

# British Hairdressing Awards Winners Announced

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Celebrating Creativity at its Best – HJ's 2015 British Hairdressing Awards Winners Announced

Tonight HJ's British Hairdressing Awards, sponsored by Schwarzkopf Professional, created 16 new winners, changing their lives and professional careers forever. For over thirty years these awards have been globally raising the profile of the professional hairdressing industry and now the best in this creative industry have been named for 2015. Hosted by David Walliams and Executive Director of Hairdressers Journal International, Jayne Lewis-Orr, 15 winners, alongside Darren Ambrose who won the ultimate accolade of British Hairdresser of the Year 2015, celebrated their success in style.

The iconic photographic competition invites hairdressing professionals and artistic teams from across the country to create a collection of eight images that showcase their creativity and technical ability. Entrants are able to choose from regional and specialist categories including Afro, Artistic Team, Avant Garde, Men's, Newcomer and Schwarzkopf Professional British Colour Technician of the Year.

The finalists came together with previous winners, household names and industry icons at the esteemed event held at The Grosvenor House, a JW Marriott Hotel. The Hall of Fame welcomed three new members - Philip Bell, Bruno Marc Giamattei and Jamie Stevens, each having won their respective category three times. Setting the tone of the evening, David Walliams welcomed the guests before getting the highly anticipated awards ceremony underway. Once the nine regional winners were announced, the audience were treated to a capsule set from XFactor winner and chart-topping singer Ben Haenow. The specialist categories were then revealed and celebrated, prior to individual catwalk shows presented by each of the seven British Hairdresser of the Year Nominees before Darren Ambrose was announced as HJ's 2015 British Hairdresser of the Year. The party continued into the small hours as the industry toasted its success.

Executive Director of Hairdressers Journal International, Jayne Lewis-Orr said, "British hairdressing is regarded as the best in the world. We are leaders in this international industry and the British Hairdressing Awards recognise this talent. Each year the creativity and passion put into the entries is outstanding and the atmosphere in the Great Room, and the spirit of this industry as a whole, comes together to produce a very special evening."

British Hairdressing Awards

Regional Categories

Eastern Hairdresser of the Year

Callum Standen-May, The Egg, Norwich

London Hairdresser of the Year

Cos Sakkas, Toni & Guy, Sloane Square

Midlands Hairdresser of the Year

Shaun Hall, Mark Leeson, Chesterfield, Derbyshire

North Eastern Hairdresser of the Year

Jill Watkins-Wright, Watkins-Wright Hairdressing, Thirsk, North Yorkshire

Northern Ireland Hairdresser of the Year

Julie Cherry and Collette Fitzpatrick, Shane Bennett Salon, Co. Down

North Western Hairdresser of the Year

Gary Taylor, Edward & Co., Brighouse, West Yorkshire

Scottish Hairdresser of the Year

Caroline Sanderson and Claire McIntyre, Ego Hair Design, Inverness

Southern Hairdresser of the Year

Robert Masciave, Metropolis Hairdressing, Kingston-upon-Thames

Wales & South West Hairdresser of the Year

Martin Crean, Mode, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire

Specialist Categories

Afro Hairdresser of the Year

Michelle Thompson, Francesco Group Advanced Academy, Stafford

Artistic Team of the Year

Shane Bennett Salon, Hillsborough, Co. Down

Avant Garde Hairdresser of the Year

Lucie Monbillard, seanhanna, London

Men's Hairdresser of the Year

Marcus King, Hooker & Young, Wynyard, Billingham

Newcomer of the Year

Sophie Springett, Toni & Guy, South Kensington, London

Schwarzkopf Professional British Colour Technician of the Year

Issie Churcher, HOB Salons, Camden, London

British Hairdresser of the Year

Darren Ambrose, D&J Ambrose, Pinner

For further information on HJ's 2015 British Hairdressing Awards please visit

<http://www.hji.co.uk/events/british-hairdressing-awards/>

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