

PRESS RELEASE

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BSO RESOUND NOMINATED FOR PRESTIGIOUS ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY AWARDS

- Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra the only entity to be named in two categories
 - Nominations for both Ensemble and Impact Awards



BSO Resound at the BBC Proms © BBC Proms / Kirsten McTernan

BSO Resound has been shortlisted for two prestigious Royal Philharmonic Society (RPS) Awards. The nominations were **announced on BBC Radio 3's *In Tune* programme by Katie Derham.**

The BSO is recognised for its work in improving access and prospects for a new generation of disabled talent in the Impact Award. BSO Resound — the disabled-led professional ensemble formed in 2018 — have also received a nomination for the Ensemble Award, past winners include the Aurora Orchestra and The Sixteen. To view the full 2019 RPS Awards shortlist click [here](#).

Dougie Scarfe, Chief Executive of the BSO said of the news, “*We’re absolutely thrilled to have received nominations for not just one but two RPS Awards — to be recognised at this level is testament to the dedication of the musicians, staff and audience to create real change both on*

and off stage for the next generation of disabled talent. Change Maker, James Rose, has been a true inspiration and a catalyst for change across our sector — we're delighted that the work of BSO Resound has been nominated."

BSO Resound, under the baton of James Rose, made a high-profile debut performance as the world's first professional disabled-led ensemble at the 2018 BBC Proms in a whirlwind of critical acclaim.

Following a transformational 18-month journey, the BSO urged business leaders to think differently as it shared insights on improving access and prospects for the next generation of talent, releasing the [BSO Change Makers Report](#) in July.

Committed to improving opportunities for the next generation of disabled talent, the BSO commission new music for the ensemble. **Alexander Campkin is BSO Resound's** Composer in Residence, and film and TV composer Joss Holden-Rea was announced as Young Composer in Association, in September.

The Royal Philharmonic Society Awards **have been described by BBC Radio 3** as 'the Oscars, the BAFTAs and the Grammys all in one' for classical music, and celebrate the outstanding, the pioneering, and the inspirational for the sector.

The winners of the 2019 RPS Awards will be announced at Battersea Arts Centre on Thursday 28 November.

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1. Images available [here](#):
 - a) BSO Resound perform at the 2018 BBC Proms © BBC Proms
 - b) Conductor James Rose © Deep South Media
2. Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is a world-class ensemble known for spearheading change both on and off the stage since 1893. Highly regarded for its ambitious programming and recordings, its Prokofiev cycle and survey of Eastern European music under the baton of Chief Conductor Kirill Karabits has received critical acclaim.
3. Empowering lives through music remains at the core of all that the BSO does. The Orchestra were Alzheimer's Society's 'Dementia Friendly Organisation of the Year' in 2017, before presenting the world's first professional disabled-led ensemble at the BBC Proms in 2018. Known for its work in defining the modern

symphony orchestra, BSO Participate – who work with all ages off the stage – is internationally recognized as **an act to follow**. Over **650 community workshops and events take place each year across the BSO's 10,000-square-mile region**, enhancing thousands of lives each year.

4. As a registered arts charity the BSO is increasingly reliant on the support of individuals, charitable trusts and companies. The income earned from ticket sales, commercial activity and grants from public funding sources help the Orchestra greatly and is **increasingly invaluable in supporting BSO's on-going mission to enrich and inspire the cultural lives of many**.
5. **The BSO's Principal Broadcast Partner is BBC Radio 3**
6. **The BSO is Classic FM's Orchestra in the South of England.**
7. Allianz Musical Insurance is a supporting partner of BSO Resound.
8. About Royal Philharmonic Society:

For over 200 years, the Royal Philharmonic Society has been at the heart of music, creating opportunities for musicians to excel, championing the vital role that music plays in all our lives. It all began in 1813 when a group **of musicians set out to establish a series of orchestral concerts in London**. **The Society's regular performances** attracted world-class artists including Mendelssohn and Wagner, and it commissioned exhilarating new music **for an eager public to hear: most famously, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony**. **In its founding gesture, the Society** created a lasting culture. Other orchestras found their footing and their music resounds across Britain today. 200 years later, the Society continues to celebrate and empower musicians who – like its founders – strive to enrich society with all that they do. Through grants, commissions, coaching and performance opportunities, the RPS helps exciting young performers and composers find their voice. Through the renowned annual RPS Awards, the Society celebrates the quality, impact and ingenuity of the finest artists and creative forces at work today. Through its Membership, the RPS aims to cultivate national pride and curiosity in classical music, and rouse audiences to recognise the vital and valued role they play in the country's thriving musical heritage. **Through all its endeavours, the RPS is dedicated to proving classical music's rightful and powerful place in society.**

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