

THE EDP PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

BEST INDIVIDUAL



LUCY GRUBB
A singer/songwriter blending Modern Americana with Country undertones. "For a young lady from the flatlands of East Anglia, she sure can write and sing a Hill Country song worthy of Allison Krauss or even Emmylou Harris." - Rocking Magpie



KARL MINNS
A writer and performer best known for being one half of comedy double act The Nimmo Twins and for being the writer of the Normal for Norfolk sketch shows. Sortabiography, performed at Norwich Playhouse earlier this year, was his first solo show, focussing on his upbringing in Norfolk and how his struggles have informed his life and comedy.



EMILY WOODWARD
Emily has had a passion for performance since childhood. After moving to Norfolk in 2015 she founded Triple Threat Stage School in Aylsham, to open up performance opportunities for local children and adults, and to provide the benefits of the arts – including improved confidence and better mental health.

BEST SMALL ORGANISATION OR PROJECT



DEREHAM THEATRE COMPANY
Formed in 1948, DTCo has celebrated its 70th Anniversary of providing entertainment and arts education for the local community. The company is a volunteer-run registered charity with a designated youth division, performing five productions annually including plays, musicals and pantomimes.



ROSIE'S PLAQUES
Beautiful, handmade plaques created by women of The Common Lot were attached to significant buildings as a guerrilla art project this summer. They celebrate and commemorate radical women of Norwich and draw attention to the fact that out of 300 official plaques only 25 recognise female spaces and achievements.



ST. GEORGE'S THEATRE YOUTH COMPANY
A new weekly group based in Great Yarmouth, open to all young people aged between 7 and 16 years old. They learn acting skills, movement and voice, and use drama games to develop teamwork, friendship and confidence. Their performance of Wind in the Willows this year was a huge success.

BEST LARGE ORGANISATION OR PROJECT



ECHO YOUTH THEATRE
Echo was launched in December 2017 to offer young people accessible and flexible opportunities in theatre and performance, both off-stage, backstage and on stage. So far, their shows and workshops have given hundreds of young people the opportunity to perform and learn technical theatre skills alongside professionals and volunteers.



MICHALA JANE SCHOOL OF DANCE
A performing arts school with classes in Norwich and Brooke covering ballet, tap, freestyle, street, commercial, contemporary and musical theatre for all abilities and ages from 3 to senior citizen. With regular performances, including a forthcoming 25th anniversary Theatre Royal show, they always give everyone their chance to shine.



VICTORY FACADE AT ORMISTON VICTORY ACADEMY
An award-winning company who work hard to produce quality theatre and magical experiences in the arts, inspiring the stars of today and tomorrow. Many students, over many years, have enjoyed the vast performance opportunities that have been offered to them by the group.

ENTERTAINMENT



TOTAL ENSEMBLE THEATRE COMPANY
"Embrace" / ɪm'breɪs,em'breɪs / verb:
1. hold (someone) closely in one's arms, especially as a sign of affection.
2. accept (a belief, theory, or change) willingly and enthusiastically.
An especially commissioned piece of Movement Theatre from the Hostry Festival's inclusive project, in partnership with ST GEORGE'S THEATRE with members of FABBA and others from the Great Yarmouth area. Directed and Devised by Artistic Director REBECCA CHAPMAN. To take part in Inclusive Outreach Workshops at St George's Theatre, email rebecca@totalensemble.org



LUCY GRUBB
Norfolk Singer/Songwriter EDP People's Choice Nominee 2019
Singer/songwriter blending Americana with Country undertones. "For a young lady from the Flatlands of East Anglia she sure can write and sing a Country Song worthy of Allison Krauss or even Emmylou Harris."



HOLLY LERSKI
Norfolk Singer/Songwriter
Holly was born in London, and raised in Norfolk. She made her debut in 1997 on Boo Hewerdine's label Haven Records, with her folk pop group Angelou. She has toured with artists including John Hiatt and Eddi Reader, and released 4 albums. Her most recent, The Wooden House, was picked as one the Sunday Telegraph and The Independent best folk albums of 2015.

