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**GALAXY OF STARS ASSEMBLE TO SALUTE UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL MUSIC BOSS
LUCIAN GRAINGE AT PRESTIGIOUS CHARITY AWARD GALA**, including:

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**U2 *Duffy* Take That* Mika* Razorlight* ABBA's Bjorn and Benny*
Girls Aloud* Snow Patrol* Scissor Sisters* Keane* Sugababes***

The stars are turning out in force to salute music boss Lucian Grainge, the chairman and chief executive of Universal Music Group International, when he is honoured with the highly prestigious Music Industry Trusts' Award on Monday evening, 3 November. The event takes place at the Grosvenor House Hotel before an audience of more than 1,200 from the music and entertainment industries.

Previous recipients of this Award have included Sir George Martin; Ahmet Ertegun, founder of legendary Atlantic Records; and Sir Elton John and Bernie Taupin. The MITS is a charity event in aid of Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy and the BRIT Trust, sponsored this year by Nokia, Ingenious, PPL and PRS.

The Artist guest list includes many names that have dominated the UK and international charts in recent years. Among those attending the Music Industry Trusts' Award evening will be:

Amy Macdonald
Anastasia
Bjorn and Benny
Duffy
The Feeling
Fratellis
Gabriella Cilmi
Girls Aloud
James Morrison
Jamie Cullum
Keane
Lulu
Mika
Ray Davies
Razorlight
Russell Watson
Sharleen Spiteri
Snow Patrol
Stereophonics
Sugababes
Take That

Tony Christie
U2

Lucian Grainge commented: "This recognition is an honour, and I'm delighted to be able to share it with the many artists, colleagues and friends who have been at the centre of my professional and personal life for the past 30 years. I'm proud that music is the only industry I have ever worked in. Music has given me opportunity and fulfilment beyond measure, and I'm grateful for that."

The Music Industry Trusts' Award has raised £3 million to date for its two charities, Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy and the BRIT Trust (which includes the BRIT school for Performing Arts and Technology). The Award was established in 1991 with the twin aims of honouring an individual and raising money for the nominated charities. The Award is unique because – in addition to saluting artists – it recognises the contribution that an individual has made to the industry, from a range of activities: producer, film composer, record company executive, music retailer, concert impresario.

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