

Huw Stephens

Presenter, BBC Radio 1



Huw Stephens is a broadcaster & dj, who also writes, curates and promotes.

Huw joined BBC Radio 1 at 17, becoming the youngest ever Radio 1 dj. He currently broadcasts to millions every week on his day and night time shows, where he champions new music of all kinds. From September Huw will move to present a new music programme from 10pm-1am Monday to Wednesday. He has broadcast live from Glastonbury, Reading Festival, Sonar, South by South West, Eurosonic on BBC Radio 1, as well as live from Radio 1's own Teen Awards and Big Weekend. His passion for new music has meant he has been the first to champion countless new artists early on. He has contributed to BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio 4, 6Music and presented on BBC Radio Wales, and presents a weekly Podcast for BBC Radio 1.

Huw is director and programmer of the Swn Festival in Cardiff, Wales' premier new music festival which he founded in 2007, and won Best Small Festival at the NME Awards in 2014. He curates the Lake Stage at Latitude Festival, which saw early appearances by the xx, Alt J, The 1975 and many more. He also comperes the main stage at Reading Festival. Huw has dj'd and curated at Green Man Festival, Festival no 6, Bestival, T in the Park and Glastonbury.

Huw djs regularly around the UK to thousands, and has dj'd around the world in Venezuela, Barcelona, Iceland, Norway, Austin Texas, New York, New Zealand and Patagonia. Since 2006, Huw Stephens Presents has been a monthly live music night in London's The Social, playing host to new artists.

Huw presents a weekly show on BBC Radio Cymru playing new artists from Wales and the world. He champions new music and dj's at the Eisteddfod, the National Festival of Wales. He founded two record labels; Boobytrap and Am Records, and has released two compilations on Wichita Recordings named Music Sounds Better With Huw.

Huw's television credits include hosting the Topman CTRL series for Channel 4, coverage at Reading Festival for BBC 1, and voice over work for BBC3, Discovery Channel, and music campaigns for The 1975, Bombay Bicycle Club and PJ Harvey amongst others. He was nominated twice for Best Presenter at the Bafta Cymru Awards for his presenting on music series Bandit for S4C. In 2014 he presented a piece on Dylan Thomas on location in New York for BBC Worldwide Online.

He writes a regular column for NME, and has written various articles for the Guardian, Clash, Aritzia, The Independent and the Western Mail.

He has an Honorary Degree from the Open University, and an Honorary Fellowship from the University of Glamorgan. He was inducted into the Gorsedd of Bards of the Isle of Great Britain in 2012.

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