**PRESS RELEASE**

**Music Producers Guild And BRITs Rest BRIT Producer Award Presentation For 2017**

**London, UK. December 5th, 2016**: Following recent changes made to the BRITs Voting Academy, the Music Producers Guild and BRIT Awards have agreed to rest the presentation of the BRIT Award for Best Producer to the winner of the MPG UK Producer of the Year Award in 2017.

Tony Platt, Managing Director of the MPG Awards Group, says: “For the last eight years we have been proud to present the BRIT’s Best Producer Award to our UK Producer of the Year and we sincerely hope to be able to do so again.

“The MPG Awards are peer-led and winners are voted for by established and experienced working professionals during a carefully monitored voting and judging system. We hope that we will be able to work alongside the BRITs in future years. In the meantime, the BPI is continuing to support the MPG Awards through sponsorship.”

Now in its ninth year, the Music Producers Guild Awards features 16 awards categories that recognise the best and brightest names in music production. Previous award winners have included **Sir George Martin CBE,** **Youth**, **FKA Twigs,** **Brian Eno**, **Catherine Marks,** **Trevor Horn, Dizzy Rascal** and **Dave Stewart**.

The 2017 Awards will take place on February 16th 2017 at the prestigious Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London. A host of internationally acclaimed producers will be vying for gongs, including Tony Visconti, Paul Epworth, Fraser T. Smith and Nigel Godrich.

There are still a few MPG Awards open for sponsorship, including the prestigious Producer of the Year Award. Anyone who would like to support this exciting event should contact MPG Awards Event Organiser Joe Edwards. Telephone: +44 (0) 7701 030 513. Email: [joe@offbeatldn.com](mailto:joe@offbeatldn.com).

Tickets for the 2017 MPG Awards are also on sale and there are currently a limited number of super discounted tickets available. For price information and bookings, please follow this link: <https://www.mpg.org.uk/mpg-awards/2017-tickets/>

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**About Music Producers Guild:**

The Music Producers Guild is an independent and democratic organisation that encourages the highest standards of music production, and actively engages with other music industry organisations to campaign and lobby on matters of important mutual interest.

The MPG represents and promotes the interests of all those involved in the production of recorded music, including producers, engineers, mixers, re-mixers, programmers and mastering engineers. [www.mpg.org.uk](http://www.mpg.org.uk)

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