

One Week to Go

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The countdown to the most prestigious and exciting event in the hairdressing calendar has begun, with only seven days until the winners of HJ's British Hairdressing Awards 2012 are announced.

Now in their 28th year, and sponsored by Schwarzkopf Professional, The British Hairdressing Awards are affectionately known as the 'Oscar's' of the hairdressing industry. The awards recognise and reward the hairdressers who are consistently pushing the boundaries of creativity and influencing the way in which we wear our hair today. HJ's British Hairdressing Awards is the jewel in the crown of the British hairdressing industry, and are setting the standards for others to follow.

Celebrating the best in British hairdressing – the awards recognise and reward stylists throughout the UK with nine regional categories and six specialist categories including Newcomer of the Year, Men's Hairdresser of the Year, Schwarzkopf Professional British Colour Technician of the Year and the much coveted British Hairdresser of the Year title. This year there are eight nominees for British Hairdresser of the Year - Errol Douglas, Tim Hartley, Mark Hayes, Gary Hooker & Michael Young, current British Hairdresser of the Year - Akin Konizi, Mark Leeson, Angelo Seminara and Jamie Stevens.

The nominees are all hoping to follow in the footsteps of industry icons - Trevor Sorbie, Irvine & Rita Rusk, John Frieda, Anthony Mascolo, Umberto Giannini, Andrew Collinge, Nicky Clarke, Charles Worthington, Mark Hill, Beverly C, Antoinette Beenders, Lisa Shepherd, Andrew Barton, Angelo Seminara and Akin Konizi, all previous recipients of this highly coveted award.

Following a cocktail reception, gourmet dinner and chart-topping entertainment, the sixteen regional and specialist category award winners will be announced by a popular and high profile media personality. In addition, 2012 will see three new members inducted into the British Hairdressing Awards Hall of Fame - Terri Kay of Mark Leeson Hair Body & Mind and Christel Lunqvist and the HOB Creative Team having won their chosen category three times. 2011 is a year the current British Hairdresser of the Year will not forget as Akin Konizi won the award for the third time. A delighted Akin commented, "Winning this respected award three times was incredible, and it was such an amazing feeling to be awarded this tremendous accolade in front of family, friends, colleagues and your peers. Globally acclaimed, this title has given us greater recognition around the world, showing just how highly regarded British hairdressing is."

Publishing Director of Hairdressers Journal International, Jayne Lewis-Orr adds, "Each year the standard of work gets higher and this year is no exception. We are so proud that British hairdressing has such tremendous standing and the British Hairdressing Awards prove that Britain is leading the industry on a global scale."

2012 British Hairdressing Awards Finalists

Regional Finalists

Eastern Hairdresser of the Year

Shaun Hall Mark Leeson Hair Body & Mind Mansfield, Nottinghamshire
Gemma Hensman Hensmans Northampton
Nathan Jaszta Silhouette Du Barry Chelmsford
Kevin Miller Millers Bishops Stortford
Tim Thomas and Emma Bedwell Hoop Hair Clacton-on-Sea, Essex
Kai Wan p.kai Hair Hampton, Peterborough

London Hairdresser of the Year

Bree Davie and Alfie Booth Trevor Sorbie Hampstead
Tina Farey The House of Rush Piccadilly
Tracey Gallagher Andrew Barton Salon Covent Garden
Skyler McDonald seanhanna Putney
Cos Sakkas TONI&GUY South Kensington
Jamie Stevens Jamie Stevens Hair Kensington
Adam Szabo Trevor Sorbie Covent Garden

Midlands Hairdresser of the Year

Sarah Bowron and Adrian Bowron Aesthetics Solihull, West Midlands
Nick Malenko and Ashley Gamble Royston Blythe Compton, Wolverhampton
Peter Prosser Peter Prosser Hereford
Matthew Roskell Francesco Group Weeping Cross, Stafford
Sean Tetlow The Colour Room Stockport, Cheshire
James Whyte Soul Hair Chester

North Eastern Hairdresser of the Year

Hannah Gordon Paul Gordon Scunthorpe
Julian Holland The Mark Hill Salon Kirk Ella, Hull
Marcus King Hooker & Young Wynyard, Co. Durham
Alan Simpson and Karen Storr-Simpson Contemporary Guisborough, Cleveland
Rachelle Summerson-Wright Janet Maitland Hair Excellence Gilesgate, Durham
Alexander Turnbull Alexander Hair and Beauty Anlaby, Hull

