

IMRO Radio Awards 2017 revealed #IMRO17

All the winners of the **2017 IMRO Radio Awards** (formerly the PPI Radio Awards) were announced tonight at the gala ceremony held at the Lyrath Estate Hotel in Kilkenny. Attended by over 600 guests, the Awards were hosted again this year by radio DJ and comic Dermot Whelan. In total more than 677 entries were received, these were then whittled down to a shortlist of 185 which was announced in early September.

The highlight Awards of the night for Station of the Year were won by:

Full Service Station of the Year	RTÉ Radio 1
Music Station of the Year	RTÉ lyric fm
Local Station of the Year	LMFM
Outstanding Achievement Award	Composing the Island on RTÉ lyric fm

- **90 Judges** deliberated over the record number of **677 entries**.
- Judges listened to over **295 hours** of the best of radio from both sides of the border, the 2017 Radio Awards have been the most hotly contested in their 17 years of existence.

Speaking of this year's Awards, IMRO Radio Awards Committee Chair, Sean Murtagh said *"Once again the radio community across the country can celebrate and be proud of their work, this evening we salute the incredible work of those behind the scenes as well as in front of the mic in stations. Over 600 people from the radio sector have come together this evening at the Lyrath Estate, all hoping to take home the industry's most sought after Award."*

Speaking on behalf of the new sponsors of the Awards, Eleanor McEvoy, Chair of IMRO said *"The IMRO Radio Awards celebrate and applaud the many radio professionals who day-in-day-out shine a light on the important local, national and international topics and issues that affect us all and who create that all too important musical soundtrack of our lives. Each of the nominees in their own way has made an indelible mark on the broadcasting sector and they rightfully deserve to be honoured by their peers on this special evening"*.

Michael O'Keefe, Chief Executive of Bai said *"The BAI is delighted to continue its support of the newly titled IMRO Radio Awards. We look forward to furthering a strong partnership with our colleagues from IMRO, who have been great supporters of the radio sector in Ireland for many years. When the BAI launched its new strategy statement earlier this year, one of the key strategic objectives was to encourage creativity and innovation as distinctive features of the Irish audiovisual sector. The IMRO Radio Awards winners and nominees place creativity and innovation at the heart of everything they do in*

broadcasting and the BAI is proud to be associated with each and every one of them."

In mid-September the annual Hall of Fame induction took place at the BAI offices. This year's inductees were **Linda McAuley (BBC Radio Ulster)**, **Séamus Mac Géidigh RIP (RTÉ Raidió Na Gaeltachta)**, **Billy McCarthy RIP (WLR FM)** and **Joe King (Broadcast Technical Services Limited)**.

IMRO Radio Awards 2017 - Full winners list

	A1	
	General Music Programme	
Gold	The Big Ride Home with Dara Quilty	98FM
Silver	Dermot & Dave	Today FM
Bronze	Off The Charts with Fergal D'Arcy	Today FM
	A2	
	Specialist Music Programme	
Gold	The Paul McLoone Show	Today FM
Silver	Songs in the Key of Life	Today FM
Bronze	Living in the 80s with Will Leahy	RTÉ Gold
	A3	
	Breakfast Programme	
Gold	PJ and Jim in the Morning	Classic Hits 4FM
Silver	FM104's The Strawberry Alarm Clock with Jim-Jim and Nobby	FM104
Bronze	The Ian Dempsey Breakfast Show	Today FM
	A4	
	Music Special	
Gold	Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann	Clare FM
Silver	Paul McLoone "It was 50 years ago today"	Today FM
Bronze	ALT - Laurie Shaw Special	SPIN South West
	A5	
	New Irish Music / Musical Talent Programme	
Gold	ALT - Guerilla Sessions	SPIN South West
Silver	98FM's Totally Irish	98FM
Bronze	Lost in Music with Louise Duffy	Today FM
	B1	
	News Story	
Gold	The Stephen Nolan Show - The RHI Scandal	BBC Radio Ulster
Silver	Anthony Foley - Passing and Funeral Coverage	Limerick's Live 95FM

