

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

## 2016 PPI Radio Awards winners unveiled

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At a ceremony held tonight at the Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny, the 2016 PPI Radio Awards winners were revealed. Comedian and radio DJ, Dermot Whelan, presented tonight's Awards which were attended by over 700 guests from all over Ireland. The event is the highlight of the radio calendar each year.

The judging process involved over 90 individuals who listened to 282 hours submitted in 700 entries. The judges commented that the standard of entries this year stood out as one of the strongest ever.

**Full Service Station of the Year** for 2016 was awarded to **BBC Radio Ulster**. **Music Station of the Year** was won by **Corks Red FM 104-106** and **Local Station of the Year** was won by **Radio Kerry**. The **Outstanding Achievement Award** was presented to **Scott Williams (IBI)** and **JP Coakley (RTÉ)** for their work on the **Irish Radioplayer**.

Chair of the PPI Radio Awards committee, Sean Murtagh, said at the event *"Each year, the PPIs get better and better and I'm delighted to say that 2016 is no exception. The standard of entries is getting higher, the competition is getting tougher and the desire to win a PPI is greater than at any time in our 16 year history. Just making the shortlist is a huge achievement in itself and a sign from your peers that you've made the grade. We are deeply indebted to the commitment, dedication and professionalism of the Awards Committee members and all of our 90 judges who give freely and generously of their time in order to ensure that the PPIs continue to be the most sought-after accolade in Irish radio."*

Michael O'Keeffe Chief Executive of BAI said *"The BAI has been closely involved with the PPI Radio Awards since their inception and has been particularly pleased to witness not just the growth in stature of the Awards themselves but also the value placed on being nominated or winning an award. I believe that this is a key measure of the Awards' success. The quality and diversity of submissions is testament to the strength and creativity of the sector and a strong indication of the nature of the services that can be enjoyed by listeners every day. I would like to sincerely congratulate all the nominees and deserved award winners of PPI Radio Awards in 2016."*

At a ceremony in mid-September four new members of the **Hall of Fame** were inducted:

**Eamonn Buttle – South East Radio**  
**Trevor Campbell – Downtown Radio**  
**Ian Dempsey – Today FM**  
**Dave Fanning – RTÉ 2FM**

## The 2016 PPI Radio Awards winners are:

<b>A MUSIC PROGRAMMING AWARDS</b>	
<b>Category A1 General Music Programme</b>	Dermot & Dave – Today FM
<b>Category A2 Specialist Music Programme</b>	FM104's Freaks on Friday – FM104
<b>Category A3 Breakfast Programme</b>	The KC Show – Corks Red FM 104-106
<b>Category A4 Music Special/Music Event</b>	The Choice Music Awards Live with Paul McLoone & Alison Curtis – Today FM
<b>Category A5 New Irish Music/Musical Talent Programme</b>	Across the Line – BBC Radio Ulster
<b>B NEWS AND SPORTS PROGRAMMING AWARDS</b>	
<b>Category B1 News Story</b>	The Buncrana Pier Tragedy - BBC Radio Foyle
<b>Category B2 News Bulletin</b>	Today FM News – Today FM
<b>Category B3 News Programme</b>	Morning Ireland – The morning after the Bataclan – RTÉ Radio 1
<b>Category B4 Current Affairs Programme</b>	Midlands 103 at the National Ploughing Championships – Midlands 103
<b>Category B5 Sports Story</b>	Back from The Brink – WLR FM
<b>Category B6 Sports Programme</b>	Team 33 – Newstalk 106-108fm
<b>C SPEECH PROGRAMMING AWARDS</b>	
<b>Category C1 Documentary</b>	Documentary On One: An Open Verdict – RTÉ Radio 1
<b>Category C2 Music Documentary</b>	Left of the Dial – Cathal Funge for TXFM
<b>Category C3 Short Feature</b>	Who took Mom to the Prom? – RTÉ Radio 1

<b>Category C4 Magazine Programme</b>	Plane Sailing – Today FM
<b>Category C5 Drama</b>	Goin' Straight – Newstalk 106-108fm
<b>Category C6 Specialist Speech Programme</b>	The Space Between Skeleton and Skin – Futureproof – Newstalk 106-108fm
<b>Category C7 Craoltóireacht le Gaeilge</b>	Bláthnaid Libh! – RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta
<b>Category C8 Interactive Speech Programme</b>	Accidental Porn Stars – Corks Red FM 104-106
<b>Category C9 Comedy Programme</b>	Colm O'Regan Wants a Word – Sideline Productions for RTÉ Radio 1
<b>D GENERAL AWARDS</b>	
<b>Category D1 Community/ Social Action</b>	Whole Lotta Live – Today FM
<b>Category D2 On-Air Competition/Promotion</b>	98FM's Code Red – 98FM
<b>Category D3 Station Imaging</b>	RTÉ 2FM
<b>Category D4 Entertainment Inserts</b>	Gift Grub – The Ian Dempsey Breakfast Show – Today FM
<b>Category D5 Innovation</b>	The Dawn Chorus – Mooney Goes Wild – RTÉ Radio 1
<b>E PEOPLE AWARDS</b>	
<b>Category E1 Music Presenter of the Year</b>	Dermot Whelan – Today FM
<b>Category E2 Radio DJ of the Year</b>	Steve Haze – Cork's 96FM

<b>Category E3 Specialist Music Broadcaster of the Year</b>	John Toal – BBC Radio Ulster
<b>Category E4 News Broadcaster of the Year</b>	Seamus McKee – BBC Radio Ulster News & Current Affairs
<b>Category E5 News Reporter of the Year</b>	Justin McCarthy – RTÉ Radio 1
<b>Category E6 Sports Broadcaster of the Year</b>	Joe Molloy – Newstalk 106-108fm
<b>Category E7 Speech Broadcaster of the Year</b>	Sean Moncrieff – Newstalk 106-108fm
<b>Category E8 Newcomer Award</b>	Garry Curran – iRadio
<b>Category E9 Best Live Sound - Music</b>	John Benson – BBC Radio Ulster
<b>STATION OF THE YEAR AWARDS</b>	
<b>Full Service Station of the Year</b>	BBC Radio Ulster
<b>Music Station of the Year</b>	Corks Red FM 104-106
<b>Local Station of the Year</b>	Radio Kerry

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### **PPI**

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Membership is open to all record companies, large and small. For further information see <http://www.ppimusic.ie/>

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The Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI) was established in October 2009 as the single content regulator of broadcasting in Ireland.

The functions of the BAI include; the licensing of radio and television services on a variety of transmission platforms; the licensing of digital multiplex operators; the development of codes and rules in relation to programming and advertising standards; the monitoring of services to ensure that broadcasters comply with their statutory obligations and contract terms; and, the consideration of complaints. The BAI is also responsible for the operation of Broadcasting Funding Schemes which are financed by the television licence fee.

For more information, see <http://www.bai.ie/>