



Amazon.co.uk Announces Shortlist For Music Journalism Awards

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London--April 7, 2003: Amazon.co.uk today unveils the shortlist for its inaugural Music Journalism Awards. More than 150 entries have been submitted over the last year, from national-newspaper music critics right through to student journalists.

The Amazon.co.uk Music Journalist Awards were set up with the aim of showcasing music writing and are judged by a panel of some of the UK's most prominent journalists. These include Miranda Sawyer (*The Observer*, *GQ*, *M Magazine*), Ajax Scott (*Music Week*), Phil Sutcliffe (NUJ), David Quantick (Channel 4, *Lloyd Cole Knew My Father*), John Aizlewood (*The Guardian*, *Q*, *The Sunday Times*), Emma Jones (*Smash Hits*, *The Sun*) and Rob Burrow, Editor of Amazon.co.uk's Music shop. The awards come with the support of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ).

From the full list of entries, 25 names have been chosen, spanning nine different categories: Classical, Dance & Electronic, Hard Rock & Metal, Hip-Hop & Rap, Jazz, Pop, R&B and Soul, Rock & Indie and Student. The full shortlist is:

Classical

Stephen Johnson--BBC Music
Sue Stewart--BBC Music
Rob Cowan--*Gramophone*

Dance & Electronic

Tom Horan--*Daily Telegraph*
Chris Blue--*Jockey Slut*
Tom Magic Feet--*Jockey Slut*
Dorian Lynskey--*Q Magazine*

Hard Rock and Metal

Ian Winwood--*Kerrang!* *Three articles shortlisted

Hip-Hop & Rap

Dorian Lynskey--*Q Magazine*
William Shaw--*The Guardian*
Hattie Collins--*The Guardian Guide*

Jazz

Keith Shandwick--*Jazzwise*
Kevin Le Gendre--*Jazzwise*
Clive Davis--*The Independent*

Pop

Neil McCormack--*Daily Telegraph*
Dorian Lynskey--*Q Magazine*
Andy Gill--*The Independent*
David Sinclair--*The Times*

R&B and Soul

Tom Horan--*Daily Telegraph*
Peter Robinson--*The Guardian Guide*

Rock & Indie

Nick Doherty--*Jockey Slut*
Neil Beaumont--*NME*
Cole Moreton--*The Independent on Sunday*
Chris Salmon--*Time Out*

Student

Krissi Morrison--Bristol University/*NME*
Ria Hopkinson--Oxford Student
David Walker--*Strathclyde Telegraph*
Isobel Todd--York Vision

Amazon.co.uk's Robert Burrow commented:

- Music writing is an integral part of the Amazon.co.uk Music shop and there is a huge amount of writing talent in the British music press. We are pleased to be able to officially recognise this talent through these inaugural awards. The standard has been terrific and it's great to see so many entries were submitted.

Awards will be presented for each category and the overall winner--Amazon.co.uk's Music Journalist of the Year--will be announced at the end of April after a final judges' meeting. Each category winner will receive £450 and the overall winner will receive a laptop computer.

For further information please contact the Amazon.co.uk press office on 020 8636 9280.

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