



## Radio Award winners revealed as #IMRO18 celebrates another stellar year for the industry.

Earlier this evening the IMRO Radio Awards ceremony was held at the Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny where the winners for the 2018 event were revealed. The Awards are attended by over 600 people in the radio industry in Ireland and are a prized accolade to take home. At the start of the evening the **Hall of Fame inductees** for this year – **Pat Kenny, Margaret Nelson, Willie O'Reilly and Ian Wilson** were presented with their plaques. The special award for **Outstanding Achievement** was presented to **RTÉ 2fm Live and the RTÉ Concert Orchestra**.

The **big three awards** for the evening were won by:

**Local Station of the Year** – BBC Radio Foyle  
**Music Station of the Year** – 98FM  
**Full Service Station of the Year** – RTÉ Radio 1

**Chairperson of the Radio Awards Tom McGuire** says *"Tonight was a celebration of the creativity, innovation and variety of Irish radio. The quality, appeal and professionalism of all nominees is a fitting recognition of our audio island and our wonderful listeners."*

Speaking at the Awards, **Eleanor McEvoy, IMRO Chairperson** said *"Many congratulations to all of the award recipients. Each one in their own way has made an indelible mark on the broadcasting sector in Ireland and they rightfully deserve to be honoured by their peers on this special evening"*.

**Chief Executive of the BAI, Michael O'Keeffe**, said after the Awards: *"The BAI is very pleased to continue our support for the IMRO Radio Awards which recognises and rewards excellence in Irish radio broadcasting. We also look forward to a continued partnership with our colleagues from IMRO who have been great supporters of the radio sector in Ireland for many years."*

*One of the key strategic objectives of the BAI Strategy Statement is to encourage creativity and innovation as distinctive features of the Irish audiovisual sector and these goals are certainly reflected in the submissions for this year's Awards. I would like to congratulate all nominees and category winners on this special occasion for radio practitioners in Ireland."*

The full winners list is as follows:

**Category: A1 General Music Programme**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	The Big Ride Home with Dara Quilty	98FM
Silver	The Zoo Crew	Spin 1038
Bronze	Muireann O'Connell	Today FM

**Category: A2 Specialist Music Programme**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Classical Connections with John Toal	BBC Radio Ulster
Silver	Soundscapes with Stephen McCauley	BBC Radio Ulster
Bronze	Ceili House	RTÉ Radio 1

**Category: A3 Breakfast Programme**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	PJ and Jim in the Morning	Classic Hits 4FM
Silver	The KC Show Featuring Ross Browne	Cork's 96FM
Bronze	The Ian Dempsey Breakfast Show	Today FM

**Category: A4 Music Special**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Sailing Homeward to Coney Island	Ocean FM
Silver	FM104's Strawberry Alarm Clock - Aslan Special	FM104
Bronze	Jazz Club - The Jazz and Blues of Sir Van Morrison	BBC Radio Ulster

**Category: A5 New Irish Music/Musical Talent**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	98FM's Totally Irish	98FM
Silver	When Teresanne met Ruthanne	WLR FM
Bronze	Across the Line	BBC Radio Ulster

**Category: B1 News Story**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Paedophile Hunters	BBC Radio Ulster
Silver	August Floods	BBC Radio Foyle
Bronze	Belfast Rape Trial	Newstalk

**Category: B2 News Bulletin**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	98FM News	98FM
Silver	Downtown Radio/Cool FM	Downtown Radio/Cool FM
Bronze	Red FM News	Red FM

**Category: B3 News Programme - Full Service**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Storm Ophelia - The Cleanup	Today FM
Silver	This Week - London Bridge Attack	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	Be Home by Four	RTÉ Radio 1

**Category: B4 News Programme - Local/Regional**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	The Breakfast Show - After the Flood	BBC Radio Foyle
Silver	Main Lunchtime News	Ocean FM
Bronze	Beat News Round Up - Referendum Special	Beat 102103

**Category: B5 Current Affairs Programme - Full Service**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	The Pat Kenny Show	Newstalk
Silver	Ivan Yates: Belfast Rape Trial Verdict	Newstalk
Bronze	Evening Extra	BBC Radio Ulster

**Category: B6 Current Affairs Programme - Local/Regional**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Remembering Dolores	Limerick's Live 95
Silver	Midlands Today with Will Faulkner	Midlands 103
Bronze	Morning Mix Anti Social Behaviour	South East Radio

**Category: B7 Sports Story**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	The Munich Air Disaster 1958	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	Radio "GAA GAA" - All Ireland on WLR	WLR FM
Bronze	Back from the Brink: Institute Football Club	BBC Radio Foyle

**Category: B8 Sports Programme - Full Service**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Sunday Sport - Remembering Jimmy	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	OTB Live	Newstalk
Bronze	Off the Ball	Newstalk

**Category: B9 Sports Programme - Local/Regional**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	When the Gloves are Off	Ocean FM
Silver	Over the Line	Galway Bay FM
Bronze	Now that's what I call Sport	98FM

**Category: C1 Documentary/Feature**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Documentary on One: Frank Stagg's Three Funerals	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	Documentary on One: An Unholy Trinity	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	Documentary on One: 007, The Irish Connection	RTÉ Radio 1

**Category: C2 Music Documentary**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Berlin Calling	RTÉ 2XM
Silver	Totally Irish - Music Makers	98FM
Bronze	The Recovery Café	BBC Radio Ulster

**Category: C3 Short Feature**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	The Book Show: Song of Winter	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	CAKE	RTÉjr
Bronze	Aisling Kenny for Morning Ireland: Baby in a Coffin: Real Life Abortion Stories	RTÉ Radio 1

