute Radio
<b>Local Sales Team of the Year - Sponsored by NRS Media</b>	
Capital Scotland Radio Borders Radio Clyde Smooth North East XFM Manchester	
<b>National Sales Award</b>	
Masters of Man Time with Just for Men Go Think Big Stubhun - #GigEnvy Jingle Bell Ball with Morrisons X Men FM	Absolute Radio Bauer Media Bauer Media Capital FM XFM
<b>Advertiser of the Year</b>	
British Gas IKEA	

McDonald's

**Media Agency of the Year - Sponsored by GTN UK**

Carat

MEC

MediaCom

OMD

RadioWorks

**PPL Breakthrough UK Artist of the Year**

Clean Bandit

Ella Henderson

George Ezra

Rixton

Sam Smith

**PPL Most Played UK Artist on Commercial Radio**

Calvin Harris

Clean Bandit

Ed Sheeran

Queen

Sam Smith