

Highlights of the 2018 UK THEATRE AWARDS Luncheon in London's Historic GUILDHALL



At left, **Julian Bird**, who heads both **UK Theatre** and the **Society of London Theatre**, opens the festivities. Above and at left below, **Sir Ian McKellen**, who received the inaugural *Gielgud Award* in 1996, recalls Sir John's achievements and praises **Sir Richard Eyre**, below right, as an eminently worthy recipient of a trophy designed to perpetuate a noble legacy.



Sir Richard Eyre with **Maxine Peake**, winner of **UK Theatre's** special award for *Outstanding Contribution to British Theatre*.



Sir Richard, holding his *Gielgud Award*, joined by **Shakespeare Guild** president **John F. Andrews** and **Sir Ian McKellen**.



Visual artist **Jan Denton** and her husband, **John Andrews**, accompanied by **Sir Richard Eyre** and his wife, producer and filmmaker **Sue Birtwistle**.

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