

# First Best LGBTQ Elvis Tribute Act Award Porthcawl Elvis Festival Wales

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Established in 2004 , the Porthcawl Elvis Festival has grown to be the biggest event of its kind in the world, with an estimated 40,000 people attending. [www.elvies.co.uk](http://www.elvies.co.uk) The event was built around The Elvies Award Show which remains the highlight of the Festival. Awards are presented to Elvis Tribute Artists for categories representing Presley's wide-ranging appeal and broad performance style. For a full list of Award Winners from 2004 to 2018 [CLICK HERE](#).

The Porthcawl Elvis Festival has always supported and celebrated diversity. Accordingly we are proud to announce that this year, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, the Porthcawl Elvis Festival is presenting an award for an LGBTQ Elvis Tribute. We are delighted to celebrate James Haslam for his act, Elberace: A Hunk of Mincing Love. <https://www.gayelvis.com/>

Porthcawl Elvis Festival Founder & Organiser Peter Phillips said, 'We have always prided ourselves on diversity both by taking Elvis' music into different genres and also working with groups operating in sectors such as dementia, homelessness and special education needs. We thought James' act was very much in the spirit we wish to celebrate within our Festival.'

James Haslam said, 'I am deeply honoured to receive this award, and hope to inspire others with my experience. Elberace is about embodying Elvis' empowering spirit, and how his music has enabled me to love myself. My interpretation of the traditional tribute act enables me to participate in the international Elvis Sensation.'

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