

The Honorary Graduand: Imogen Heap

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Imogen Heap is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Technology

Self-produced British recording artist for 20 years Imogen Heap has released 4 solo albums, another as one half of Frou Frou and collaborated with countless and varied artists including Taylor Swift, Deadmau5, Jeff Beck and Jon Hopkins. Her compositions and songs pop up in blockbuster and indie films as well as countless TV shows, are sampled to the hilt with underground rap and dance music and feature in arguably one of the first ever internet memes with Dear Sister. Heap has won 2 Grammys, an Ivor Novello and is recognised as a major pioneer in music and technology for her gestural music ware the mimu gloves system. She is recognised also for ways in which she interacts and works with her audience. Heap's latest and widely quoted initiative Mycelia focuses on connecting the dots for a fair trade music industry ecosystem.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Imogen Heap's innovation and contribution to Music and Technology.