



Wac Arts

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Wac Arts CEO Celia Greenwood wins Inspiration Award by *Intelligent Life* magazine

Wac Arts founder and CEO Celia Greenwood has been chosen out of 15 inspirational creatives as the recipient of *Intelligent Life* magazine's first Inspiration Award. The prize, which was generously funded by Pictet, is worth £10,000; £5,000 to the winner and £5,000 to the charity of their choice.



Mobo Award winning Vocalist, Wac Arts Alumna and Patron, Ms Dynamite was part of an extended feature last September. She together with 14 other noted industry professionals, chose someone who inspires them. Ms Dynamite picked her mentor and teacher, Celia Greenwood for the featured piece.

The nominees also included the author and social activist Naomi Klein, the photographer Sebastião Salgado, entrepreneur and philanthropist Mick Ebeling and the theatre director and human-rights activist Natalia Kaliada. An independent panel of judges, including the editors of *The Economist* and *Intelligent Life*, and former cover stars Ralph Fiennes, Sarah Gavron and Andre Geim, was assembled to choose the winner of the "Inspirations" award.

"The classes Wac Arts offers are just phenomenal", said Ms Dynamite to *Intelligent Life* magazine back in September. "In the decades (Celia) has been doing this, she's had practically no funding, but as long as there are young people out there that needs a place like Wac Arts, there's no slowing her down".

"I'm thrilled to receive this award and to be nominated by one of our most successful and iconic alumni" expressed Celia Greenwood on winning the Inspiration Award. "We will make sure that the funding that comes with it directly supports the next generation of artists, who just need a little help to achieve their dreams. I know that this is really an award for all the inspirational and dedicated staff who make Wac Arts such a special place. So thank you Ms D and thank you to the Economist and Intelligent Life!"

On January 26th, *Intelligent Life* and Pictet will be celebrating the work of Celia Greenwood and other nominees at a dinner at the Haymarket Hotel in central London. Jimmy Wales, Mick Ebeling, Natalia Kaliada and Vivek Menon will be among those speaking at the event.

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