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- Adele, Ed Sheeran, Little Simz, Dave up for four BRIT awards who alongside Sam Fender will battle it out for the inaugural Artist of the Year award
- Sam Fender, Central Cee, David Guetta nominated for three
- Doja Cat, Olivia Rodrigo, Billie Eilish, Lil Nas X each up for two awards and up against Taylor Swift for International Artist of the Year award
- Double nominations for Becky Hill, Coldplay, Dua Lipa, Glass Animals, Griff, Joel Corry, Joy Crookes, KSI, Little Mix, Måneskin, Raye, Tom Grennan, Wolf Alice
- Nominations for ABBA, AJ Tracey, Anne-Marie, Drake, Elton John, Ghetts,
- London Grammar, The Weeknd
- Most female artists nominated in over a decade

The 2022 BRIT Awards with Mastercard

The BRIT Awards 2022 with Mastercard takes place Tuesday 8th February at The O2 arena, exclusively broadcast on ITV and ITV Hub and hosted by Mo Gilligan.

The nominations for this year's **BRIT Awards with Mastercard** were this announced in '**The BRITs Are Coming**' one-hour TV special on ITV and ITV Hub and streamed for the first time on The Official BRIT Awards YouTube. Presenters Clara Amfo and Maya Jama took fans and viewers through the shortlists for 13 categories, alongside exclusive performances from Anne-Marie, Joel Corry & Gracey, Glass Animals and Mimi Webb.

All winners will be revealed at The BRIT Awards on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at The O2 arena, broadcast on ITV and ITV Hub, and hosted by Mo Gilligan. 2022 BRITs Rising Star winner **Holly Humberstone** is the first performer to be announced for the show.

2022 is an immense year for nominations, following the introduction of four brand new genre awards, and a rule change which allows featured artists on tracks eligible for Song of the Year with Mastercard and the new International Song of the Year category to be counted as a nominee in their own right. More female artists than any other previous year in the past decade have been nominated for a 2022 BRIT award.

Out in front with four nominations apiece for the 2022 BRIT Awards are four exceptional artists, who have each had an incredible year. **Adele** and **Ed Sheeran**, who both recently released their fourth studio albums, go head-to-head in the categories for Artist of the Year in association with YouTube Shorts, Song of the Year with Mastercard, Mastercard Album of the Year and Pop/RnB Act. **Little Simz** and **Dave** join them in the battle for Artist of the Year and Mastercard Album of the Year (the award Dave won in 2020), and themselves go into battle for Hip Hop/Grime/Rap Act. Little Simz is also nominated for Best New Artist - along with **Griff**, **Joy Crookes**, **Central Cee** and **Self Esteem**, whilst Dave is in the running for Song of the Year.

2019 BRITs Rising Star winner **Sam Fender** is nominated for three awards, completing the roll-call of artists up for Artist of the Year and Mastercard Album of the Year, with a nod for Rock/Alternative Act completing his trio of nominations. Also up for three BRIT awards, despite his debut mixtape only being released this

year, is West London rapper **Central Cee**, who is shortlisted for Best New Artist, Song of the Year, and Hip Hop/Grime/Rap Act, and French DJ/producer **David Guetta**, who has two nominations in Song of the Year and a third in International Song of the Year.

The International Artist of the Year category is a competition between **Billie Eilish**, **Doja Cat**, **Lil Nas X**, **Olivia Rodrigo** - all of whom earn two 2022 BRIT nominations - and the 2021 BRITs Global Icon **Taylor Swift**.

Over 15 British and international acts each receive two nominations in total, also including 2020 BRITs Rising Star winner **Griff** and 2019 Rising Star nominee **Joy Crookes**, along with previous BRIT nominees, winners and performers such as **Coldplay**, **Dua Lipa**, **Joel Corry**, **Little Mix**, **Raye** and **Wolf Alice**. In this list of double nominees are several acts who receive their first ever BRIT recognition: **Becky Hill**, **Doja Cat**, **Glass Animals**, **KSI**, **Lil Nas X**, **Måneskin**, **Tom Grennan**.

