

to be a finalist'



PICTURE: CHRIS GORDON

TWO NOMINATIONS: Phil Jackson and Bella Alionyte in The Detox Shack, in Leicester

The fifth annual awards – hosted in collaboration with Champions (UK) plc – will be held in April to celebrate the achievements of the most successful companies in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

There are 14 categories, including the coveted Company of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year and New Business of the Year.

Competition will be fierce in all the categories.

The black-tie awards ceremony is expected to bring together around 800 people from the region's business community.

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At last year's awards ceremony, the owners of Brunt- inethorne Proving Ground, C



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IN THE CAN: Director Martin Pold, left, of MP Canned Food

Walton Ltd, won the Small Business of the Year award, social housing provider emh group scooped Apprentice Employer of the Year, science party and workshop creators Sublime Science won the Services Award and payment plan providers Payment Assist was named the New Business of the Year.

Nominations for this year's awards close on Friday January 27 and the judges then face

the tough task of picking one winner from each category.

To find out more about the awards, contact Victoria Perry at the event organisers Champions (UK) plc on 08453 313031 or e-mail:

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