**Category: C4 Magazine Programme**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	The Open Door with Ann Marie Kelly	Midlands 103
Silver	The Ray D'Arcy Show	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	Plan B	Spin 1038

**Category: C5 Drama**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	K.L.O. for the Doggy by Robert Barrett	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	100 Everyday Menaces	RTÉ Radio 1
Bronze	A Pilot's Honour	Alan Meaney for Newstalk

**Category: C6 Specialist Speech Programme**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Futureproof - Enemies of the State	Newstalk
Silver	A Grave Profession	Ocean FM
Bronze	Science and Stuff with Emer Maguire	BBC Radio Ulster

**Category: C7 Craoltoireacht le Gaeilge**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Rónán Beo @ 3	RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta
Silver	Scoil Bhride - 100 Bhliain d'Aois	BBC Radio Ulster
Bronze	Splanc	Newstalk

**Category: C8 Interactive Speech Programme**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Liveline: Forced apart after 63 Years Kathleen and Michael Devereux	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	The Opinion Line	Cork's 96FM
Bronze	Lunchtime Live: Cervical Check	Newstalk

**Category: D1 Community/Social Action**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Classic Hits Wish Week	Classic Hits 4FM
Silver	Save the Next One	Downtown Radio Cool FM
Bronze	Giving for Living Radiothon	Cork's 96FM

**Category: D2 On Air Competitions/Promotions**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Best of Dublin Awards	98FM
Silver	Billboard Singles	Spin 1038
Bronze	F-ANNEMARIE	Today FM

**Category: D3 Station Imaging**

	Entry Name	Station Name
Gold	Radio Nova	Radio Nova
Silver	98FM	98FM
Bronze	FM104	FM104

**D4 Entertainment**

**Inserts**

	Entry Name	Station Name
Gold	Mario Rosenstock	Today FM
Silver	Dermot & Dave's Entertainment Inserts	Today FM
Bronze	FM104's Strawberry Alarm Clock with Jim-Jim & Nobby	FM104

**Category: D5**

**Innovation**

	Entry Name	Station Name
Gold	Futureproof - The State Watches	Newstalk
Silver	Billboard Singles	Spin 1038
Bronze	Be the Voice	Radio Kerry

**Category: E1 Music Broadcaster**

	Entry Name	Station Name
Gold	Ray Foley	Red FM
Silver	Fergal D'Arcy	Today FM
Bronze	KC	Cork's 96FM

**Category: E2 Radio DJ**

	Entry Name	Station Name
Gold	David Hammond	Beat 102103
Silver	Tracy Clifford	RTÉ 2FM
Bronze	Darren Rice	Beat 102103

**Category: E3 Specialist Music Broadcaster**

	Entry Name	Station Name
Gold	Ann Marie Kelly	Midlands 103
Silver	Stephen McCauley	BBC Radio Foyle
Bronze	Lynette Fay	BBC Radio Ulster

**Category: E4 News Broadcaster**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Brendan O'Loughlin	98FM
Silver	Seamus McKee	BBC Radio Ulster
Bronze	Audrey Carville	RTÉ Radio 1

**Category: E5 News Reporter**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Philip Boucher-Hayes	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	Kevin Magee	BBC Radio Ulster
Bronze	Henry McKean	Newstalk

**Category: E6 Sports Broadcaster of the Year - Full Service**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Joe Molloy	Newstalk
Silver	Nathan Murphy	Newstalk
Bronze	Ger Gilroy	Newstalk

**Category: E7 Sports Broadcaster - Local/Regional**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Darren Cleary	98FM
Silver	Eric White	BBC Radio Foyle
Bronze	Jamie Moore	98FM

**Category: E8 Speech Broadcaster - Full Service**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	Sean Moncrieff	Newstalk
Silver	Stephen Nolan	BBC Radio Ulster
Bronze	John Toal	BBC Radio Ulster

**Category: E9 Speech Broadcaster - Local/Regional**

	<b>Entry Name</b>	<b>Station Name</b>
Gold	PJ Coogan on the Opinion Line: Cork's 96FM	Cork's 96FM
Silver	Will Faulkner	Midlands 103
Bronze	Shane Beatty	KFM

**Category: E10 Newcomer**

	Entry Name	Station Name
Gold	Tommy Walsh	Newstalk
Silver	Emer Maguire	BBC Radio Ulster
Bronze	Jaz Keane	Spin 1038

**Category: F1 Local Station of the Year**

	Entry Name	Station Name
Gold	BBC Radio Foyle	BBC Radio Foyle
Silver	Radio Kerry	Radio Kerry
Bronze	LMFM	LMFM

**Category: F2 Music Station of the Year**

	Entry Name	Station Name
Gold	98FM	98FM
Silver	RTÉ lyric fm	RTÉ lyric fm
Bronze	Spin 1038	Spin 1038

**Category: F3 Full Service Station of the Year**

	Entry Name	Station Name
Gold	RTÉ Radio 1	RTÉ Radio 1
Silver	Newstalk	Newstalk
Bronze	RTÉjr	RTÉjr

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**Radio Awards Committee**

The Radio Awards Committee is comprised of 12 members representing all sectors of licensed commercial and public radio on the island of Ireland – RTÉ, BBC NI, and the independent commercial radio sectors in

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both the Republic and Northern Ireland. The Radio Awards were previously known as the PPI Radio Awards.

### **IMRO**

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For more information, see <https://www.imro.ie/>

### **BAI**

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.

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