Special thanks to the St George's Trustees, Volunteers and Staff for their support in the delivery of the Norfolk Arts Awards 2019.

RUNNING ORDER

Introduction by
STASH KIRKBRIDE & DEBBIE THOMPSON
with Hostry Festival Patron PETER WILSON

Meet your hosts
CHRISTINE WEBBER & HELEN McDERMOTT

Performance:
TOTAL ENSEMBLE THEATRE COMPANY 'EMBRACE', with members from FABBA and the Gt Yarmouth area performing a specially commissioned piece of Inclusive Movement Theatre

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THE THEATRE AWARD
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THE VISUAL ARTS AWARD
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THE JARROLD NEW WRITING AWARD
Supported by the John Jarrold Trust

Performance:
LUCY GRUBB Singer/Songwriter
EDP People's Choice nominee

THE MUSIC AWARD
Sponsored by Her Honour Judge Maureen Bacon QC

THE BROADCAST & MEDIA AWARD
Sponsored by The University of East Anglia

THE DR FRANK BATES DANCE & MUSICAL THEATRE AWARD
Sponsored by Jane Hawksley, Relative of Dr Frank Bates

THE DIVERSITY AWARD
Sponsored by Norwich Arts Centre

THE EDUCATION & COMMUNITY AWARD
Sponsored by the Theatre Royal & Norwich Playhouse

Performance:
HOLLY LERSKI Norfolk Singer/Songwriter

THE PETER BARROW BURSARY AWARD
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THE NORFOLK ICON AWARD
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THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS AWARD
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THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Sponsored by PSE Live

End: Approximately 9.30pm

No Interval

Buffet & Live Jazz Music in the St George's Theatre Café/Bar until 11.30pm

N.B: Can winners from all the awards remain upstairs, to have their group picture taken for the EDP & Norfolk Magazine, websites and social media.

Please also note: copies of all photos taken tonight can be obtained from the Norfolk Arts Awards website to share on social media. Visit www.norfolkartsawards.org Simon Finlay Photography® Available from Monday 21st October 2019.

Stash Kirkbride & Peter Barrow in association with The Eastern Daily Press and St George's Theatre present

