

BBC Music Magazine reveals nominees for 2019 Awards

A wonderful mix of well-known works and new discoveries, with multiple entries for recordings of Debussy and John Adams

The nominations for the 2019 BBC Music Magazine Awards have now been revealed, with 21 of the best classical recordings from over the past year chosen by an expert jury.

The discs were selected from the 200 recordings awarded five stars by our critics in the last 12 months. Voting is now open to the public, so you can choose your favourite recordings from seven categories: Orchestral, Instrumental, Chamber, Choral, Vocal, Opera and Concerto.

There were a huge number of Debussy recordings released in 2018 in celebration of the composer's centenary, and the best of these are reflected in this year's Awards shortlist. In the Instrumental category, Alexander Melnikov is nominated with his recordings of Book 2 of Debussy's *Préludes* and the much-loved *La Mer*, in which Melnikov is joined by Olga Pashchenko. Melnikov appears again playing Debussy in the Chamber category, alongside other leading musicians including Isabelle Faust and Jean-Guihen Queyras in a selection of late works by the French composer.

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Contemporary composer John Adams also appears in two categories in this year's Awards: he conducts his thrilling *Doctor Atomic* in the Opera category, and his *Naïve and Sentimental Music* and *Absolute Jest* are performed by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra under Peter Oundjian in the Orchestral category.

Old classics have been given new life in several of this year's Awards nominations, including new recordings of Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony by MusicAeterna and Teodor Currentzis, and Mahler's First Symphony by the Düsseldorf Symphony Orchestra under Adám Fischer.

New discoveries include Michael Collins's recordings of Crusell's fabulous clarinet concertos and a set of recordings of 'Moralizing

Songs in the Middle Ages' from the Sollazzo ensemble in the Choral category.

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Rising stars of the classical music world are heralded in this year's Awards, with 25-year-old composer Owain Park's choral works performed by the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge in the Choral category and 26-year-old guitarist Sean Shibe's disc *SoftLOUD* nominated in the Instrumental category, following his entry in the same category last year with his debut album.

Familiar faces in the BBC Music Magazine Awards this year include previous winners Mark Elder, who conducts Rossini's *Semiramide* in the Opera category, and the Gabrieli Consort under Paul McCreesh, who are nominated in the Choral category with their *A Rose Magnificat* album.

'Drawing up our shortlist has been, like every year, a huge challenge', says *BBC Music Magazine* editor Oliver Condy. 'The quality of recordings in all genres throughout 2018 was remarkable. But now the power is in the hands of the music-loving public, and I'm excited to find out who they choose as the ultimate winners!'

In addition to the shortlisted recordings, there are four jury awards – Premiere Recording, Newcomer of the Year, DVD of the Year and Recording of the Year – all of which will be announced at the awards ceremony on 10 April.

The full list of nominees can be seen below, and the public vote is now open at www.classical-music.com/awards. You can also listen to audio clips from all the nominated discs here.

Voting closes on Tuesday 19 February 2019, and the winners will be announced at a ceremony at London's Kings Place on Wednesday 10 April. For full details of the nominees and how to vote, go to our Awards page [here](#).

- **[The BBC Music Magazine Awards Archive](#)**

Orchestral

Tchaikovsky
Symphony No. 6

MusicAeterna/Teodor Currentzis

Sony 88985404352

John Adams

Naïve and Sentimental Music; Absolute Jest

Doric String Quartet; Royal Scottish National Orchestra/Peter

Oundjian

Chandos CHSA 5199 (hybrid CD/SACD)

Mahler

Symphony No. 1

Düsseldorf Symphony Orchestra/Adám Fischer

Avi AVI8553390

Concerto

Bartók

Violin Concertos Nos 1 and 2

Christian Tetzlaff (violin); Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra/Hannu

Lintu

Ondine ODE13172

Rachmaninov

Piano Concertos Nos 2 and 4; excerpts from JS Bach's Partita in E for
solo violin, arr. Rachmaninov

Daniil Trifonov (piano); Philadelphia Orchestra/Yannick Nézet-Séguin

Deutsche Grammophon 483 5335

Crusell

Clarinet Concertos, Op. 1 and Op. 11, Grand Concerto, Op. 5,
Introduction et air suédois, Op. 12

Michael Collins (clarinet/conductor); Swedish Chamber Orchestra

Chandos CHSA 5187 (hybrid CD/SACD)

Opera

Handel

Acis and Galatea

Soloists; Early Opera Company/Christian Curnyn

Chandos CHSA 0404(2) (hybrid CD/SACD)

John Adams

Doctor Atomic

Soloists; BBC Singers; BBC Symphony Orchestra/John Adams

Nonesuch 7559793107

Rossini

Semiramide

Soloists; Opera Rara Chorus, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment/Sir Mark Elder
Opera Rara 9293800572

Choral

A Rose Magnificat
Works by Leighton, Tallis, Warlock, White, MacMillan, Sheppard, Park, Wylkynson, Howells, Lane and Martin
Gabrieli Consort/Paul McCreech
Signum SIGCD 536
Parle Qui Veut
Moralizing Songs of the Middle Ages
Sollazzo Ensemble
Linn CKD 529
Owain Park
Choral works
The Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge/Stephen Layton
Hyperion CDA 68191

Vocal

Mirages

Works by Messager, Debussy, Delibes, Delage, Stravinsky, Thomas, Berlioz, Massenet and Koechlin
Sabine Devieille (soprano); Les Siècles/François-Xavier Roth et al
Erato 9029576772

Schumann • Mahler
Schumann: Liederkreis, Op. 39; Lieder und Gesänge aus Wilhelm Meister; Mahler: Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen
Florian Boesch (baritone), Malcolm Martineau (piano)
Linn CKD 511
Enfers
Works by Rameau, Rebel and Gluck
Stéphane Degout (bass-baritone); Pygmalion/Raphaël Pichon
Harmonia Mundi HMM 902288

Chamber

Bacewicz
Piano Quintets Nos 1 & 2; Quartets for Four Violins & Four Cellos

Silesian Quartet et al

Chandos CHAN 10976

Deux Works by Bartók, Poulenc, Ravel and Dohnányi

Patricia Kopatchinskaja (violin), Polina Leschenko (piano)

Alpha ALPHA 387

Debussy The Late Works

Isabelle Faust (violin), Jean-Guihen Queyras (cello), Xavier de Maistre

(harp), Antoine Tamestit (viola), Magali Mosnier (flute), Alexander

Melnikov, Javier Perianes, Tanguy De Williencourt (piano)

Harmonia Mundi HMM 902303

Instrumental

JS Bach

Works and transcriptions

Vikingur Ólafsson (piano)

Deutsche Grammophon 483 5022

SoftLOUD

Works by Oswald, MacMillan, Reich, Wolfe, Lang; 17th-century

Scottish lute pieces

Sean Shibe (guitar)

Delphian DCD 34213

Debussy

Préludes, Book 2; La mer (transcr. Debussy)

Alexander Melnikov (piano), Olga Pashchenko (piano)

Harmonia Mundi HMM 902302