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**David Stanley BEM** MMus BMus (Hons) PGCE NPQH CF FRSA

## Founder & CEO of The Music Man Project

Disability equality campaigner, teacher, composer, and CEO of The Music Man Project, a multi award-winning, world record-breaking international music education & performance service for people with learning disabilities. Disability and Access Ambassador for Arts and Culture. As featured on TV and radio, direct from the London Palladium and Royal Albert Hall.



## Experience

International (2012-)

UK (2023-)

UK (2021-2024)

UK (2021-2022)

Essex (2000-2023)

Essex (2001-2012)

Essex (2010-2018)

**Founder & CEO** The Music Man Project UK (charity 1188041)

**Director** Music Man Trading Limited

**Disability & Access Ambassador for Arts & Culture** UK Govt

**SEND Advisor: National Plan for Music Education** UK Govt

**Musical Director** Southend Mencap

**Deputy Head Teacher** Eastwood Academy/Whitehall College

**Composer in Residence** Pinpoint Create Productions

## Experience

2011

**National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)**

National College for Leadership of Schools

2000

**Master of Music (MMus)**

King's College, London

1999

**Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE)**

Institute of Education, UCL

1995-1998

**Bachelor of Music (BMus Hons)**

King's College, London/Royal Academy of Music

1992-1995

**Junior Exhibition Scholarship**

Guildhall School of Music and Drama

1998-1995

Southend High School for Boys

## Honours

**Freeman of the City of Southend-on-Sea (2023)**

**Medalist of the Order of the British Empire for Services to People with Special Needs (BEM)**

**Queen's New Year Honours List (2021)**

**Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Leigh-on-Sea (2016)**

**Honorary Life Member of Southend Mencap (2006)**

## Fellowships

**Churchill Fellow** Winston Churchill Memorial Trust (2019)

**Royal Society of Arts Fellow** (2019)

**Paul Harris Fellow** Rotary International (2018)

## Awards

**Points of Light Award** Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, Prime Minister (2024)

**Notable King's Alumni List** King's College London (2023)

**Team of Pride Award** Pride of Essex Awards (2023)

**Trailblazer of Disability Rights Top 45 List** Motability Magazine (2023)

**Outstanding Community Champion Award** Anna Firth MP (2023)

**Special Recognition Award** National Lottery/BBC Big Night of Musicals (2023)

**Sir David Amess Memorial Award** Bengal's Pride Awards (2022)

**Inspirational Leader Who Has Made a Difference** MAD33, Venquis (2021)

**King's Arts and Culture Distinguished Alumni Award** King's College London (2021)

**UK Community Hero Award** UK Community Network, COVID-19 Response (2021)

**Danny Award for Best Version of a Cover Song** Daniel's Music Foundation, New York (2020)

**Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award** Lions International (2019)

**Most Inspired Creative Contribution Award** Kids Count Awards (2016)

**Shortlisted, Charity Times Awards** Best Charity Collaboration (2023)

**Finalist, Brand Film Awards** Best Charity Film (2022)

**Finalist, Music & Drama Education Awards** Progressive & Inclusive Education (2022)

**Finalist, Music & Drama Education Awards** Lifetime Achievement Award (2022)

**Finalist, Music Teacher Awards for Excellence** Best SEN Resource (2015, 2017)

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## Publications/Articles/Journals

