

Black Coffee, Distruction Boyz lead 2018 Dance Music Awards nominations

The 2018 Dance Music Awards South Africa nominations have been announced. South African music fans took to the internet to vote for the favourites over the past three weeks.

Submissions closed at the end of July with the top five nominees in each category finalised. These were officially announced online last week. With a final selection that was held entirely online, these Dance Music Awards South Africa were managed as an audience-voted award event dedicated to South African dance music.





Voting will be driven strictly by social media and online interaction via the official website, meaning no 'panel' will dictate the nominees. With the fully transparent user voted award process, this gives the public the power to choose the award winners.

Last year's winner Black Coffee takes the lead with three nominations this year with Best Male DJ, Best International DJ, and Best International Producer. Following closely behind are Durban locals Distruction Boyz with two nominations in addition to a track feature. This includes two Best Gqom records - *Madness* ft Tipcee, the 2017 hit *Omunye*, and a feature in hit track *Dladla Mshunqisi* in the same category.

"With a total of 20 great categories this year, the public response has been phenomenal with almost double the number of votes than last year," says Dance Music Awards South Africa's rep Kyle Worde. "We have already seen a huge increase in social media interaction alone this year. Several of the artists have played a big role in encouraging their fans to vote which adds to their own popularity but also the awards."

The City of Ekurhuleni will host an honourary ceremony on 26 September 2018 at Birchwood Hotel, where all winners will be announced.



Dance Music Awards SA nominations now open 26 Jul 2018

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The 2018 Dance Music Awards South African nominees are:

Best Male DJ

- Black Coffee
- KaySoul
- Kyle Cassim
- Kyle Watson
- Shimza

Best Female DJ

- · Lady Sakhe
- Dj Buhle
- DJ Miz-Dee
- SimStar
- · Lady Lea

Best Producer

- Sir LSG
- Kususa
- Nuno (SEA)
- DJ Prospect

• Funky Qla

Best Live Act

- Black Motion
- Goodluck
- DJ Tira
- Mi Casa
- Goldfish

Best Festival

- Picat's Italian Elegant Experience
- · Rock Da Shades
- Spring Fiesta
- Ultra
- H2O

Best Music Video (From Dance Artist)

- Londie London He Goes
- Khubu feat. Ian H Round n Round
- Rabs Vhafuwi ft Zak Leigh I'll Be There
- Jimmy Nevis Stay In Your Lane
- Sun-EL Musician Sonini feat. Simmy and Lelo Kamau

Best Male Vocalist of the Year

- Ziyon Apple Gule Mr Mo
- Lazarusman
- Langa Mavuso

Best Female Vocalist of the Year

- Ms Dippy
- Londie London
- Sio
- Jackie Queens
- Lady Zamar

Best Record Label

- House Afrika Records
- Just Move Records
- Ohyea Muziq
- Stay True Sounds
- MudPie Records

Compilation of The Year

- House Afrika Mzansi House Vol.7
- DJ Adee Son of a Pitch
- Stay True Sounds Beat series Vol.1

- Das Kapital Presents Overtime Vol. 2
- Matters Of House Glen Lewis

Album of The Year

- Dwson Impulsiv
- Da Capo Indigo Child
- Enosoul In2Deep Volume 4
- Sun-El Musician Africa To The World
- Rabs Vhafuwi 9 Provinces

Remix of The Year

- Hans Seance Elanora (KaySoul Remix)
- Cornelius SA feat. Jackie Queens Feel It Now (Kususa Remix)
- Kid Fonque and D-Malice ft. Khensy Tshamiseka (Dwson Remix)
- Babes Wodumo Wololo (Remix) ft. D'Banj
- Afro Warriors ft Toshi Uyankenteza (Fka Mash Glitch Dub)

Best International DJ

- Ralf Gum
- · Lars Behrenroth
- Black Coffee
- Rocco
- Atjazz

Best International Producer

- Atjazz
- Lars Behrenroth
- Deadmau5
- Black Coffee
- Rocco

Best Club Night / Night Club

- Pisto's Lounge (CT)
- Truth Night Club
- And Club
- ToyToy
- Reset (CT)

Best House Record of the Year

- DJ Ganyani Ft. Nomcebo Emazulwini
- Pierre Johnson Movin' on
- Dwson Forbidden (ft. Sio)
- Londie London He Goes
- Cornelius SA feat. Jackie Queens Feel It Now

Best Gqom Record of the Year

- Da Fresh x Athie Formation
- Distruction Boyz Madness ft Tipcee
- Distruction Boyz Omunye

- Dladla Mshunqisi ft Distruction Boyz and DJ Tira Pakisha
- Babes Wodumo Ganda Ganda

Best EDM Record of the Year

- Cinimin You & Me ft. Amy Jones
- Mark Stent ft Basel Grey On our Knees
- Das Kapital and Bart B More Hit The Club [This Ain't Bristol]
- Dean Fuel Loving Me Wrong
- Cornelius SA feat. Jackie Queens Feel It Now (Original Mix)

Best Underground Record of the Year

- DJ Funky and DJ Lag 3 Turns
- Da Fresh x Athie Formation
- Pierre Johnson and !Sooks Miles Away
- Da Kruk ft. Lili K and Gaba Cannal Magic
- Apple Jazz ft. Slaga and Idelan Amadlozi

Best Dance Radio Show Award

- Urban Beat Metro FM
- 5FM Selective Styles with Kid Fonque
- InDasWeTrust (5FM) Das Kapital
- Kyle Cassim The Kyle Cassim show, 5FM
- Da Kruk on #ThePlayersClub (YFM)

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