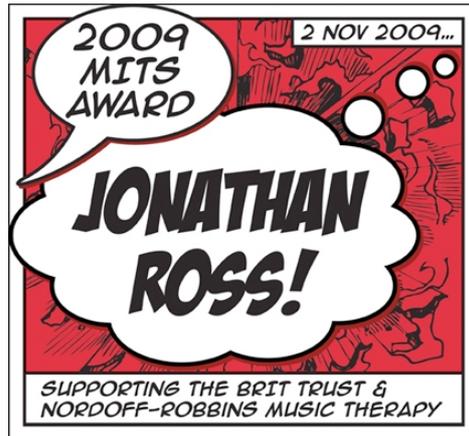


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JONATHAN ROSS PRESENTED WITH 2009 MUSIC INDUSTRY TRUSTS' AWARD BY GEORGE MICHAEL

TRIBUTES FROM STARS INCLUDING WILL SMITH, VIVENNE WESTWOOD, U2, TOM JONES AND CHERYL COLE

It was 'Monday Night with Jonathan Ross', as one of the most-watched and most listened-to tastemakers in the music business, was honoured this evening with the prestigious annual Music Industry Trusts' Award in association with PPL and Nokia Comes With Music. Jonathan Ross was awarded the accolade in recognition of his services to music broadcasting, it was presented to him by pop legend **George Michael**.

The charity dinner, now in its 18th year, is held at London's Grosvenor House Hotel in aid of Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy and The BRIT Performing Arts & Technology School. It was attended by over 1000 guests from the UK music and entertainment industry including **Noel Gallagher**, **Darren Bennett** (Strictly Come Dancing), **Lilia Kopylova** (Strictly Come Dancing) and **Sparks** as well as Ross's family.

Four Poofs and a Piano got the evening off to a great start, which also included performances from hot band **Kelly Jones**, **Stereophonics** and Mr Cool himself, **Bryan Ferry**. A specially made tribute film of good

wishes to Jonathan Ross was shown as he collected his Music Industry Trusts' Award featuring messages from many diverse talents, including **Sir Tom Jones, Dame Vivienne Westwood, Will Smith, Alan Carr, Rufus Wainwright, U2**, current UK chart topper **Cheryl Cole** and Killers front man, **Brandon Flowers**. Flowers said of Ross "You're one of the best people we've come across in our journey thus far". Hollywood legend Smith said ' You are important to me and to my life. This is a very prestigious award'.

David Munns, Chairman of the Award committee said: "We are especially delighted for our two charities that Jonathan Ross is our 2009 MITS recipient. For over two decades Jonathan Ross has been an important part of the UK music landscape and has provided valuable support to artists in challenging times. His passion for music, enthusiasm for discovering and encouraging musicians and the importance of his two shows for artist development, makes Jonathan Ross a worthy recipient of the 2009 MITs Award."

Jonathan Ross joins a select group of Music Industry Trusts' honourees: Sir George Martin, Harvey Goldsmith, Michael Parkinson, Lucian Grainge and the late Ahmet Ertegun, and such esteemed artists and musicians as Kylie Minogue, Peter Gabriel, Sir Elton John and Bernie Taupin, and John Barry.

The Music Industry Trusts' Award has raised £ 4 million to date inclusive of money raised tonight, 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, broadcaster, record company executive, music retailer, concert impresario.

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Note to editors:

Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy is a charity that gives care and support to adults and children through music therapy. It is a state registered profession and is dependent on the generosity of donors for its funding. The BRIT School for Performing Arts and Technology is the only non-fee paying arts school in the UK.

The BRIT School in South London provides a unique education for 800 young people who do not have a privileged background and want to choose a career in the arts industries. As the only free performing arts school in the country, the BRIT School is very different to normal vocational schools, with a very diverse intake of talented kids who would otherwise not have the opportunities to develop their potential in music, musical theatre, dance, theatre, media, art and design or technical theatre (production). It is a unique place with a history of success and innovation. www.brittrust.co.uk

PPL

PPL is the music licensing company which, on behalf of 42,000 performers and 5,000 record companies in the UK, licenses recorded music.

PPL collects domestic and international revenues from UK television and radio, digital and online media as well as 'public performance' income where music is used in public. The company does not retain any profit for itself. The costs of collecting, processing and distributing the licence fees are taken from the gross revenues that the company collects. Cost-to revenue ratio has remained at the 2007 levels of 14.6% despite increasing investment in technology.

All these revenues are distributed and paid to all PPL's record company and performer members. These include featured artists as well as session musicians, ranging from orchestral players to percussionists and to singers. There is no joining fee or administration charge and the company actively seeks members.

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