THE 2019 NORFOLK ARTS AWARDS

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2019

AT ST GEORGE'S THEATRE GT YARMOUTH

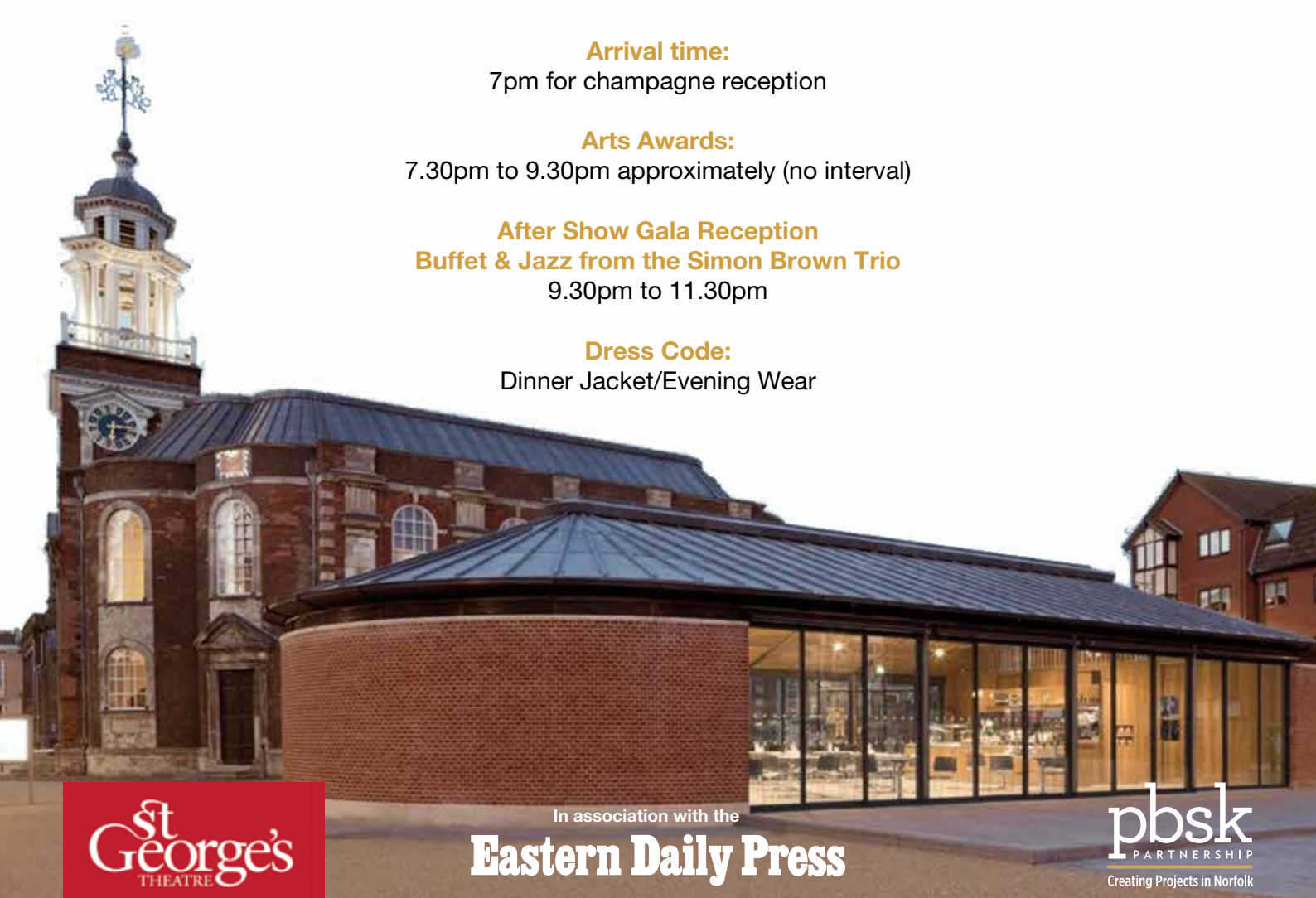
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CHRISTINE WEBBER & HELEN McDERMOTT

Arrival time:
7pm for champagne reception

Arts Awards:
7.30pm to 9.30pm approximately (no interval)

After Show Gala Reception
Buffet & Jazz from the Simon Brown Trio
9.30pm to 11.30pm

Dress Code:
Dinner Jacket/Evening Wear



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THE NORFOLK ARTS AWARDS WAS FOUNDED IN 2012 BY STASH KIRKBRIDE & PETER BECK, AND IS A HOSTRY FESTIVAL PROJECT.

THE HOSTRY FESTIVAL AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL is a not-for-profit, community interest project. Produced by the PBSK Partnership.

Committee: Chairmen, Stash Kirkbride and Peter Barrow. Treasurer, Mike King. Secretary, Richard Nobes. Accountants, Larking & Gowen



Good evening and welcome to the Norfolk Arts Awards 2019,

As part of the Hostry Festival's 5 year Outreach programme, the awards are being presented at this landmark venue, St George's Theatre in Great Yarmouth.

Along with our awards panel, arts organisations from across Norfolk were invited to submit nominations for the first time this year, resulting in this even more diverse and inclusive list of nominees.

Huge thanks to all the supporters and partners who enable this much admired event to take place this year. Here's to a very special evening.

Stash Kirkbride & Peter Barrow
Producers of the Norfolk Arts Awards
and Hostry Festival at Norwich Cathedral
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Your hosts for the evening

CHRISTINE WEBBER
AND HELEN McDERMOTT



Everyone at St. George's Theatre is honoured to be co-hosting this year's Norfolk Arts Awards, in partnership with The Hostry Festival.

This highly prestigious event allows those attending to discover this stunning Grade 1 listed venue. It is a tremendous opportunity to raise the profile of Great Yarmouth as well as develop closer links for the arts across our beautiful County.

Welcome one and all.

