



BLACK ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2005

FINALISTS, SPEAKERS AND HOW TO GET YOUR TICKET TO THIS PRESTIGIOUS EVENT

2005 FINALISTS

Black Enterprise Champion award, Mr Neil Folkes.



Mr Folkes trained as a junior technician, and then moved on to specialise with an American organization, progressing to technical sales, where he later became the sales/marketing manager. In 1990 he started his own company Technical Systems UK Ltd (the only garment packaging machinery manufacturers in the UK). Technical Systems UK Ltd currently service and supply companies such as Acadia, Next, French Connection, Marks & Spencer and Burberry. In addition to Neil's business activities, he still finds the time to get involved with his favourite charity, specialising in assisting in the care of Afro Caribbean Senior Citizens.



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Finalists this year are:

1. Business Innovator of the Year 2005

	BSG Music First (Publishing Ltd) (Mr Junior. W. Brown & Mr Lloyd Garrett): BSG Music is a record/publishing company with the initial main focus of breaking acts into the UK/European music market. We cover all angles of music and business ranging from business planning, marketing strategies, event management & promotion, production, distribution and publishing.
	Street Dreams (Mr Jason Blades): Street Dreams is a dynamic community organisation that offers specifically tailored services to public, private, voluntary and educational organisations. Through practical implementation, Street Dreams develops relationships between marginalised groups and works towards creating a sustainable cohesive environment.
	Nubian Jak Ltd (Mr Jak Bubuela-Dodd): The Nubian Jak board game is the only game series currently on the market in the UK that reflects the ethnically diverse consumership of modern multicultural Britain. It was the first “black board game” to get mainstream distribution in the UK and has also proved to be very popular in the USA.

2. Rising Star of the Year 2005

	Advance Education Services Limited (Mrs Sylvia Watts-Cherry): We provide high quality training, educational support, assessment and guidelines for young people and adults, as well as retailing educational books and resources. We have successfully achieved recognition as a provider of sound professional service in the field of education.
	Interims for Development (Mrs Frances Williams): Interims for Development is an innovative UK based business utilising the expertise of professionals from the UK and elsewhere who work within African businesses as interim managers on specific projects or providing training. Through its employment training workshops, the business has helped many young Africans in the UK with skills development and career counselling.
	Imiis Limited (Miss Simi Belo): Founded in September 2003 by Simi Belo, Imiis Limited specialises in bringing to market ground-breaking products and services and is already recognised as one of the most innovative companies around today.



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3. Emerging Company of the Year 2005

	One Corp Limited (Mr David Edoja): One Corp is a young and rapidly growing management consultancy that specialises in providing sustainable growth strategy and business support for SMEs in London. Services offered include; Business Analysis, Strategy Planning, Management coaching and Business and Management Training.
	Media for All (Ms Alestir Waller): Media for All is a media training company which offer young people between the ages of 13-25 the opportunity to make their own television programmes. The company offers work experience with BBC, LWT and Sky community channel.
	Connect Research & Consultancy Ltd (Ms Karen Roberts): Connect Research and Consultancy Ltd provides market research services and consultancy to the public and private sectors. The company works directly with big national and international clients such as RAC, Norwich Union, BBC, Central Office of Information, Transport for London and Tesco.

4. Entrepreneur of the Year 2005

	Drum Media Limited (Mr Paul Boakye): Drum is a bi-monthly black men's lifestyle magazine focusing on the very best in business, music, fashion, film, art, literature, politics and the cultures of black origin. Taking its inspiration from the well-known 1950's South African publication of the same name, Drum is a discerning, intelligent and progressive publication reflecting the rich duality of the black British experience. It is the only black men's lifestyle magazine currently on the market.
	SABA Ltd (Mr John Downie): SABA Ltd is a Social Enterprise consultancy with a remit to initiate and deliver programs to enhance social inclusion through the creative industry. Our flagship project is UK UNSIGNED which is the UK's biggest showcase for new and emerging talents from the creative industries, both on and off stage. The company also runs educational courses and employment placements for people wishing to develop careers within the creative industry.
	The Black Farmer (Mr Wilfred Emmanuel-Jones): The Black Farmer produces a range of premium quality pork sausages and cooking sauces. The company gained listings with multiple retailers within 3-6 months of launch by offering the best quality products at affordable prices and with a rationale and behaviour that stretches beyond the product itself.