ABBA, who recently received their first ever Grammy nomination, gain a BRIT nomination for International Group, alongside **BTS**, **Måneskin**, **Silk Sonic/Bruno Mars/Anderson**. **Paak and The War on Drugs**. **Elton John**, a performer at this year's BRITs with Years & Years, receives his first BRIT nomination in 20 years, in Song of the Year, for his collaboration with 5x BRIT winner Dua Lipa, who is also up for Pop/R&B Act this year.

2022 BRITs Chair and Polydor co-president Tom March commented:

"I am delighted to see such a brilliant spread of artists across the categories this year. It is great to see so many of the artists that have defined this past year have been recognised, all exemplifying enormous talent and creativity. It is a true testament to the power and vibrancy of British and international music right now. We look forward to what the public vote for as winners in the four new genre award categories, introduced to create even more opportunities for artists to be recognised, when the voting opens in January. I thank our Voting Academy for providing such inspirational nominees for the 2022 BRITs."

Earlier this month, The BRITs announced the winner of this year's **Rising Star supported by BBC Radio 1** award as **Holly Humberstone**, who joins the list of incredible artists who have won the award in previous years including Adele, Florence + The Machine, Sam Smith, Ellie Goulding, Emeli Sandé, and this year's winner, Griff.

The winners of the four genre categories - Rock/Alternative Act, Hip Hop/Grime/Rap Act, Dance Act, Pop/R&B Act - will be determined by a public vote via TikTok, which will open on Friday 21st January.

More show announcements to follow over the coming weeks.

Mastercard return as headline partner for the 24th year having supported The BRITs for over two decades, bringing cardholders closer to music through a range of Priceless BRITs experiences. This year, Mastercard will continue to sponsor the much sought after Mastercard Album award, as well as Song of the Year with Mastercard for the second time and is proud to carry on connecting people to priceless possibilities.

YouTube Music is the Official Digital Music Partner and will bring fans closer to the BRITs than ever before. As the home of the official livestream on YouTube, audiences around the world will be able to watch the whole journey of the BRITs unfold, from the nominations, through the run-up, to the awards themselves and the performances on demand afterwards. In an exciting first, fans will also be able to watch exclusive behind-the-scenes footage on the night on YouTube Shorts, a new short-form video experience right on YouTube, as well as listening to their favourite artists' playlists on YouTube Music. YouTube Shorts sponsors the 2022 Artist of the Year award.

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among many others supported include Mind, to promote good mental health in schools, the music industry and the workplace; Music Support, the addictions and mental health charity; East London Arts & Music (ELAM), the free school sixth form; and Key4Life, which seeks to help young men in prison, or who are at risk of ending up there, a way out from a life of crime by drawing on their passion for music. www.brittrust.co.uk

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We are More than TV. We reach over 40 million viewers every week with our programmes on ITV's family of channels, as well as the ITV Hub, which is available on 28 platforms and on over 90% of connected televisions sold in the UK. ITV delivers 99% of all commercial audiences in the UK over 5 million viewers and in 2019 is achieving its highest share of viewing in 11 years making it a powerful partner on TV, the advertising platform with the best rate of return when compared to other media.

As advertisers use more targeted advertising as part of their marketing communications, ITV has concluded an agreement with a leading ad tech provider, Amobee, which will enable ITV to deliver programmatic addressable advertising around its premium video inventory on the ITV Hub. This, together with the investment in data and analytics, provides advertisers with mass, quality, trusted reach together with targeting ensuring ITV remains a powerful

medium for helping companies grow.

ITV as part of its More than TV strategy, has created a scaled Direct to Consumer business in the UK, including recently surpassing 500,000 subscribers to its adfree catch-up service, Hub+. It will launch BritBox, a streaming service with the BBC in the latter part of 2019, bringing people the best of British talent from the past, present and will commission original content.

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