Debbie Thompson
Creative Director,
St George's Theatre



PRODUCTION TEAM 2019

STASH KIRKBRIDE & PETER BARROW
Producers of the Norfolk Arts Awards

DEBBIE THOMPSON
Creative Director, St George's Theatre

CAZ SLOTA
Norfolk Arts Awards Co-ordinator
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LAURA De OLIVEIRA – Production Support/Filming
MATTHEW POTTER – Arts Awards Filming & Editing
SCOTT MEACOCK – Front of House & Wet Stock Manager
SHARON AND RON UPTON – Volunteer Coordinators
EMMA KNIGHTS – Marketing at Norwich Cathedral
LOUISA BALDWIN – EDP Arts Correspondent
SIMON FINLAY – Photography for Nominees & Event
RICHARD NOBES – Head of Graphic Design
RICHARD HOWES & BECKY DEMMEN – Event Filming

GGS PHOTOGRAPHY – Stage Display
ST GEORGE'S THEATRE – Catering

Huge thanks to all our Hostry Festival and St George's volunteers, and our Front of House team

Special thanks to our Principal Sponsors, the University of East Anglia

THE NORFOLK ARTS AWARDS PANEL 2019

HER HONOUR JUDGE
MAUREEN BACON QC
PETER BARROW
PETER BECK
CAT CHAPMAN
STEVE FORSTER
JANE HAWKSLEY
CAROLINE JARROLD
LIS JENNINGS
RICHARD JORDAN
ANGELA KENNEDY
PASCO Q KEVLIN
MIKE KING
PROFESSOR JOHN LAST OBE FRSA
FIONA RYDER
DEBBIE THOMPSON

THE AWARDS PRESENTERS INCLUDE

IAIN MCCLAY – The Business & The Arts Award
ADAM TAYLOR – The Theatre Award
SARAH HAMILTON – The Visual Arts Award
HOLLY AINLEY – The Jarrold New Writing Award
Her Honour Judge MAUREEN BACON QC – The Music Award
PROFESSOR SARAH BARROW – The Broadcast & Media Award
JANE HAWKSLEY – The Dr Frank Bates Dance & Musical Theatre Award
PASCO Q KEVLIN – Diversity Award
STEPHEN CROCKER – The Education & Community Award
PETER BARROW – The Peter Barrow Bursary Award
MATTHEW CONWAY – The Norfolk Icon Award
PETER BECK & LOUISA BALDWIN – The EDP People's Choice Awards
NICK TILEY-NUNN & RICHARD NOBES – Outstanding Contribution to the Arts Award
NICK CLARKE – The Lifetime Achievement Award



THE BUSINESS AND THE ARTS AWARD Sponsored by Fosters Solicitors

MARION CATLIN
A designer, artist and creative producer, Marion Catlin is a passionate advocate of the value of arts and culture to a healthy society. A natural networker with mission to connect all kinds of creative activity, she works to convince politicians and the public that investment in creativity is vital to our future.

STARTEAST
StartEast is a regional economic development initiative, tasked with boosting the creative industries in Norfolk and Suffolk. The project has supported over 350 sole traders, small businesses and recent start-ups working in various art forms. They provide free training, mentoring opportunities, networking events and project grants.



THE JARROLD NEW WRITING AWARD Supported by the John Jarrold Trust

JAMES McDERMOTT
James McDermott is a Norfolk based scriptwriter and creative writing teacher. "Rubber Ring", his solo play about growing up gay in Norfolk, was published early in 2019 by Samuel French. James is currently working on new plays with several East Anglian arts companies, while also developing a TV comedy drama set in Norfolk.

TOAST
TOAST is a new, welcoming and exciting project: workshops and live evenings of poetry and spoken word from the country's best writers. As well as staging performances, TOAST is an organisation dedicated to supporting poets in the mid stage of their career, creating a space for poets to develop their work and hone their craft.



THE THEATRE AWARD Sponsored by The Garage

FEAST THEATRE
Since its creation in 2010, fEAST Theatre has performed across the East in venues large and small, showcasing the work of theatre-makers with Norfolk connections. Telling captivating stories about memorable characters, fEAST has gained a loyal following with a deft mix of humour, pathos and genuine Norfolk voices.

