



Group Hero award 2022

Award: **Group Hero**

Making Music member group: The Glasgow Barons

How many members in the group? 8

Name of nominee(s): Musicians in Exile: Aref Ghorbani, Calum Ingram, Jose Rojas, Eyve Madidze, Jose Rivera, Milad Garibi, Angaddeep Singh Vig

Musicians in Exile, founded in 2018, supports Glasgow's asylum seeking and refugee musicians. A community music project of The Glasgow Barons, Govan's regeneration orchestra, they are widely acclaimed having won a National Diversity and EPIC Voluntary Arts awards in 2019. The project gives people weekly rehearsal space, instruments where necessary and gig opportunities to share their music with local audiences. Artistic control lies entirely with the participants who can sing and perform their own music and thus reclaim a part of their identity whilst awaiting their outcome.

Statement

Musicians in Exile were doubly vulnerable for their asylum-seeking status and pandemic isolation. They saved each other's lives meeting weekly on Zoom, helping each other produce videos, streaming performances for Glasgow University and filming for Refugee Festival Scotland. The group returned to performing live outdoors at the West End and Paisley Road West Festivals. For November's global climate conference COP26, they performed a concert in the public-facing Green Zone about the climate emergency's impact on refugees, then again with Amal, the Syrian refugee puppet, and closed 2021 celebrating Christmas in Govan Parish Church. Their tenacious and innovative support kept this fragile project alive.

They were shortlisted for the European and the Glasgow Herald Diversity Awards.

Musicians in Exile: Always on the Move

https://youtu.be/rcAu3y4_hg8

Amal and Musicians in Exile

<https://youtube.com/shorts/7XRFgz7dQ4o?feature=share>

Testimonial for Refugee Festival Scotland

https://youtu.be/CdMuuTD_mes




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