**PRESS RELEASE**

**The Music Producers Guild Announces its 2019 Awards Shortlist**

*The record production industry is making inroads into gender equality with women making up over a third of those shortlisted.*

**London, UK. November 12th 2018:** Following a record number of submissions, the Music Producers Guild is delighted to announce the names of those shortlisted for its 2019 Awards, which will take place in London on February 28th next year.

For the second year running female producers and engineers have made a major impact on the UK’s recording industry and their skills and talents have not gone unrecognised. Over a third of those shortlisted are women and the three names shortlisted for the MPG’s 2019 Breakthrough Engineer category are all women - Cecile Desnos, Dani Bennett Spragg and Rhiannon Mair.

Catherine Marks, the MPG’s 2018 Producer of the Year winner, says: “The MPG Awards are such a great event in our year as it gives us an opportunity to recognise the outstanding achievements of our engineering and producer community. It was such an honour to win Producer of the Year in 2018, especially in a year where so many other women were acknowledged and awarded. I am looking forward to the MPG Awards next year and wish everyone who is nominated the best of luck.”

Other notable names on the 2019 shortlist include Cam Blackwood, Dave Eringa and James Ford who are in the running for the Producer of the Year Award; Four Tet (Kieran Hebden), Jon Hopkins and Tori Amos who are shortlisted in the recently introduced self-producing artist category and David Byrne, Greg Kurstin and Donald Glover (Childish Gambino) and Ludwig Goransson who are shortlisted in the International Producer category. The range of genres and artists represented by all those shortlisted is more varied than ever and includes some of the music industry’s most successful and critically acclaimed names such as Clean Bandit, Jess Glynne, Dua Lipa, Liam Gallagher and Royal Blood.

Now in its 11th year, the MPG Awards feature 16 award categories that celebrate the best and brightest talent in music production, along with the industry’s rising stars. Previous award winners have included Sir George Martin CBE, FKA Twigs, Roni Size, Sylvia Massy, Brian Eno, Trevor Horn and Dave Stewart.

Final judging for the 2019 Awards will take place at Abbey Road Studios on December 4th 2018 and the winners will be announced at the Awards ceremony at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, where broadcaster and breakfast show presenter Shaun Keaveny will be the host.

The shortlists for each of the MPG 2019 Awards categories (in no particular order) are as follows:

* **UK Producer Of The Year**

Cam Blackwood

Dave Eringa

James Ford

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

Guy Massey
Matt Wiggins
Sean Genockey

* **Mix Engineer Of The Year**, sponsored by Miloco Studios

Cenzo Townshend
David Wrench
Mark 'Spike' Stent

* **Re-mixer Of The Year**

IYEARA
Matthew Herbert
Shura

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

Dilip Harris

Mark Rankin

Rhiannon Mair

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

Four Tet (Kieran Hebden)

Jon Hopkins

Tori Amos

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

Cecile Desnos

Dani Bennet Spragg

Rhiannon Mair

* **International Producer Of The Year**, sponsored by RME

David Byrne

Donald Glover (Childish Gambino) and Ludwig Goransson

Greg Kurstin

* **Mastering Engineer Of The Year**, sponsored by Kii Audio

John Davis

Mandy Parnell

Tim Young

* **UK Album Of The Year**, sponsored by Universal Audio

Arctic Monkeys: *Tranquility Base Hotel & Casino*

Everything Everything: *A Fever Dream*

Nadine Shah: *Holiday Destination*

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

Anna Calvi: *Don't Beat The Girl Out Of My Boy*

George Ezra: *Shotgun*

The 1975: *Love It If We Made It*

* **The A&R Award**

Briony Turner

Gilles Peterson

Holly Manners

* **Studio Of The Year**, sponsored by Soundgas

British Grove Studios

Strongroom

Urchin Studios

The MPG 2019 Awards categories in the gift of the MPG are:

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

**PPL Present The MPG Award For Outstanding Contribution To UK Music**, sponsored by PPL

**The Special Recognition Award**

Tickets for the 2019 MPG Awards are now on sale. For price information and bookings, please follow this link: <http://www.mpg.org.uk/mpg-awards/2019-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 Adam Cuthbertson. Telephone: +44 (0) 207 127 2010. Email:adam@vitalconcierge.co.uk

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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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