Northern Ireland Hairdresser of the Year

Julie Cherry Shane Bennett Salon Hillsborough, Co. Down
Clive Johnston and Ronan Quigley Clive Alexander Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh
Kevin Kahan Kevin Kahan Bangor
Keith Kane Keith Kane Hair International Belfast
Sharon Malcolm Sharon Malcolm Hairdressing Newtownards, Co. Down
Andrew Mulvenna Andrew Mulvenna Belfast

North Western Hairdresser of the Year

Harry Boocock The Hair Studio Headingley, Leeds
Marcello Moccia Room 97 Creative Hairdressing Wakefield
Joe Nions and Laura Finch CRC Cutting Room Creative Leeds
Steve Rowbottom Westrow Leeds
Gary Taylor Edward & Co. Brighouse, West Yorkshire
Melenie Tudor En Route Hair & Beauty Wakefield, West Yorkshire

Scottish Hairdresser of the Year

Philip Bell Ishoka Aberdeen
David Corbett David Corbett Hairdressing and Beauty Bothwell, Glasgow
Brian Gallagher Gallagher Horner Hair Bishopsbriggs, Glasgow
Suzie McGill Rainbow Room International Uddingston, Glasgow
Kay McIntyre McIntyres Salons Dundee
Janer Stewart Angels Aberdeen

Southern Hairdresser of the Year

Anna Chapman Trevor Sorbie Brighton, East Sussex
Nadege Faverais Metropolis Hairdressing Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey
Bruno Marc Giamattei Marc Antoni Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
Ryan Nicoletti-Dowd Wigg Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
Gary Russell The Chapel Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Louise Wood The Hair Advice Centre Englefield Green, Surrey

Wales & South West Hairdresser of the Year

Craig Chapman Craig Chapman Hair Design Launceston, Cornwall
Martin Crean Martin Crean at Mode Chipping Campden, Gloucester
Ian Davies Ocean Hairdressing, Cardiff
Stuart Nicholson and David Coltherd Burlesque Hair Company Newport
Ken Picton Ken Picton Salon Cardiff
Abby Whittaker and Karly Whittaker Sarah Hodge Hairdressers Taunton, Somerset

Specialist Categories

Afro Hairdresser of the Year

Craig Chapman Craig Chapman Hair Design Launceston, Cornwall
Patrick Forini TONI&GUY Sloane Square, London
Junior Green Junior Green Hair & Beauty London
Charlotte Mensah Hair Lounge London
Erika Selvaggio TONI&GUY Regent Street, London

Jamie Stevens Jamie Stevens Hair London

Artistic Team of the Year

Angels Aberdeen

Hooker & Young Seaham

L'Attico, London London

Marc Antoni Henley-on-Thames

Mark Leeson Hair Body & Mind Mansfield

Rush Hair Croydon

TONI&GUY London

Avant Garde Hairdresser of the Year

Ceri Cushen Metropolis Hairdressing Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey

Robert Masciave Metropolis Hairdressing Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey

Skyler McDonald seanhanna Putney, London

Indira Schauwecker TONI&GUY Covent Garden, London

Adam Szabo and Mai Ha Trevor Sorbie Covent Garden, London

Anne Veck Anne Veck Salons Oxford

Men's Hairdresser of the Year

David Corbett David Corbett Hairdressing and Beauty Bothwell, Glasgow

Tracey Devine Angels Aberdeen

Gary Gill Monroe Hairdressing Leatherhead, Surrey

Peter Prosser Peter Prosser Hereford, Herefordshire

Jamie Stevens Jamie Stevens Hair London

Ross Strong D&J Ambrose Pinner, Middlesex

Newcomer of the Year

Jonathan Andrew Jamie Stevens Hair London

Charles Douek Royston Blythe Compton, Wolverhampton

Petros Mairoudhiou Trevor Sorbie Covent Garden, London

Tamsin Pape Edward & Co. Brighouse, West Yorkshire

Ryuta Saiga TONI&GUY Sloane Square, London

Kieran Tudor D&J Ambrose Pinner, Middlesex

Schwarzkopf Professional British Colour Technician of the Year

Francesco Fontana TONI&GUY Sloane Square, London

Becci Giacomazzi Marc Antoni Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire

Gary Hooker and Michael Young Hooker & Young Gosforth, Newcastle

Mark Leeson Mark Leeson Hair Body & Mind Mansfield, Nottinghamshire

Ken Picton and Paul Dennison Ken Picton Salon Cardiff
Chris Williams Rush Hair Chichester

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