



Worshipful Company of Educators

City of London

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The Trust of the Worshipful Company of Educators announced today the winners of its 2021-2022 awards for outstanding educators. The Chairman of the Trust, Dr Jennifer Somerville, was delighted with the response to the call for nominations. 'It is quite remarkable that, despite the organisational and financial challenges forced upon organisations by Covid, they have continued not only to deliver educational programmes but also to reach such high standards of creativity and innovation.'

The Trust's main award, *the Inspirational Educator Award*, the theme of which was 'Music Education' coincided with the Master, Roy Blackwell's theme for his magisterial year. So, it was a joyous year for the many music lovers in the Company. Nominations were received from both large national organisations and small charities doing inspirational work in this field. The panel of judges said that every one of the nominees deserved an award.

The eight winners, listed in alphabetical order, are:

Nicola Benedetti, Music education champion, founder of and tutor with the Benedetti Foundation for music education for all, nominated by Spitalfields Music Hub

Andrew Gamble, Executive Headteacher, Low Road & Windmill Music Federation, nominated by Alan Yellup Education

Nick Hayes, Music in Prisons Project Leader, nominated by The Irene Taylor Trust

Lauren Hodge, Curriculum Leader for Music at North Cambridge Academy nominated by VOCES8

Matt Newell, Musician in Residence in HM Prisons, nominated by Changing Tunes

Nicholas Shaw, Youth Chorus Master, nominated by Opera North

Joe Townsend, Head of Popular Music, nominated by Trinity Laban Conservatoire

Suzi Zumpe, Creative Director of ENO Breathe, nominated by English National Opera



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Other individual awards were won by:

Sarah Davis, Tutor in Heritage Books and Paper Conservation, nominated by The City & Guilds London Art School – The Award for Art & Design

Julie Harrington, Headmistress of Queen Anne’s School, Caversham, nominated by the Master of the Worshipful Company of Educators, Roy Blackwell – The Master’s Award for School Leadership

Sheryl Malcolm, INNOVATE Project Associate, nominated by the Young Vic - The Keith Hutton Legacy Award for Theatre and Performing Arts

Valeria Locatelli, Chief Auditor at M&G Investments, nominated by Speakers for Schools, London – The Mary Lou Carrington Legacy Award for a Businesswoman with a Significant Contribution to Education

Military awards were received by:

Sergeant Miles Fish, nominated by No. 22 (Training) Group RAF

Lieutenant Stuart Geary RN Training Officer Marine Engineering, nominated by the Defence School of Marine Engineering.

Lt Col Phil O’Callaghan RM, nominated by The Defence Academy

Major Catherine Oosterveer, nominated by Army Educators

ILM L3 – Lieutenant Commander (SCC) Michelle Welsh, ILM L4 – Major Andrew Davidson, ILM L5 – Pilot Officer Luke Bateson, nominated by the CVQO (Cadet Vocational Qualifications Organisation)

Other Awards:

The Trust has also awarded bursaries, co-funded with the City & Guilds, to Prison Peer Mentors nominated for the CPD Scheme by St Giles Trust.

The Trust and the Prisoners’ Education Trust regret that it was not possible to award their joint ‘Prison Educator of the Year’ Award 2022, because of Covid restrictions.

The Trust and the Worshipful Company of Educators wish all its winners most hearty congratulations.

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