

# MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards Voting Form 2008 page 1.

Hands up for Trad will be hosting the 6th MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards on 5th, 6th December 2008 in Glasgow's Old Fruitmarket. The aim of these Awards is to highlight Scotland's wonderful traditional music in all its forms and to create a high profile opportunity which will bring the music and music industry into the spotlight of media & public attention. Thank you to all our sponsors without whom this event would not go ahead. Please support them.



This is a very exciting year for us as it is our first Scots Trad Music Awards on TV. The new BBC Gaelic Channel, BBC ALBA will be showing the programme on Monday 8th December, two nights after the actual ceremony. There will also be a programme featuring the 'award winners' broadcast in-between Christmas and New Year on BBC2.

The bands performing on the 6<sup>th</sup> December are:

Capercaillie  
Session A9  
Karine Polwart Band  
Lau  
Breabach  
Jimmy Shand 100th Birthday tribute  
Strathclyde Police Band  
The Cast  
Kenna Campbell  
St Rochs Ceilidh Band

On Friday 5th December we will be hosting a ceilidh in the Old Fruitmarket (doors open 9.30pm) with The Occasionals. There will also be a Festival Club with sessions on Friday night at The Old Fruitmarket. Tickets for the ceilidh are available from the Fruitmarket box office 0141 353 8000. There are no tickets left for the Scots Trad Music Awards on the 6<sup>th</sup> but there are tickets for our late-night concert at the Festival Club with the band Session A9. This will open at 12.00am and tickets cost £10 (from box office).

Voting Dates: 3rd November - 21st November.

The results of Stage 1 of the nomination procedure have been collated and four nominations in each category are now available for voting. Please vote by placing a cross (X) to the right of your choice in each category as listed below. Please note - You do not have to vote in every category if you do not wish to do so. You can also vote online at [www.handsupfortrad.co.uk](http://www.handsupfortrad.co.uk). The website will be open from 9am for voting on 3rd November 2008.

Completed forms should be returned to Hands Up For Trad at the address below.

Further information about each of the nominees can be found on the Hands Up For Trad website

## (STAGE 2) VOTING

\*YOUR NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

\* YOUR POSTAL ADDRESS:

\*PLEASE NOTE: IF NO NAME AND ADDRESS IS GIVEN YOUR VOTES WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

If additional voting forms are required feel free to photocopy this one or download further forms from the **Scots Trad Music Awards** section on the Hands Up For Trad website ([www.handsupfortrad.co.uk](http://www.handsupfortrad.co.uk))

**Completed voting forms should be sent to Hands Up for Trad, PO Box 8774, Biggar, ML12 6WZ. Final date for receipt 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008.**

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## CATEGORIES FOR VOTING

### Album of the Year sponsored by Birnam CD

1. Elevate by Fiona MacKenzie
2. Farrar by Duncan Chisholm
3. Mary Ann Kennedy & Na Seòid
4. Starfish by Catriona McKay

### Club of the Year sponsored by The Living Tradition Magazine

1. Campsie Accordion and Fiddle Club
2. Denholm Folk Club
3. Haddington Accordion and Fiddle Club
4. Wee Folk Club

### Community Project of the Year

1. Ceolas (South Uist)
2. Edinburgh Youth Gaitherin
3. Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
4. Wrigley Sisters' Centre of Music (Orkney)

### Distil Composer of the Year

An Award for the best songwriter, tunesmith, composer of 2008

1. Adam Sutherland
2. Blair Douglas
3. James Ross
4. Sandy Wright

### Event of the Year sponsored by VisitScotland

1. Gordon Duncan Memorial Concert (Perth)
2. Jura Festival
3. Piping Live! (Glasgow)
4. Shetland Fiddle Frenzy

### Gaelic Singer of the Year sponsored by Macmeanmna

1. Gillebride MacMillan
2. Griogair Labhraidh
3. Maeve Mackinnon (Glasgow)
4. Margaret Stewart

### Instrumentalist of the Year sponsored by Temple Records

1. Anna Massie
2. David Milligan
3. Kris Drever
4. Mark Duff

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**Live Act of the Year** sponsored by Greentrax Recordings

1. Julie Fowlis
2. Lau
3. Peatbog Faeries
4. Ross Ainslie & Jarlath Henderson

**Citty Finlayson Scots Singer of the Year** sponsored by Traditional Music and Song Association

1. Emily Smith
2. Fiona Hunter
3. Jim Malcolm
4. Mick West

**Scottish Dance Band of the Year** sponsored by National Association of Accordion and Fiddle Clubs

1. Bill Black Scottish Dance Band
2. George Meikle & the Lothian Dance Band
3. Graham Mitchell Scottish Dance Band
4. Skipinnish

**Scottish Folk Band of the Year** sponsored by Foot Stompin' Scottish Music

1. Breabach
2. Malinky
3. Session A9
4. The Chair

**Scottish Pipe Band of the Year** sponsored by The National Piping Centre

1. Bucksburn & District Pipe Band
2. Johnstone Pipe Band
3. Scottish Power Pipe Band
4. Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band

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## **Services to Industry Award** sponsored by Scottish Arts Council

An award for the person, organisation etc whose services to the traditional music industry are indispensable.

1. Arthur Cormack
2. Donna Macrae
3. Foot Stompin' Scottish Music
4. Fred Freeman

## **Up and Coming Artist of the Year** sponsored by Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama

This is open to individual artists/bands emerging onto the scene. Nominations can be for people of any age as long as they are up and coming.

1. Ailie Robertson
2. Bodega
3. Catriona Watt
4. Jeana Leslie and Siobhan Miller

## **Strathspey and Reel Society of the Year** sponsored by Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

1. Blackford Fiddlers
2. Garioch Fiddlers
3. Hadrirgaan
4. Scottish Fiddle Orchestra

## **Venue of the Year Award** sponsored by Navigator Records

1. Blue Lamp (Aberdeen)
2. Glenuig Village Hall
3. Heriot Toun (Heriot, Scottish Borders)
4. Perth Concert Hall

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