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**Music Producers Guild Set To Open Submissions For Its 2017 Awards**

*This prestigious annual event will take place in London on Wednesday February 16th 2017 and will be presented by Absolute Radio DJ Christian O’Connell.*

**London, UK:** The Music Producers Guild Awards 2017 gets underway on **September 1st** **2016** with the official opening of the online submissions process, which allows for the names of worthy recording professionals to be put forward for Awards consideration.

As in previous years, this part of the Music Producers Guild Awards process is open to everyone. There are 13 categories where anyone can submit a name. Recording professionals, managers and studio owners who would like to be considered are strongly recommended to get on line at [http://www.mpg.org.uk/mpg-awards/submissions-2017/](https://www.mpg.org.uk/?post_type=mpg-awards&p=27453&preview=true) and submit their own or their client’s names, rather than relying on other people to do it for them.

"The aim of the Music Producers Guild Awards is to ensure that creative people are properly acknowledged and credited for their work,” says Tony Platt, Managing Director of MPG Awards. “Winning an award shows that you have the respect of your peers because ultimately they are the people who have voted for you. But before that can happen, you must submit your own name or the name of someone you think is worthy of consideration in a particular category. Submissions have increased every year, as have the number of musical genres represented, but there is always room for more and we really would like to encourage as many people as possible to take part.”

Now in its ninth year, the Music Producers Guild Awards recognises the enormous contribution made to the international music industry by the UK’s top producers, engineers, remixers and mastering engineers. Previous award winners have included **Sir George Martin CBE,** **Youth**, **Paul** **Epworth**, **FKA Twigs,** **Brian Eno**, **Catherine Marks,** **Trevor Horn** and **Dave Stewart**.

The 2017 Music Producers Guild Awards will take place on February 16th, 2017, at the prestigious Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London. Award-winning Absolute Radio DJ and Stand Up comic **Christian O’Connell** will be the presenter and once again the headline sponsor will be **Prism Sound**, who manufacturer specialist equipment for the pro audio and broadcast industries. Other key sponsors include **PPL, Shure** and the **BRITS**, which respectively support the **Outstanding Contribution, Single of the Year** and **Producer of the Year** awards (the winner of the latter automatically receives a BRIT for Best Producer).

This year there are some changes to the Awards categories: the awards for Innovation and Inspiration have been combined into one gong for Innovation, plus there is a new category for Self-Producing Artist that, as its name suggests, is open to projects produced by the featured artist.

“It made sense to combined Innovation and Inspiration into one award because innovators are inspiring and people who inspire are usually innovators,” Tony Platt adds. “This award, along with the award for Outstanding Contribution, is still in the gift of the MPG and we are currently deciding on the 2017 recipients.”

Another change to proceedings relates to the Album and Single of the Year Awards: entrants in these categories can now be considered on the basis of streamed material as well as downloads and physical releases. The only proviso is that streamed material must be paid for (via legitimate sites such as Spotify or Apple Music).

The submissions process for 2017 will remain live until September 30th 2016 to ensure that everyone has plenty of time to put suitable names forward for consideration.

The MPG 2017 Awards categories open for public submission are:

**UK Producer Of The Year**

**International Producer Of The Year**

**Breakthrough Producer Of The Year**

**Recording Engineer Of The Year**

**Breakthrough Engineer Of The Year**

**Self-Producing Artist Of The Year**

**Mix Engineer Of The Year**

**Mastering Engineer Of The Year**

**Re-mixer Of The Year**

**UK Album Of The Year**

**UK Single Song Release Of The Year**

**Studio Of The Year**

**The A&R Award**

The MPG 2016 Awards categories in the gift of the MPG are:

**The MPG Innovation Award**

**The Award** **for** **Outstanding Contribution to UK Music**

Tickets for the 2017 MPG Awards are now 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/>

Sponsorship opportunities to suit all budgets are also available for this exciting event. Companies that would like to discuss this should contact MPG Awards Event Organiser Joe Edwards. Telephone: +44 (0) 7701 030 513. Email: joe@offbeatldn.com

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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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