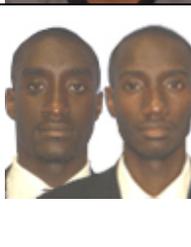


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5. Lifetime Achievement

	Chinwe Studios (Dr Chinwe Chukwuogo-Roy): Chinwe was the first Black Artist to paint The Queen when she painted the official Golden Jubilee portrait. Chinwe Studios organised an enormous exhibition of African artist's work for the 52 Commonwealth Head of Government meeting and has initiated major projects to provide art education.
	Dyke & Dryden (Mr Tony Wade): Dyke and Dryden were founded June 1968 and its subsidiary Afro Hair & Beauty Ltd was founded 1982. The company by its success has kindled the spirit of enterprise among the community with many new businesses following the company's example. A good number of former employees became successful business people themselves, thus expanding the enterprise culture.
	McDonald's Restaurant (Mr Athelston Tony Sealey): Mr Sealey started his business in 1987 and joined McDonalds as a franchise operator in 1994. The business is an investor in the local community both in terms of capital investment, jobs and training. It recruits locally, and now has 130 employees. The business is also a champion for the skills and abilities of local people living in the areas of Handsworth, Aston in Birmingham.

6. Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2005

	Harvey Arts Ltd (Ms Rebecca Harvey): Harvey Arts provides educational drama and dance workshops in schools, youth centres, colleges, art centres and other similar venues. Training is provided in teaching dance and drama workshops. The company also produces theatre and dance shows for the public and private sector.
	Impact Consortium (Mr Stafford Carrington): Impact IT began in March 2003. It has grown and developed through organic growth and is now parented by Impact Consortium. Impact Consortium and subsidiaries offer various services and products, including Recruitment, IT Support, Business Consultancy, Software Development, Marketing and Investment.
	Foneoptions UK Ltd (Mr Francis & Mr Lawrence Osei-Amoaten): Foneoptions UK was founded in late 2003 by brothers Francis and Lawrence Osei-Amoaten. With over 41 employees, foneoptions UK has since become one of the largest black owned mobile phone dealership in London and quiet possibly in the UK. "At the tender ages of 24 and 25, the team believe that with continued hard work and support from their family they will become one of the largest upgrade mobile phone dealerships in the country".



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7. Corporate Leader of the Year 2005

	St Lukes Hospital (Dr Chuma Igbokwe): St Luke's Hospital Group is one of the UK's leading providers of specialist quality mental health services caring for people with learning disability and mental health needs. The group prides itself at being able to assess and admit a patient within 48 hours of referral, making it the fastest response hospital unit in the UK.
	Nubian Life (Mr Carlos Cox): Nubian Life resource centre provides day care for elders with Dementia, Alzheimer's and other mental health needs, as well as those with physical and sensory disabilities. The centre also offers afternoon activities incorporating health workshops, arts and crafts, exercise sessions, information and advice clinics and outings are also provided.
	Thames Energy Ltd (Dr Crispin Webber): Thames Energy Ltd was set up in 1988 to promote the efficient production and use of primary energy resources. An integrated engineering consultancy and contracting firm, it offers wide ranging design and project management services for public and private sector organisations.

8. International Business of the Year 2005

	Ogun @ Law (Mr Dele Ogun): Founded in February 1997, Ogun@Law is a full-service international commercial law firm that offers lawyers with legal capabilities in three jurisdictions; England, Nigeria and Ghana. It is the first black owned international law firm.
	Archipelago Textiles (Ms Doreen Gittens): Designer and producer of exclusive hand woven fine textiles for interior fabrics, soft furnishings and fashion garments. A bespoke service offering totally unique designs; with each piece hand-finished and tailored to individual customer requirements. Client base is truly international and multi-cultural.
	Silverstone Tropical Foods (Ms Sonja Scantlebury): Silverstone Tropical Foods is a dynamic company embracing both African and Caribbean ancestry as its owners share dual heritage. The company manufactures its range of products in the UK and exports to the Caribbean, West Africa, USA and areas in Europe populated with African-Caribbean.



