



Nominations open for 2021 ABO/Classical Music peer recognition awards

Nominations for the annual **ABO/Classical Music** industry awards are now open, inviting managers in the orchestral sector to celebrate the achievements of colleagues across orchestras, concert halls and artist management during what has been a challenging year for the UK's orchestras and their musicians.

An opportunity to champion those who work tirelessly behind the scenes, ABO members are encouraged to nominate colleagues who have gone above and beyond to bring music to audiences and into our communities whilst the industry continues to navigate the unprecedented and critical impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mark Pemberton, Director of ABO: "The long-standing ABO/Classical Music Awards for Orchestra Manager, Concert Hall Manager and Artist Manager of the Year have never been more relevant and important. It has taken enterprise and resilience to navigate a way through perhaps the greatest challenge the classical music industry has ever faced, and this year we want to celebrate our very own 'Covid Heroes' who have found creative solutions to keeping the music alive."

Nominations for the ABO/Classical Music Awards are open until 22 January 2021. For further information on how to submit nominations, visit <https://abo.org.uk/what-we-do/championing/awards/abo-classical-music-awards>.

The winners will be announced at the 2021 ABO Conference scheduled to take place 10-12 March. Further details about the conference and its format will be announced at a later date.

The ABO/Classical Music Awards are presented in partnership with ABO media partner, Classical Music.

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ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH ORCHESTRAS (ABO)

The ABO is the national body representing the collective interests of professional orchestras, youth ensembles and the wider classical music industry throughout the UK. The ABO's mission is to enable and support an innovative, collaborative and sustainable orchestral sector by providing advice, support, intelligence and information to the people who make British orchestras a global success. Recent initiatives include Resonate in association with PRS Foundation and BBC Radio 3, which supports the best orchestral music of the last 25 years, and Find Your Way which identifies and offers training to future sector leaders. The ABO campaigned successfully for Orchestra Tax Relief and continues to campaign for the sector at the highest levels, to help build resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic. www.abo.org.uk @aborchestras

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