



MBF Music Education Awards 2008

Reference Form

The **MBF Music Education Awards** are the MBF's largest source of funding for postgraduate musicians. They are offered to outstandingly talented instrumentalists and singers to help with full-time postgraduate study costs (fees and maintenance) or towards the costs of buying a musical instrument.

The Awards incorporate a number of named schemes including the prestigious **Ian Fleming Charitable Trust Music Education Awards**, **Sybil Tutton Awards** for opera and **Myra Hess Scholarships for piano**. Singers applying for funding to attend the second year of an opera course or an opera studio will be considered through the Sybil Tutton Award scheme.

Individual awards will range from £1,000 to £5,000 and the total amount available for distribution in 2008 is £300,000.

Awards and named scholarships will be decided following competitive audition to specialist panels.

Name of applicant:

Instrument/voice type:

When and where did you last hear the applicant perform?

Do you consider that the applicant has exceptional talent and do his or her achievements demonstrate the possibility of a professional career in music?

Please provide as much relevant information as possible about the applicant's musical development to date and explain why you support his or her study plan (ability and potential should be a priority):

We may wish to discuss the applicant's details with you confidentially. Please provide a contact telephone number:

Name of referee:

Date:

Please ensure that the completed form is emailed as an attachment directly to awards@mbf.org.uk by **Friday 8 February 2008** with the applicant's name clearly written in the subject heading.