

Musician of the Month

January 2022



The Brits

The BRIT Awards (often simply called the BRITs) are the [British Phonographic Industry](#)'s annual pop music awards. The name was originally a shortened form of "British", "Britain", or "Britannia" (in the early days the awards were sponsored by [Britannia Music Club](#)), but subsequently became a backronym (where each letter stands for something) for British Record Industry Trusts Show. The awards were first held in 1977 and originated as an annual event in 1982. In 1989, they were renamed The BRIT Awards.

The highest profile music awards ceremony in the UK, the BRIT Awards have featured some of the most notable events in British popular culture, such as the final public appearance of [Freddie Mercury](#), the [Jarvis Cocker](#) protest against [Michael Jackson](#), the height of a [high-profile feud](#) between [Oasis](#) and fellow [Britpop](#) band [Blur](#), the [Union Jack dress](#) worn by [Geri Halliwell](#) of the [Spice Girls](#), and a [Chumbawamba](#) member throwing a bucket of iced water over then-Deputy Prime Minister [John Prescott](#).



The Brits

Watch a little bit of the awards show from last year...

<https://www.brits.co.uk/videos/channel/89>



Best New Artist

A pretty hotly contested title is that of “Best New Artist”.

The first year of the BRITS, the award that we now know as “Best New Artist” was divided into “British Male Newcomer” and “British Female Newcomer”.

The following year it became the Award for British Newcomer (thus including solo and group acts). It was renamed the Brit Award for British Breakthrough Act in 2003 and is now Brit Award for Best New Artist and has been since 2020

Over the years his award has gone to famous acts such as: Oasis, S Club 7, Blue, Busted, JLS, Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith and Dua Lipa.

We are going to take a look a the last 3 winners and then think about the nominees for this year’s award.

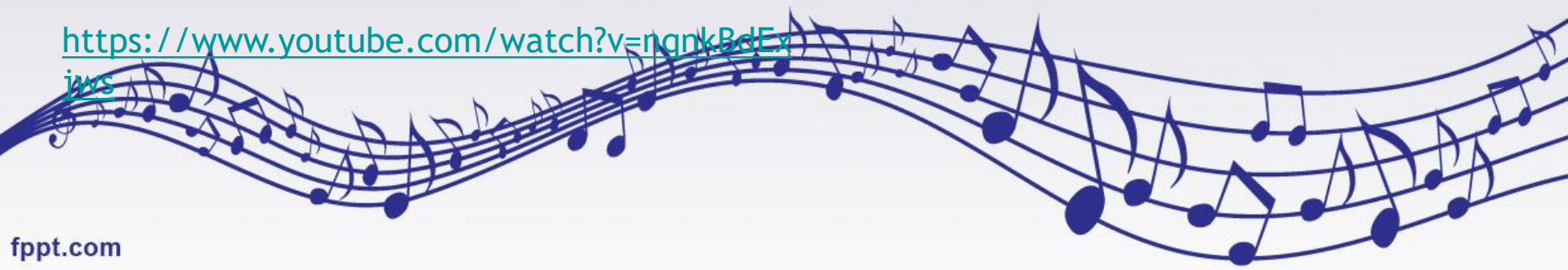


Best New Artist 2019 – Tom Walker

Thomas Alexander Walker (born 17 December 1991) is a Scottish singer-songwriter. He was trained at the stage school [London College of Creative Media](#), and was given a contract soon after. He rose to fame after the release of his single "[Leave a Light On](#)", which peaked at number 7 on the [UK Singles Chart](#) in June 2018.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngnkBdExjws>



Best New Artist 2020 – Lewis Capaldi

Another Scottish singer-songwriter and musician, Lewis Marc Capaldi (born 7 October 1996) won in 2020. He was nominated for the [Critics' Choice Award](#) at the [2019 Brit Awards](#). In March 2019, his single "[Someone You Loved](#)" topped the [UK Singles Chart](#) where it remained for seven weeks. It was nominated at the [62nd Annual Grammy Awards](#) for [Song of the Year](#) and won the 2020 [Brit Award for Song of the Year](#). Capaldi also won the 2020 [Brit Award for Best New Artist](#).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zABLEcsR5UE>



Best New Artist 2021 – Arlo Parks

Anaïs Oluwatoyin Estelle Marinho (born 9 August 2000), known professionally as Arlo Parks, is a British singer-songwriter and poet. Her debut studio album, [*Collapsed in Sunbeams*](#), was released in 2021 to critical acclaim and peaked at number three on the [UK Albums Chart](#). It earned her nominations for [Album of the Year](#), [Best New Artist](#) and [Best British Female Solo Artist](#) at the [2021 Brit Awards](#). It won the 2021 Hyundai [Mercury Prize](#) for best album.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQu0Ht0-D4M>



2022 Nominees



Central Cee - Obsessed with you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgYhheyITVI>

Griff - Black Hole https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2SK_jb68dk

Joy Crookes - Feet Don't Fail Me Now -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLFCcnYSCyE>

Little Simz

Self Esteem - You Forever <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzkA3rk1gqM>

