



**MUSIC INDUSTRY TRUSTS
AWARD**
Supporting the BRIT Trust and Nordoff Robbins

ANNIE LENNOX IS HONOURED WITH THE 22ND MUSIC INDUSTRY TRUSTS AWARD

Thursday 27 June 2013: Annie Lennox, iconic singer, songwriter and philanthropist, is to be honoured with the 22nd Music Industry Trusts Award (MITS). This prestigious music award is presented to Annie in recognition of her outstanding contribution to British music and her tireless charity work. The Award will be presented on Monday 4th November at a gala dinner in aid of Nordoff Robbins and the BRIT Trust.

David Munns OBE, chairman of the MITS Award committee, said:

"This is very much an award from the wider British music business to honour Annie Lennox's unique contributions to our industry. Every year - and this is our 22nd year - the British music industry comes together to honour and salute one person's special contribution. This year the MITS Award is being presented to Annie in recognition of her universally acclaimed status as artist, songwriter, HIV/Aids Activist and social activist who indefatigably supports and raises awareness for HIV charities in Africa, and champions humanitarian causes. One of Britain's most successful songwriters, the recipient of eight BRIT Awards, four Ivor Awards and four Grammys and the most successful female British artist in UK music history with over 80 million records sold worldwide: Annie Lennox we salute and celebrate you."

One of the most accomplished artists of our time, Annie Lennox is celebrated as an innovator, an icon, and a symbol of enduring excellence. Her music career is peerless. This remarkable journey

began in 1971, at the age of 17, when Lennox left her native Scotland to take up a place at the Royal Academy of Music in London. From a fortuitous chance encounter with Dave Stewart in the early seventies, the pair went on to form The Tourists, who ultimately achieved significant success in the UK, Europe and Australia. It was not until the break up of the band in '79 however, that Annie and Dave decided to form a duo, calling themselves "Eurythmics". They released their first album, "In the Garden," in 1981, but it was not until the worldwide success of their second album, "Sweet Dreams (Are Made Of This)" in 1983, that Eurythmics became the musical phenomenon we know today. Eurythmics went on to sell over 75 million albums, and achieved over 20 hits across the world. In 1990, Annie released her debut solo album entitled "Diva". Entering the charts at number 1 in the UK, the album sold around six million copies worldwide (including two and a half million in the USA). "Diva" included the Top 10 singles "Why", "Walking On Broken Glass" and "Little Bird". The massive global success of "Diva" launched Annie as a major solo artist with a career that continues to dazzle and delight.

Annie Lennox: "I'm incredibly touched and honoured to be considered as a recipient of the 22nd Music Industry Trusts Award. Music has given me a lifetime of experiences and opportunities that I never would have dreamed possible, and I feel very privileged to have been able to become an artist and communicator, especially as a woman."

The Music Industry Trusts Award, now in its 22nd year, has raised over £4.3 million for Nordoff Robbins and the BRIT Trust. It has earned its respected place in the entertainment industry due to the great names that have held this honour: Sir George Martin, Ahmet Ertegun, Sir Elton John and Bernie Taupin, Lucian Grainge CBE, John Barry OBE, Sir Michael Parkinson CBE, Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Tom Jones, Kylie

Minogue OBE, Sir Harvey Goldsmith, Jools Holland OBE and Gary Barlow OBE. The Award was founded to recognise outstanding achievement in the UK music industry as well as to benefit the charitable work of Nordoff Robbins and the BRIT Trust.

The Music Industry Trusts Award is sponsored by Spotify, PPL and Ingenious Media.

The Award is unique because it recognises the contribution that an individual has made to the industry across a range of activities: record producer, film music composer, broadcaster, artist, music executive, songwriter and concert impresario. The Award evening has become renowned for its magic moments, with unique live performances that have a special resonance for the recipient.

Tickets are available from: mitsadmin@nrfr.co.uk, tel: 020 7428 9908

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