Bronze	Tragedy in Kilkee	Clare FM
	B2	
	News Bulletin	
Gold	Q Radio News Bulletin	Q Radio
Silver	Today FM News	Today FM
Bronze	98FM News	98FM
	B3	
	News Programme	
Gold	The National Lunchtime News	Today FM
Silver	A City in Mourning: The Funerals of Martin McGuinness and Ryan McBride	BBC Radio Foyle
Bronze	Brexit: The Vote that Shook the World	RTÉ Radio 1
	B4	
	Current Affairs Programme	
Gold	Newstalk Drive - President Trump	Newstalk
Silver	Heartbeat	South East Radio
Bronze	Brexit Special - Live from Oriel Centre Gaol, Dundalk	RTÉ Radio 1
	B5	
	Sports Story	
Gold	A Warrior on the Field	BBC Radio Foyle
Silver	We All Dream - Ireland at the Euros 2016	Newstalk
Bronze	Man in the Van	RTÉ Radio 1
	B6	
	Sports Programme	
Gold	Off the Ball Weekday	Newstalk
Silver	Off the Ball Live	Newstalk
Bronze	Saturday Sport	RTÉ Radio 1
	C1	
	Documentary/Feature	
Gold	Documentary on One: No Time To Lose	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	Documentary on One: We Decide Who Lives or Dies	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	Documentary on One: Anatomy of an Irish Serial Killer	RTÉ Radio 1
	C2	
	Music Documentary	
Gold	1977	Cathal Funge for Today FM

Silver	Documentary on One: Sin É: Jeff Buckley's Irish Odyssey	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	Someone to watch over me: The Music Manager	RTÉ Radio 1
	C3	
	Short Feature	
Gold	The Pat Kenny Show: A History of Scandal in the Catholic Church	Newstalk
Silver	The History Show: A Lemonade Bottle	Red Hare Media for RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	Keepsakes	Radio Kerry
	C4	
	Magazine Programme	
Gold	The Ray D'Arcy Show	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	Late Lunch	LMFM
Bronze	The John Toal Show	BBC Radio Ulster
	C5	
	Drama	
Gold	I Seek Refuge	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	Drama on One: Harder Faster More by Tracy Martin	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	Terms and Conditions	WLR
	C6	
	Specialist Speech Programme	
Gold	Living with Locked-In Syndrome	Newstalk
Silver	Joseph O'Connor's Into The Mystic	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	The Golden Man: The Mystery of Peter Bergmann	Ocean FM
	C7	
	Craoltoireacht le Gaeilge	
Gold	Cormac ag a Cúig	RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta
Silver	Blas	BBC Radio Ulster
Bronze	Ceolas Today FM	Today FM
	C8	
	Interactive Speech Programme	
Gold	The Neil Prendeville Show: Breaking the Silence	Red FM
Silver	The Stephen Nolan Show: RHI Scandal	BBC Radio Ulster
Bronze	The Frank Mitchell Phone-in: Manchester Attack	U105
	C9	
	Comedy Programme	

		Sideline Productions for RTÉ Radio 1
Gold	Colm O'Regan Wants A Word	
Silver	Callan's Kicks	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	Whats Snots 13 Years later	Ocean FM
	D1	
	Community/Social Action	
Gold	Cork's 96FM Giving for Living Radiothon	Cork's 96FM
Silver	Late Lunch: Wheels for John	LMFM
Bronze	On Your Behalf: Caring for the Carers	BBC Radio Ulster
	D2	
	On-Air Competitions / Promotions	
Gold	The Chosen One on Cork's Red FM	Red FM
Silver	Off The Charts with Fergal D'Arcy: Mastercard Priceless Moments	Today FM
Bronze	The Coffin Lock-In	Beat 102-103
	D3	
	Station Imaging	
Gold	98FM	98FM
Silver	RTÉ 2FM	RTÉ 2FM
Bronze	Today FM	Today FM
	D4	
	Entertainment Inserts	
Gold	Gift Grub	Today FM
Silver	Breakfast Republic	RTÉ 2FM
Bronze	Dermot & Dave	Today FM
	D5	
	Innovation	
Gold	Liveline 1917	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	Jim Stands Up	Classic Hits 4FM
Bronze	Ed Sheeran at The Odeon	FM104
	E1	
	Music Broadcaster	
Gold	Dara Quilty	98FM
Silver	Ian Dempsey	Today FM
Bronze	Fergal D'Arcy	Today FM
	E2	
	Radio DJ	

