

# Young Fathers named most influential Scots

**Scots band Young Fathers have been named the most influential Scots in arts and culture for 2023 in a new list.**

The Mercury Prize and three time Scottish Album of the Year (SAY) award winners came top of The List's Hot 100, ahead of comedians Fern Brady and Marjolein Robertson.

The Hot 100 was announced in The List, Scotland's longest-standing arts and culture magazine's December/January issue out today [FRI].

Novelist Martin MacInnes and actor turned director Adura Onashile make up the top five.

Edinburgh Book Festival director Jenny Niven; artist Sekai Machache; singer Paolo Nutini; Two Doors Down star and comic Kieran Hodgson; and Khaleda Noon & Sara Elbashir, of the charity Intercultural Youth Scotland (IYS), complete the top ten.

The List's Hot 100 has been curated by the free arts and culture magazine's writers and editorial staff since 2003 to celebrate the one hundred cultural contributors of the past year.

Famous names featured throughout the decades include Franz Ferdinand and Ewan McGregor, with recurring names like Paolo Nutini, Brian Cox and Lewis Capaldi all featuring on the 2023 list.

Others featured include Gail Porter, singer Joesef, Kyle Falconer and Laura Wilde, and another duo, The Proclaimers, who take the final place in this year's list.

Young Fathers – the Edinburgh-based trio Kayus Bankole, Alloysious Massaquoi and Graham 'G' Hastings – recently won their third prestigious SAY Award for their album Heavy Heavy.

They are currently supporting Depeche Mode on the North American leg of their world tour.

Bankole said: "Compared with being down south where it feels like the epicentre for creativity, I feel like once you have something special that comes out of Scotland it feels really, really special.

"It feels more worthwhile because you don't have the machine behind you over here, like you may have elsewhere. Your own steam is still enough to carry your art."

Brian Donaldson, Editor at The List magazine, added: "It's been another special year for culture within Scotland and by those Scots who are plying their creative trade outside the country these days.

"Last year's high-flyers could very easily have replicated their positions at the top again, but we felt that the likes of Ncuti Gatwa and Nicola Benedetti would be fine with stepping aside and letting a new bunch of stars take their spots.

"There's nothing predictable or safe about our Top 10 and we believe it encapsulates what makes Scottish culture so unique and exciting.

"Where else would you have established players in their field such as Fern Brady and Paolo Nutini rubbing shoulders with rising stars like Martin MacInnes and Sekai Machache?"

Those eligible are Scots who are creative in any part of the world and non-Scots who contribute to the cultural landscape in Scotland.

The Hot 100 is announced in The List's December/January issue out now.



## The Hot 100 2023

1. Young Fathers – Mercury-nominated and SAY Award-winning trio
2. Fern Brady – Comedian and bestselling author
3. Marjolein Robertson – Five-star Shetland stand-up
4. Martin MacInnes – Booker-longlisted Invernesian novelist
5. Adura Onashile – Stage and screen actor turned debut film director
6. Jenny Niven – New director of Edinburgh International Book Festival
7. Sekai Machache – Talbot Rice artist-in-residence with immersive films at Mount Stuart
8. Paolo Nutini – Winner of Modern Scottish Classic album at

## SAY Awards

9. Kieran Hodgson – Two Doors Down star and Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee
10. Khaleda Noon & Sara Elbashir – of Intercultural Youth Scotland helps foster talent in the local music and arts scene.
- 11 Liam Withnail & Christopher Macarthur-Boyd
- 12 Siobhan Mackenzie
- 13 Brìghde Chaimbeul
- 14 Solène Weinachter
- 15 Paul Lavery
- 16 Rachel Maclean
- 17 Janey Godley
- 18 Duncan Dornan
- 19 Eilidh Loan
- 20 Sadiq Ali & David Banks
  
- 21 Johnny McKnight
- 22 Liam Shortall
- 23 Hannah Lavery
- 24 Gary McNair
- 25 Imogen Evans
- 26 Tony Curran
- 27 Hazel Johnson
- 28 Tomas Gormley & Sam Yorke
- 29 Fred Deakin
  
- 30 Tinashe Warikandwa
- 31 Simone Seales
- 32 Joseph Malik
- 33 Mark Cousins
- 34 Ian Stirling & Paddy Fletcher
- 35 Neil Forsyth
- 36 Marge Hendrick
- 37 Susie McCabe
- 38 Rab Florence
- 39 May Sumbwanyambe

40 K Patrick  
41 Helen Nisbet  
42 Bee Asha  
43 Audrey Gillan  
44 Hanna Tuulikki  
45 Frankie Elyse  
46 Danielle Jam  
47 Andrew Marshall  
48 Gail Porter  
49 Rachel Walker & Aaron Jones  
50 Becky Sikasa

51 Simon Murphy  
52 Chef The Rapper  
53 Jude Coward Nicoll  
54 Katie Goh & Katie Hawthorne  
55 Hope Dickson Leach  
56 Jamie Byng  
57 Lewis Capaldi  
58 Sam Gough  
59 Maggie O & Farrell  
60 Lorne MacFadyen  
61 Andrew Fleming-Brown  
62 Amy Laurenson  
63 Chris Carse Wilson  
64 Nicole Cooper  
65 Sarah Smith  
66 Hifi Sean  
67 Joesef  
68 Lynsey May  
69 Queen Of Harps  
70 Stuart Ralston  
71 Laura Aldridge/James Rigler/Nick Evans  
72 LJ Findlay-Walsh  
73 Izuka Hoyle  
74 Peter Ross  
75 Simon Erlanger

76 Jasleen Kaur  
77 Susan Riddell  
78 Douglas MacIntyre  
79 Lesley Hart

80 Padruig Morrison  
81 Anne Lyden  
82 Brian Cox  
83 Kyle Falconer & Laura Wilde  
84 Josie K0  
85 Sharon Rooney  
86 Amy Matthews  
87 James Yorkston  
88 Lois Chimimba  
89 Lucy Ireland & Jim Manganello  
90 Conor McCarron  
91 Michael Pellegrotti  
92 Dr Marian Bruce  
93 Ainsley Hamill  
94 Lawrie Brewster  
95 Stuart McPherson  
96 Terra Kin  
97 Keith Ingram  
98 James Ferguson & Alethea Palmer  
99 Daniel Portman  
100 Proclaimers