LIGHTS! PLANETS! PEOPLE!
Heartbreak, high-tech and a botched Powerpoint presentation. LIGHTS! PLANETS! PEOPLE! is a one-woman play about space science, mental health, and communication - both interpersonal and intergalactic. It was written and directed by Molly Naylor and stars Karen Hill. Created in Norfolk, this acclaimed show has been touring the UK throughout 2019.



THE MUSIC AWARD

THE JONATHAN WYATT BIG BAND
Founded in the 1980s by a then-teenage bandleader, the Jonathan Wyatt Big Band has been delighting audiences across the country for over 30 years with a wide variety of exquisitely performed music, from up-tempo funk to pre-war big band favourites, and from Latin tunes to Rat Pack classics.

MULBARTON COMMUNITY CHOIR
Originally founded in 2016 to provide music for a village carol service, Mulbarton Community Choir has flourished since its low-key beginnings, and now boasts over 60 active members. Now performing a varied selection of songs in Norfolk venues, the Choir is a fantastic example of how the arts can bring a community together.

Sponsored by Her Honour Judge
MAUREEN BACON Q.C.



THE VISUAL ARTS AWARD Sponsored by Norwich University of the Arts

NORFOLK & NORWICH OPEN STUDIOS

Norfolk & Norwich Open Studios is a free annual event where artists and makers across the county open their studio doors for 16 days in May and June, and invite the public to come inside. Artists exhibit, sell and talk about their work, and visitors will often find artists demonstrating their techniques.

OUTPOST

A charity run by artists, for artists, OUTPOST has established itself as a leading centre for visual arts activity in the east of England. Managing an art gallery and affordable studio complex, OUTPOST also produces a core programme of seven exhibitions a year, alongside offsite projects, artist residencies and many more events.



Dr FRANK BATES DANCE AND MUSICAL THEATRE AWARD

FABIAN JACKSON

After growing up in north Norfolk, dancer Fabian Jackson graduated from the Northern School of Contemporary Dance with a first-class degree. He has worked with artists such as Hetain Patel, Punchdrunk's Maxine Doyle, and accessible integrated dance company Candoco. In 2019 he will appear in productions at Sadler's Wells and the Royal Opera House.

GLASS HOUSE DANCE

Glass House Dance was set up in Norwich by Sarah Lewis and Laura McGill to take contemporary dance into the heart of the community. They create essentially human, visceral dance pieces, accessible to audiences who may not have watched dance before, creating thought provoking and uplifting performances.

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relative of Dr Frank Bates



THE DIVERSITY AWARD Sponsored by Norwich Arts Centre

CREATIVE MATTERS

Created and run by Norwich Theatre Royal, Creative Matters are a series of month-long issue-focussed arts activities. Each Creative Matters season features a mix of performance, film, exhibitions, workshops and events, which aim to stimulate discussion and make connections through creativity. Season themes have previously included LGBTQ, Men's Mental Health and Homelessness.

KATY JON WENT

Norwich-based Katy Jon Went is a writer, public speaker, activist and educator on gender, identity, sexuality, mental health, disability, human rights, diversity and inclusion. Katy is the coordinator of the UK Human Library project and is frequently invited to appear as a speaker on panels, at festivals and at TEDx events.



THE EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY AWARD Sponsored by Norwich Theatre Royal & Norwich Playhouse

INTO OPERA

Since launching in 2017, Into Opera has introduced over 1,700 children to opera – and that's just the start. By creating unique and engaging opera experiences, the company has started a creative revolution to get more people 'into' opera. Into Opera develops educational projects, produces professional opera productions and commissions new work.

SARAH WITCOMB

Sarah leads Norfolk & Norwich Festival's creative learning programmes. Through a trio of participation strands entitled 'Take Part' and the Meet Me at The Spiegeltent initiative, her work at the Festival brings diverse creative activities to thousands of young people, school children and hard to reach communities across the county each year.



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Winner to be revealed tonight.



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