Gold	Steve K	SPIN 1038
Silver	Steve Haze	Cork's 96FM
Bronze	Louise Duffy	Today FM
	E3	
	Specialist Music Broadcaster	
Gold	John Toal	BBC Radio Ulster
Silver	Stephen McCauley	BBC Radio Foyle
Bronze	Rob O'Connor	Beat 102-103
	E4	
	News Broadcaster	
Gold	Sarah McInerney	Newstalk
Silver	Brendan O'Loughlin	98FM
Bronze	William Crawley	BBC Radio Ulster
	E5	
	News Reporter	
Gold	Kevin Magee	BBC Radio Ulster
Silver	Fergal Keane	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	Gavan Reilly	Today FM
	E6	
	Sports Broadcaster	
Gold	Ger Gilroy	Newstalk
Silver	Joanne Cantwell	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	Joe Molloy	Newstalk
	E7	
	Speech Broadcaster	
Gold	Mark Patterson	BBC Radio Foyle
Silver	Stephen Nolan	BBC Radio Ulster
Bronze	Neil Prendeville	Red FM
	E8	
	Newcomer	
Gold	Una Kelly	BBC Radio Foyle
Silver	Dave Duke	iRadio
Bronze	Al Porter	Today FM
	E9	
	Best Live Sound - Music	
Gold	John Benson	BBC Radio Ulster
Silver	Tom Norton	RTÉ Lyric fm

Bronze	Davy Neill	BBC Radio Ulster
	F1	
	Local Station of the Year	
Gold	LMFM	LMFM
Silver	Clare FM	Clare FM
Bronze	BBC Radio Foyle	BBC Radio Foyle
	F2	
	Music Station	
Gold	RTÉ lyric fm	RTÉ lyric fm
Silver	98FM	98FM
Bronze	Radio Nova	Radio Nova
	F3	
	Full Service Station	
Gold	RTÉ Radio 1	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	BBC Radio Ulster	BBC Radio Ulster
Bronze	Newstalk	Newstalk

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

IMRO

IMRO is a national organisation that administers the performing right in copyright music in Ireland on behalf of its members (songwriters, composers and music publishers) and on behalf of members of the international overseas societies that are affiliated to it. Music users such as broadcasters, venues and businesses must pay for their use of copyright music by way of a blanket licence fee. IMRO's function is to collect and distribute royalties arising from the public performance of copyright works, i.e. music used anywhere outside of the domestic environment, through its licensing agreements with music users in line with the Copyright & Related Rights Act, 2000. As of January 2016, IMRO also acts as agent for Phonographic Performance Ireland (PPI), collecting public performance royalties on behalf of record producers and performers. IMRO is a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). IMRO is also prominently involved in the sponsorship and promotion of music in Ireland. Every year it sponsors a large number of song contests, music festivals, seminars,

workshops, research projects and showcase performances. IMRO is now synonymous with helping to showcase emerging talent in Ireland.

For more information, see <https://www.imro.ie/>

BAI

The Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI) was established in October 2009 as the single content regulator of broadcasting in Ireland.

The functions of the BAI include; the licensing of radio and television services on a variety of transmission platforms; the licensing of digital multiplex operators; the development of codes and rules in relation to programming and advertising standards; the monitoring of services to ensure that broadcasters comply with their statutory obligations and contract terms; and, the consideration of complaints. The BAI is also responsible for the operation of Broadcasting Funding Schemes which are financed by the television licence fee.

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Radio Awards Committee

The Radio Awards Committee is comprised of 12 members representing all sectors of licensed commercial and public radio on the island of Ireland – RTÉ, BBC NI, and the independent commercial radio sectors in both the Republic and Northern Ireland. The Radio Awards were previously known as the PPI Radio Awards.