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### **Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards 2005: winners announced**

- **Notable win for UKRadioAid**
- **Kerrang! 105.2 and Kerrang! Radio win The Arqiva Gold Award**

Arqiva (formerly NTL Broadcast) and the Commercial Radio Companies Association (CRCA) have today announced the winners of this year's Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards. The awards, presented at a lunchtime ceremony in central London, reward excellence in all aspects of Commercial Radio from production to presenting. With a record number of entries from across the UK's leading Commercial Radio stations, Johnny Vaughan and Harriet Scott hosted an afternoon dedicated to the recognition of talent across a dynamic and thriving industry.

Big winners this year include the Kerrang! radio services who, between them, win the Arqiva Commercial Radio Station Sound Award, the Arqiva Commercial Radio Digital Station of the Year and the Arqiva Gold Award. Choice 96.9 and 107.1 FM take home both the Arqiva Commercial Radio Programmer Award (Ivor Etienne) as well as the hotly-contested award for the Arqiva Commercial Radio Station of the Year (>1million TSA). Commercial Radio's commitment to finding and nurturing new talent was much in evidence, as 21-year-old BODG from Oxford's Passion 107.9 collected the Arqiva/Skillset Commercial Radio Presentation Newcomer of the Year Award. The contribution that Commercial Radio makes to the community was highlighted this year by The Arqiva Commercial Radio Social Action Initiative Award, won by Beacon Radio for their "One Million Pounds of Work" campaign, and also by the Arqiva/IRN Newslink Commercial Radio Special Award, awarded to UKRadioAid in recognition of the outstanding contribution made by all Commercial Radio stations in raising money for the Tsunami Appeal.

Alison Winter, Research and Communications Manager at the CRCA, commented: "This is a great opportunity to recognise not only the depth of talent and creativity in our industry but also the contribution that Commercial Radio makes to the community - locally, throughout

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the UK and across the world. The success of the awards continues to grow with every year and we've been delighted with the achievements of all those nominated in 2005."

Paul Eaton, head of broadcast radio at Arqiva added: "The Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards is a fantastic event recognising the talent and accomplishments of all those involved in Commercial Radio. We're proud to continue our support of these awards for the 6<sup>th</sup> year running and, on behalf of Arqiva, I would like to congratulate all of the winners."

The full list of awards winners is given below:

- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Programmer of the Year**  
Ivor Etienne – Choice 96.9 & 107.1 FM
- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Marketing Award**  
Kevin Gover, Joss Baker & Maria Greenwood - Wessex FM
- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Social Action Initiative Award**  
Beacon Radio - One Million Pounds of Work
- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Station of the Year (<300,000 TSA)**  
102.5 Radio Pembrokeshire
- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio News Award**  
Key 103 / Magic 1152 News Team
- **The Arqiva Local Sales Team of the Year**  
The Bay
- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Technical Innovation Award**  
Independent Radio News
- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Station of the Year (300,000 to 1 million TSA)**  
96.6 TFM
- **The Arqiva National Sales Team of the Year**  
Classic FM Sales Team
- **The Arqiva/British Heart Foundation Action on Health Award**  
Real Radio Wales
- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Programme or Feature of the Year**  
Caught in the Crossfire – 97.2 Beacon Radio (West Midlands)
- **The Arqiva/Skillset Commercial Radio Presentation Newcomer of the Year**  
BODG – Passion 107.9
- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Digital Station of the Year**  
Kerrang! Radio
- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Station Sound Award**  
Chris Thorpe & Dan Snaith – Kerrang! 105.2
- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Presenter of the Year - in association with x-trax**  
Simon Hirst, Danny Oakes and JoJo – Galaxy 105

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- **The Arqiva Commercial Radio Station of the Year (>1 million TSA)**  
Choice 96.9 & 107.1 FM
- **The Neil Robinson Memorial Award for Marketing Excellence**  
Joss Baker – Wessex FM
- **The Arqiva/IRN Newslink Commercial Radio Special Award**  
UK Radio Aid
- **The Arqiva Gold Award**  
Kerrang! Radio & Kerrang! 105.2

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**More on Arqiva (previously known as NTL Broadcast):**

Arqiva has a 50-year history in transmission and has helped pioneer the technologies of the digital age. Formerly the broadcast division of ntl Group, Arqiva was sold earlier this year to a consortium led by Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Group, trading as National Transcommunications Ltd until 31 July, 2005. 22 million UK homes receive ITV, Channel 4 and five via Arqiva's national transmitter networks. The company also provides transmission for most UK independent radio stations, both analogue and digital. In addition Arqiva provides end-to-end media solutions to the broadcast industry across terrestrial and satellite platforms. This includes satellite uplinking, satellite newsgathering, outside broadcast facilities, programme presentation, play-out and distribution. With a portfolio of over 2000 radio sites across the UK, Arqiva'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. Arqiva'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. [www.arqiva.com](http://www.arqiva.com)

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**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.crca.co.uk](http://www.crca.co.uk)

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