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**Submissions Open For The Music Producers Guild Awards 2018**

*Celebrating its 10th anniversary, this prestigious annual event takes place in London on March 1st 2018 and will be presented by broadcaster Shaun Keaveny.*

**London, UK. August 1st 2017:** The Music Producers Guild Awards are 10 years old and to mark the occasion organisers are promising that the next ceremony, which takes place in London on March 1st 2018, will be the biggest, best and the glitziest yet.

Over the last decade the role of the music producer has really come to the fore, with top names such as **Mark Ronson**, **Calvin Harris**, **Paul Epworth** and **Pharrell** generating as much public interest as the artists they work with. This change to the industry’s power structure is in no small part down to the MPG, which has worked tirelessly to raise the status of the UK’s highly skilled recording professionals and, through its hugely popular Awards, champion their creativity and talent.

“In many cases it is the producer, not the label, that brings about artist success,” says Tony Platt, Managing Director of MPG Awards. “This is recognised and acknowledged in our Awards, which have built up an integrity respected throughout the production community.”

With a roll call of previous award winners that includes **Sir George Martin CBE,** **Youth**, **Paul** **Epworth**, **FKA Twigs,** **Brian Eno**, **Roni Size**, **Catherine Marks,** **Trevor Horn** and **Dave Stewart**, the MPG Awards are widely regarded as a key event in the UK music industry calendar.

To kick-start the 10th Anniversary MPG Awards and ensure that a truly diverse range of recording professionals are in the running to receive a gong, the MPG is opening submissions on August 16th – a process that allows names 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 and studio owners who would like to be considered are strongly recommended to get on line and submit their own names rather than relying on other people to do it for them. Likewise, if you are a manager of a producer, engineer or self-producing artist, now if your chance to put your client’s name forward. The link for submissions is here and will be live from August 16th: [http://www.mpg.org.uk/mpg-awards/mpg-awards-submissions-2018/](https://www.mpg.org.uk/?post_type=mpg-awards&p=52925&preview=true)

“Winning an award shows that you have the respect of your peers because ultimately they are the people who have voted for you,” Tony Platt adds. “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.”

The 2018 Music Producers Guild Awards will take place at the prestigious Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London. Broadcaster and breakfast show presenter **Shaun Keaveny** will host the Awards and once again key sponsors include **Prism Sound**, **PPL** and **Shure**, which respectively support the **Producer Of The Year**, **Outstanding Contribution** and **Single Of The Year** awards.

The submissions period for 2018 will only remain live until August 30th 2017 so make sure you put suitable names forward for consideration sooner rather than later. Submissions have increased every year, as have the number of musical genres represented, but there is always room for more and the MPG would like to encourage as many people as possible to take part.

**The MPG 2018 Awards categories open for public submission are:**

**UK Producer Of The Year**

**International Producer Of The Year**, sponsored by British Grove

**Breakthrough Producer Of The Year**, sponsored by Focusrite

**Recording Engineer Of The Year**, sponsored by AMS Neve

**Breakthrough Engineer Of The Year**, sponsored by Genelec

**Self-Producing Artist Of The Year**, sponsored by Spitfire Audio

**Mix Engineer Of The Year**, sponsored by Solid State Logic

**Mastering Engineer Of The Year**

**Re-mixer Of The Year**, sponsored by Novation

**UK Album Of The Year**

**UK Single Song Release Of The Year**, sponsored by Shure

**Studio Of The Year**

**The A&R Award**

**The MPG 2018 Awards categories in the gift of the MPG are:**

**The MPG Inspiration Award**, sponsored by Audio Note

**The Award for Outstanding Contribution to UK Music**, sponsored by PPL

The MPG would also like to thank Avid for sponsoring the Nominee Seats and to MQA for sponsoring the Judges Table.

Tickets for the 2018 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: <http://www.mpg.org.uk/mpg-awards/2018-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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