

CHAIR OF IPSWICH ARTS ASSOCIATION WINS PRESTIGIOUS PRIZE FOR MUSIC

Long-time Chair of Ipswich Arts Association, Emeritus Professor Chris Green OBE, conductor of Trianon Music Group and long-time Artistic Director of the Anglia Singers based at Anglia Ruskin University was named as the winner of the 2023 Making Music prestigious award on Thursday 4 October at a Zoom ceremony attended by musicians from across the United Kingdom.

Making Music, an organisation formed in 1935, represents over 200,000 musicians across the United Kingdom and recognises achievement each year with awards to people selected by an independent panel. Chris was shortlisted along with two other candidates from Wales and the North of England for the The Lady Hilary Groves award which is given each year to a musician- professional and non-professional - recognising the outstanding contribution that an individual or organisation has made to the musical life of the UK. The prize honours the remarkable contribution of Sir Charles Groves (husband to Lady Hilary) to both amateur music, as a former president of Making Music, and to British musicianship and composition. It was launched to mark the renowned conductor's 75th birthday.

This has been Chris's 80th Birthday year, but due to serious illness followed by an accident whilst he was in hospital, Chris has had to forego conducting his own 80th Birthday concert. However, it did not prevent the event going ahead, and it was members of Trianon- the choir and orchestra with membership from across the region – producing a video demonstrating what their conductor had done for over 63 years. Chris hopes to be back in action with his musical colleagues in January 2024.



Professor Chris Green, with Debbie Wiseman who presented the award. Credit Trianon Music Group .