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in honour of **Clark Bryan**



On April 29, 2025, the PHSS Foundation **proudly recognized Clark Bryan**, founder of Aeolian Hall, as our 2025 Laudables honouree. The celebration took place at the beautiful London Hunt & Country Club, where **nearly 100 guests gathered** to honour Clark's outstanding contributions to inclusion, accessibility, and the arts in our community. Thanks to the generosity of our attendees and supporters, **we raised almost \$25,000 in proceeds** to support PHSS.

Clark Bryan is widely known as a tireless advocate for breaking down barriers in music and arts education. Through initiatives like El Sistema Aeolian, which provides free, intensive music education for youth; the Pride Men's Chorus London, which celebrates diversity and LGBTQ2S+ voices; and The Rebelheart Collective, which reimagines how classical music engages with community—Clark has created a welcoming space where the arts serve as powerful tools for empowerment, belonging, and connection.

Outside of his musical leadership, Clark works as an advocate for social justice, equity, and community development. He has advocated for accessible education, spoken publicly on mental health, and collaborated on local and international projects that promote human rights and cultural inclusion. Whether mentoring young artists, sitting on advisory boards, or lending his voice to civic discussions, Clark leads with compassion and a belief in the power of community.

His outstanding contributions have not gone unnoticed. In 2018, Clark received the Canada 150 Medal and Award for his service to the Nation. In 2023, he was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Forest City London Music Awards, and most recently, he was named to the City of London Mayor's Honour List in 2025 for his enduring commitment to the arts and music education.



The Laudables evening opened with a warm welcome from Laudables Committee Chair Elizabeth Wasko, followed by a video presentation highlighting PHSS's accomplishments and the importance of person-centered care and support.

Throughout the evening, speakers shared heartfelt reflections on the impact Clark Bryan has made - both through the arts and his unwavering commitment to equity. Eunju Yi, Executive Director of the London Arts Council, and Ailene Wittstein, longtime child and family advocate, spoke about their collaborative work with Clark and his visionary leadership. Mayor Josh Morgan brought greetings on behalf of the City of London, commending Clark's ongoing efforts to build a more inclusive and compassionate community, and recognizing the vital role he plays in shaping the city's cultural and social landscape. Following the speeches, Chelsey, a person supported by PHSS, took the stage to present Clark with the Laudables award.

The formal presentation concluded with Clark sharing a few heartfelt words of gratitude and wisdom, leaving the audience inspired and reflective.

To everyone who joined us in celebrating Clark Bryan and the values we all hold dear, thank you. The 2025 Laudables event was a beautiful reminder that when we come together, we can make meaningful change and build a more inclusive community.



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