



## Media Release

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### **ntl Commercial Radio Awards: 2004 nominations revealed**

- **Heart 106.2's Jono and Harriet to host**
- **Ongoing popularity sees event move to a larger venue at the Intercontinental Hotel, Park Lane**

The Commercial Radio Companies Association (CRCA) has today announced the nominations for the 2004 Commercial Radio Awards, sponsored for the fifth year running by ntl's broadcast division. The awards, which will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, reward excellence in all aspects of commercial radio from production to presenting and will be hosted this year by Heart 106.2 Breakfast Show duo Jono and Harriet.

This year's awards again received a record number of entries, and the rising popularity of the ceremony itself has meant that the 2004 event is to be held at a larger venue within the prestigious Intercontinental Hotel on London's Park Lane. Notable gongs include the ntl Commercial Radio Station of the Year; the ntl Commercial Radio Presenter of the year; and the ntl/Skillset Commercial Radio Presentation Newcomer of the Year, with the latter sure to be hotly contested by Rugby FM's Dale Collins, James O'Brien from LBC 97.3FM and XFM's Lauren Laverne.

Alison Winter, Research and Communications Manager at the CRCA, commented: "The growing success and recognition of these awards reflects the dynamism of digital radio in 2004. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever and an excellent opportunity to recognise the depth of talent in this industry. We are also very much looking forward to a brand new venue with brand new hosts and I'm sure that Jono and Harriet will be bringing their unique brand of humour to the proceedings."

ntl's head of broadcast radio, Paul Eaton, added: "With so much of our work being behind the scenes in transmission, we couldn't be more pleased to be supporting commercial radio talent and innovation at the Awards once again."

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Full details of the specific nominations for each award are given below. The winners of special awards - The Neil Robinson Memorial Award, The NTL/IRN Newslink Commercial Radio Special Award and The NTL Gold Award - will be announced along with all the other winners at the ceremony on 25th June.

The ntl Commercial Radio Programmer of the Year

- Francis Currie - Heart 106.2
- Luis Clarke - Mercia FM
- Neil Greenslade - Galaxy 102.2

The ntl Commercial Radio Award for Marketing Excellence

- The Century FM Network - Radio You Just Have To Sing Along To Campaign
- Joss Baker, Kevin Gover & Maria Greenwood - Wessex FM
- Sunrise Radio 1458

The ntl Social Action Initiative Award

- Island FM Station Team - Help a Guernsey Child
- Real Radio Yorkshire - Walk a Mile in My Shoes
- West Sound - A77 Campaign

The ntl Commercial Radio Station of the Year (<300,000 TSA)

- FM 103 Horizon
- Isle of Wight Radio
- Rutland Radio

The ntl Commercial Radio News Award

- Bay News Team
- Key 103 / Magic 1152 News Team
- Radio City News Team

The ntl Local Sales Team of the Year

- Metro Radio and Magic 1152 Local Sales Team
- 107.4 The Quay
- 97.4 Rock FM / Magic 999 Revenue Team

The ntl Commercial Radio Technical Innovation Award

- Creation New Platforms
- Emap Performance Interactive
- Unique Interactive

The ntl Commercial Radio Station of the Year (300,000 to 1 million TSA)

- 97.2 Beacon FM (West Midlands)
- Mercia FM
- West Sound

The ntl National Sales Team of the Year

- Chrysalis Radio Sales
- Classic FM Sales Team
- Virgin Radio Sales Team

The ntl/British Heart Foundation Action on Health Award

- 97.3 Forth One Presentation Team
- Island FM Station Team
- West Action - West Sound

The ntl Commercial Radio Programme or Feature of the Year

- Exam Slam - Galaxy 105, Galaxy 102, Galaxy 105-106
- Ian Danter's Sunday Carve Up - 100.7 Heart FM
- The Sunday Music Café: The Transatlantic Album Launch of Dido's *Life For Rent* - The GWR Mix Network

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The ntl/Skillset Commercial Radio Presentation Newcomer of the Year

- Dale Collins - 107.1 Rugby FM
- James O'Brien - LBC 97.3 FM
- Lauren Laverne - XFM

The ntl Commercial Radio Digital Station of the Year

- Capital Disney
- Planet Rock
- Smooth Digital

The ntl Commercial Radio ID Liner, Jingle, Sting or Sweeper of the Year

- Galaxy Network Imaging
- Matt Lomax, Steve Pigott, Andy Roberts - Kiss 100
- Tim Lihoreau & Paul Kelly - Classic FM

The ntl Commercial Radio Presenter of the Year - in association with x-trax

- Boogie & Vicky Pitchers - 97.3 Forth One
- Christian O'Connell - XFM
- Ed James - 100.7 Heart FM

The ntl Commercial Radio Station of the Year (>1 million TSA)

- Heart 106.2
- LBC 97.3
- Wave 105
- XFM

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**More on ntl's Broadcast division:**

- The Broadcast division of ntl has a 48-year history in transmission and has helped pioneer the technologies of the digital age.
- 22 million UK homes receive ITV, Channel 4 and Five via ntl's national broadcast transmitter networks. ntl also provides transmission for most UK independent radio stations, both analogue and digital.
- ntl provides end-to-end media solutions to the broadcast industry across terrestrial, cable and satellite platforms. This includes satellite uplinking, satellite newsgathering, outside broadcast facilities, programme presentation, play-out and distribution.
- With a portfolio of over 2300 radio sites across the UK, ntl's Wireless Solutions group specialises in shared mobile and cellular network infrastructure, from conventional masts and towers, urban and in-building solutions to access circuits, managed back-haul and core network provision.
- ntl's Public Safety group provides a full range of support services to the UK police, fire, ambulance and other emergency services including design and installation of integrated telecommunications systems, radio system maintenance and fully managed services.
- Further information can be found at [www.ntlbroadcast.com](http://www.ntlbroadcast.com)

**more on the CRCA:**

The CRCA is the trade association for UK Commercial Radio. It is a voluntary, non-profit-making body, formed by the first radio companies when Independent Radio began in 1973.

Further information can be found at [www.crcaco.uk](http://www.crcaco.uk)

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