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## LINN RECORDS TRIUMPHS OVER INDUSTRY GIANTS TO BE NAMED GRAMOPHONE LABEL OF THE YEAR

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Linn is thrilled to be named **Record Label of the Year** at this afternoon's **Gramophone Awards Ceremony**.

Considering previous winners of the award have included giants of the industry such as Deutsche Grammophon and Virgin Records, this is a mammoth achievement for the small independent label that hails from Glasgow, Scotland.

Aimed at music lovers who really care about superior sound quality, Linn Records leads the field in high resolution Studio Master downloads to preserve the quality of the original recording. It is this commitment to developing the format that has not only helped to bring classical music to a younger audience but also set the label apart from industry peers.

This award expands the collection received recently by Linn, including a classical BRIT for Mozart Symphonies 38 – 41 conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. The same recording was also named BBC Music Magazine's "Disc of the Year".

Gramophone's Editor-in-Chief James Jolly says, "Linn is the very model of a modern record company, ensuring that the highest standards are maintained from the studio right through the company's very impressive digital store. Shrewd A&R and matching ear-catching musicianship to appropriate repertoire, creates a sense of anticipation around every release."

The Label of the Year award has been received due to Linn's persistence in developing cutting-edge technology to continually improve the quality of its recordings with some of the world's finest artists. Alongside the classical roster they also boast jazz artists including Britain's *First Lady of Jazz* Claire Martin, and more recently the same high quality principles have been applied to mainstream artists including Maeve O'Boyle and William Orbit.

Caroline Dooley, Linn Records Business Manager says, "We are enormously grateful to everyone at Gramophone Magazine for recognising Linn Records with this

award, and we are hugely humbled in receiving it. I would like to add a big thank you to all of our artists who have helped to make this possible.”

After a committed 27 years of charging the industry with a higher quality benchmark in audio production and playback, Linn looks forward to exciting times ahead. A number of major signings are due to be announced in the near future, visit [www.linnrecords.com](http://www.linnrecords.com) for updates.

For more information on Linn’s back story see separate sheet attached.

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## **1.LINN RECORDS**

Linn Records was the first company in the world to make recording studio quality music downloads available for the home. Studio Master 24-bit files represent true "studio quality", offering sound quality identical to that of a Super Audio CD (Stereo only) and is for people who want the best.

Since its first release in 1983, the label has maintained its position at the forefront of new format technologies such as **HDCD** (1997), **SACD** (2000) and in 2007, **Studio Master downloads**. In 2008, Linn also started selling Studio Master downloads for other labels. In 2005, Linn Records re-introduced **vinyl** as a recognized format of choice for a limited range of releases.

Linn Records offers a diverse, distinctive catalogue of over 300 titles of jazz, classical and Celtic music from a distinguished roster of artists. [www.linnrecords.com](http://www.linnrecords.com)

**2. LINN** is recognised as the performance leader in pitch-accurate sound reproduction. Its authenticity comes from its original design, technology and manufacturing capabilities. LINN works exclusively with the world’s leading specialist retailers and installers - people committed to providing the highest quality and performance solutions for their clients. LINN entertainment systems can be found in the world’s finest homes, superyachts and commercial applications. In 2002 LINN was granted Royal Warrant status, as suppliers of entertainment systems to the Royal Household. [www.linn.co.uk](http://www.linn.co.uk)