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CEO & Founder of The Music Man Project
Freeman of the City of Southend-on-Sea
Churchill Fellow/Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts/Paul Harris Fellow

Experience

International (2025-)	Founder International Alliance of Accessible Music (IAAM)
International (2012-)	Founder & CEO The Music Man Project (Charity 1188041)
UK (2023-)	Director Music Man Trading Limited
UK (2021-2025)	Disability & Access Ambassador for Arts & Culture UK Govt
UK (2021-2022)	SEND Advisor: National Plan for Music Education UK Govt
Essex (2000-2023)	Musical Director Southend Mencap
Essex (2001-2012)	Deputy Head Teacher Eastwood Academy
Essex (2010-2018)	Composer in Residence Pinpoint Create Productions

Education

2011	National College for Leadership of Schools National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)
2000	King’s College, London Master of Music (MMus)
1999	Institute of Education, UCL Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE)
1995-1998	King’s College, London/Royal Academy of Music Bachelor of Music (BMus Hons)
1992-1995	Guildhall School of Music and Drama Junior Exhibition Scholarship
1998-1995	Southend High School for Boys Winner of Old Southendian Service to the School Award (1995)

Honours

King’s Award for Voluntary Service Leader of The Music Man Project Ambassadors (2024)
Freeman of the City of Southend-on-Sea (2023)
Medalist of the Order of the British Empire (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

Winner, Big Syn International Film Festival, London Charity Film Category (2025)
Prime Minister’s Points of Light Award Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP (2024)
King’s Notable 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)

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Awards (continued)

Finalist, **Smiley Charity Film Awards** Longform Category (2025)

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 SEND Resource (2015, 2017)

Publications/Articles/Journals

The Silent Rebellion: Becoming a Modern Leader by Chris Lewis 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

Best Life! Single Music Man Project/Scooppiati Diversamento Band, Rome (2025)

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)

TV/Radio/Press/Podcasts

Channel 4: The Last Leg (2025)

Ciara Lawrence Pink Sparkle Podcast (2025)

Italian Press Best Life in Rome (2025)

World Press Launch of the International Alliance of Accessible Music (2025)

Italian Press (multiple) Music is Magic in Milan with 'AllegroModerato' (2024)

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 Music Man meets Mr Motivator (2021)

National TV/Cinema Advert National Lottery 25th 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: in TV docusoap *That'll Teach 'Em* (2004)

More 4 TV 1950s School Music Master in TV quiz show *That'll Test 'Em* (2004)



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Notable Achievements

Music Man Project/Royal Marines National Partnership (2022-)
Music Man Project/Salvation Army National Partnership (2018-)
Best Life in Rome with Scooppiati Diversamente Band (2025)
International Alliance of Accessible Music Co-Founder (2025)
Notable Alumni Speaker, King's College London Graduation Royal Festival Hall (2025)
Music is Magic in Milan with 'AllegroModerato' Music Man Project (2024)
Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, Canada with the RAF Music Man Project (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

Trustee, Tenacitas Academy Trust (2025-)
Founder/Director, International Alliance of Accessible Music (2025-)
King's Alumni Mentor King's College, London (2024-)
Charity Trustee/Director Dolma Foundation (2021-)
Chairman Southend Town2City Partnership/City Status Implementation (2022)
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 Councilor Leigh Town Council (2011-2015)
Patron Yardarm Folk Orchestra (2013-2019)
Charity Fundraiser (£500,000+ since 2009)