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2005 SPEAKERS

	Jacqui Harper (Presenter of Rising Star of the year Award): Managing Director of Crystal Business Training, Jacqui advises business leaders and sales teams on how to get their message across at conferences, pitches and media interviews. Jacqui's clients include The Foreign Office, most of the UK's high street banks and a number of international banks.
	Graham Telling (Presenter of Business Innovator of the year Award): Senior Industrialist, Innovation Group, DTI, He is also a Senior Partner in the Forum for Excellence consultancy and Managing Director of Somerbourne Limited, a consultancy specialising in Creative Solutions and Marketing Strategies.
	Michael Parker (Presenter of Corporate Leader of the year Award) In December 2002, Michael became the Chairman of King's College Hospital NHS Trust. He currently chairs the Finance Committee and is a member of the Performance, Information and Technology and the Equality and Diversity Committees.
	Barbara Habberjam (Presenter of International Business of the year Award): Is the Director, Regions for UK Trade and Investment, and is responsible for the network of International Trade Directors and the international trade teams in the 9 English regions, as well as for trade development policy and some of UKTI's international trade services.
	John Taylor (Presenter of Acas Employer of the year Award) Joined Acas at the beginning of April 2001 for the second time. He was part of the team that set up the modern service in the mid 1970s. Since then he has held a number of posts, all with strong links to the world of work.
	Dr Maggie Semple OBE (Presenter of Lifetime Achievement in Business Award) is the CEO of The Experience Corps Ltd (TEC) – a company that brokers people's talent. Maggie serves on a number of Boards including Chair of the National Youth Music Theatre.



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	Jon Scragg (Presenter of Black Enterprise Champion Award) He presents London's newest breakfast show on the recently launched 102.2 Smooth FM. All those early mornings have paid off as he is the 2005 Guardian Media Group Radio Breakfast Presenter of the Year.
	Joy Nichols (Presenter of Entrepreneur of the Year Award) is Director and Chief Executive of Nichols Employment Agency and is one of the most successful Black business women in the UK. She also holds the Queens Award for Enterprise Promotion.
	Sonia.G. Cargan (Presenter of Emerging Company of the Year Award) Sonia joined American Express in 1995; she is currently HR Director, supporting the Customer Services International business across Europe Middle East and Africa.
	Chevreen Wisdom aka Lady Pineapple (Presenter of Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award) is a promoter of music, an industry which she is very passionate about. Her vision is to be the leading youth talent scout company in the United Kingdom.
	Patrick Marche (Presenter; Vote of Thanks) is the founder and Managing Director, Caribbean Scene Ltd, the largest Caribbean restaurant in the UK that is soon coming to Stratford, East London.



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UK Trade & Investment Black Enterprise Awards 2005

The UK Trade & Investment Black Enterprise Awards takes place on the 7th October 2005 as part of Black History Month at The Guildhall, London.

We are hoping that you will be able to join us to celebrate and reward African-Caribbean entrepreneurial success.

Tickets: for this event cost £95 per person and if you book a table of 10, you get 10% discount.

Also find below other useful information:

Venue:The Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ

Directions:

The Guildhall is situated in the heart of the City of London off Gresham Street. Its nearest underground and railway stations are Liverpool Street, Fenchurch Street, Blackfriars, Moorgate and Cannon Street.

Booking:

To book your tickets please go to <http://www.blackenterpriseawards.com> or call 020 7498 4014

Mini Programme:

6.30PM: Champagne Reception at the Guildhall Art Gallery
7.30PM: Call to Dinner at the Great Hall
9.00PM: Award Presentations
11.00PM: End

If you have any further queries email – awards@blackenterpriseawards.com or call 020 7498 4014.