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Young Traditional Musician 2015

BBC Radio Scotland is on the search for another outstanding young traditional musician

This is now the premier award for young traditional musicians in Scotland and many of our past winners have gone on to have successful careers in the world of traditional music. The final of this annual event takes place during the Celtic Connections Festival in Glasgow and performing in the finals can be the launch pad many young musicians need to kickstart their careers.

How To Apply. Entrants (aged 16–27 inclusive) must complete an application form – available via the website or telephone number below – and return it to the address provided along with a 10-minute recording of their playing, a short biography and paragraph explaining their commitment to a career in traditional music. Recordings must be sent to us on CD. Accompanists entering the award, eg guitarists or percussionists, may have a lead instrument on their recording. An adjudication panel will choose 12 semi-finalists based on their ability. All semi-finalists will be notified during the week beginning Monday 18th August 2014. The closing date for applications is Friday 4th July.

Semi-Finals Weekend. (Fri 3rd – Sun 5th Oct 2014) A fun residential weekend at Wiston Lodge, Wiston, South Lanarkshire including workshops and advice on all aspects of working in the traditional music business. Each semi-finalist will perform a 10 minute slot at an evening concert in Coulter Hall, Coulter, South Lanarkshire (accompanists will be provided where required) on Saturday October 4th (start time 7.30pm), which will be judged by a panel drawn from professional traditional musicians, festival organisers etc. The six finalists selected will be notified by letter during the week beginning Monday 6th October 2014.

Finals Weekend. (Fri 30th Jan – Sun 1st Feb 2015, Celtic Connections Festival, Glasgow). The Grand Final will be held at the Celtic Connections Festival, Glasgow on Sunday 1st February 2015. Finalists will perform for 15 minutes in a concert setting and can be accompanied by a professional traditional musician of their choice (from a group provided). The winner of the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician 2015 will be awarded a recording session with BBC Scotland, performance at the Scots Trad Music Awards, one year's membership of Musicians Union, and all finalists get one year's membership of TMSA plus the opportunity to take part in the TMSA's annual Young Trad Tour.

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