**The Silent Rebellion: Becoming a Modern Leader** Case Study Leadership Profile (2024)

**Living with Disability Magazine** (Autumn Edition, 2022)

**ISM Music Journal** (Winter Edition, 2022)

**National Plan for Music Education SEND Advisor**, UK Government (2022)

**Music Education & Performance for People with Disabilities in USA** Churchill Report (2019)

**Music is Magic: The Music Man Project Songbook Volume 1** (2017)

**The Story of The Music Man Project E-book** Topped Special Needs Education Chart (2015)

**Egton Education Lesson Plans for Yrs. 1-9 Primary & Secondary School Textbooks** (2007)

**Badger Music for Key Stage 3 Secondary School Music Textbooks** (2005)

## Music Releases

**Follow the Music Studio Album CD and Download** (2023)

**Music is Magic ft. HM Band of Royal Marines Christmas Single (SONY)** iTunes Top 10 (2022)

**Music is Magic for Solo Flugelhorn** CD and Download (2018)

**Music is Magic at the London Palladium** Studio Album CD and Download (2017)

**The Label Musical** Studio Album and Download (2017)

**Music is Magic Charity Single** Topped Amazon Broadway Chart (2017)

## National TV/Radio/Press

**Canada TV** Live interview for Nova Scotia International Tattoo (2024)

**ITV Good Morning Britain** Live interview with Michael Ball (2024)

**BBC Radio 2** Live Interview with Michael Ball (2023)

**BBC1 National Lottery's Big Night of Musicals** from Manchester Arena (2023)

**Sky/BBC/ITV, Radio and Press** Music is Magic Christmas Single with the Royal Marines (2022)

**ITV's Britain's Got Talent** Celebrity Panel Auditions, London Palladium (2022)

**BBC1 TV** Interview to mark visit of HRH Prince Charles to Southend City Ceremony (2022)

**BBC Radio 4 Front Row** Live Interview on Disability and Access Ambassador role (2022)

**ITV Good Morning Britain** Live Carols on Christmas Eve with The Music Man Project (2021)

**BBC1 TV & Radio/ITV/Sky/GBN/CNN/LBC** Tributes to the late Sir David Amess MP (2021)

**BBC1 TV Morning Live** The Music Man meets Mr Motivator (2021)

**National TV/Cinema Advert** National Lottery 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday "3 is the Magic Number" (2019)

**BBC1 Look East TV** Royal Albert Hall Concert Feature (2019)

**BBC1 Breakfast TV** London Palladium Concert Feature (2017)

**Channel 4 TV** 1950s School Music Master: *That'll Teach 'Em/That'll Test 'Em* (2004)

## Major Achievements

**Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, with RAF Central Band** Performer/Group Leader (2024)

**Music is Magic at the Royal Albert Hall ft. Royal Marines/Michael Ball** Producer/Composer (2024)

**Performance at Speaker's House, UK Disability History Month** Composer, Director (2023)

**UK Tour with Massed Bands of the Royal Marines** Composer, Pianist/Group Leader (2023)

**Performance Workshop at 10 Downing Street, Westminster** Composer, Director (2023)

**Mountbatten Festival of Music, Royal Albert Hall (for The King)** Composer, Performer (2023)

**Music Man Project San Diego, California Tour** Composer, Musical Director (2023)

**United Nations, NY Accessible Arts for Empowerment & Entrepreneurship** Video (2022)

**Music is Magic at the Royal Albert Hall** Producer/Composer (2019)

**Disability Awareness Workshops for Schools (17,000+ children)** Consultant/Teacher (2017-)

**International Visits: Philippines** (2020) **Nepal** (2019), **India** (2018), **South Africa** (2016)

**Guinness World Record** Largest Triangle Ensemble (2017)

**Music is Magic at the London Palladium** Producer/Director/Composer (2015, 2017)

**London Olympics Torch Relay 'Chelmsford Calling' with Lee Mead** Composer (2012)

## Voluntary Work

**King's Alumni Mentor** King's College, London (2024-)

**Chair Southend Town2City Partnership/City Status Implementation** (2022)

**Charity Trustee/Director** Dolma Foundation (2021-)

**Presenter, The Music Man Project Radio Show** Chelmsford Community Radio (2021)

**Disability Hate Crime Ambassador** Essex Police/Southend Mencap (2013-2019)

**2020 Global Peace Ambassador for People with Disabilities** Global Challenge (2020-2021)

**Special Schools Champion** Southend Music Education Hub (2014-2019)

**Town Councillor** Leigh Town Council (2011-2015)

**Patron** Yardarm Folk Orchestra (2013-2019)

**Charity Fundraiser** (£400,000+ since 2009)