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See all nominees and the categories they are nominated in, also the sponsors next to the categories on pages 1 to 6. The Special Honorees pages 7 and 8.

NOMINEES -2021/2022. Subscribe to www.youtube.com/irawma to watch the live Red Carpet streaming starting at 6:00 pm Jamaica Time from the Pegasus hotel.

HERE ARE THE NOMINEES

1. Emperor of Reggae & World Music – Hon. Bob Marley Award for Entertainer of the Year

- * Koffee
- * Kabaka Pyramid
- * Popcaan
- * Sean Paul
- * Shaggy

2. Peter Tosh Award for Recording Artist of the Year

- * Koffee
- * Masicka
- * Popcaan
- * Sean Paul
- * Shaggy
- * Valiant

3. Jacob Miller Award for Best Male Vocalist

- * Christopher Martin
- * Dexta Daps
- * Gramps Morgan
- * Romain Virgo
- * Tarrus Riley

4. Best Female Vocalist – Sponsored by Truly Inspired Dana, LLC

- * Etana
- * Koffee
- * Lila Ike
- * Jada Kingdom
- * Queen Ifrika

5. Gregory Isaacs for Best Song- Sponsored by: Downsound Entertainment

- * “Red Gold and Green” – Kabaka Pyramid ft. Damian Marley
- * “Bounce”- Ding Dong
- * “Woman Like You” – Gramps Morgan
- * “These Street Knows My Name” - DJ Khaled, ft. Skillibeng, Buju Banton, Capleton, Bounty Killer and Sizzla
- * “Go Down Deh “- Spice, Sean Paul, and Shaggy



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6. Toots Hibbert Award for Best Album/CD- Sponsored by Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment & Sport

- * Kabaka Pyramid- The Kalling
- * Koffee – Gifted
- * Masicka – 438
- * Shenseea – Alpha
- * Spice - Emancipated

7. Best Crossover Song-

- * Moments - Masicka ft. Stefflon Don
- * Likkle Miss - Skeng ft Nicki Minaj
- * Toni Ann Singh - Burna Boy ft. Popcaan
- * Bounce - Ding Dong
- * Clockwork - Stefflon Don ft. Spice

8. Best Gospel Song- Sponsored by “The Halls of Justice”- Hon. L. Priscilla Hall/Hon. Shelvin L.M. Hall (Black Sister Judges).

- * “If I have Faith” – Alaine
- * “The Reason” - Kevin Downswell
- * “Praising God” - Carlene Davis
- * “Beautiful Day (remix)” - Jermaine Edwards
- * “Dance Off” – DJ. Nicholas featuring Jason Mighty

9. Best EP (Extended Play) Recording

- “The Ripple EFX”- Alkaline
- *“Acoustic Gold”- Etana
- *“God N Gun”- Govana
- “In Too Deep - Kranium
- *“Celebrating Nina: A Reggae Tribute to Nina Simone” – Ghetto Youths International

10. U-Roy Award for Best Male Dancehall/Rap Artist

- *Govana
- *Masicka
- *Popcaan
- *Skeng
- *Skillibeng



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11. Best Female Dancehall/Rap Artist

- * Jada Kingdom
- * Koffee
- * Shenseea
- * Spice
- * Shaneil Muir

12. Best New Entertainer- Sponsored by IRIE JAM/Bridge 99FM

- * Brysco
- * Shaneil Muir
- * Valiant
- * Jahshii
- * Laa Lee

13. Best Calypso/Soca Entertainer

- * Bunji Garlin
- * Kes The band
- * Machel Montano
- * Farmer Nappy
- * Patrice Roberts

14. Best Dancehall Stagecraft Entertainer Sponsored by Onstage TV Winford Williams

- * Beenie Man
- * Dexta Daps
- * Masicka
- * Popcaan
- * Spice

15. Best Latin – Reggaeton Entertainer

- * Bad Bunny – Puerto Rico
- * Daddy Yankee – Puerto Rico
- * Gloria “Goyo” Martínez - Colombia (Afro Colombian)
- * Karol G – Colombia
- * Rauw Alejandro – Puerto Rico

16. Best African Dancehall Entertainer

- * Patoranking-Nigeria
- * Star zee – Sierra Leone
- * Shatta Wale- Ghana
- * Stonebwoy- Ghana
- * Winky D- Zimbabwe



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17. Best Afrobeat Entertainer-

- * Burna Bwoy – Nigeria
- * Diamond Platnumz -Tanzania
- * Eddy Kenzo – Uganda
- * Tems- Nigeria
- * Willy Paul-- Kenya

18. Best Collaborated Song (Reggae with R&B, Rap, Latin, etc.)

- * “Where We Come From” - DJ Khaled ft: Buju Banton, Bounty Killer and Capleton
- * “Moments” - Masicka ft. Stefflon Don
- * Likkle Miss - Skeng ft. Nicki Minaj
- * Clockwork – Stefflon Don ft. Spice
- * Vroom - The FaNaTix (ft Koffee, Idris Elba, Lil Tjay, Davido, Moelogo)

19. Best Reggae Rock Entertainer

- * Stick Figure
- * Soja
- * The Elovaters
- * The Movement
- * Tropicdelic

20. Karl Mullings Award for Best Teen Entertainer (13-19 yrs. old)- Sponsored by The Brand Mint

- * DJ Switch - (Ghanaian)
- * Kairo McLean - (Canadian)
- * Kraff - (Jamaican)
- * Marksman – (Jamaican)
- * Rajah Wild – (Jamaican)

21. Best Music Video -

- * “Bounce” - Ding Dong
- * “Where You Come From”- DJ Khaled - Ft. Buju Banton, Capleton and Bounty Killer
- * “Woman Like You”- Gramps Morgan
- * “Next To Me” - Popcaan ft. Toni Ann Singh
- * “Switch It Up - Protoje ft. Koffee
- * “Whap Whap”- Skillibeng



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22. Mutabaruka Award for Best Poet/Spoken Word Entertainer

- *Cherry Natural
- * Innocent
- * Ras Takura
- *Wise Words
- *Yasus Afari

23. Bunny Wailer Award for Most Cultural/Educational Entertainer – Sponsored by TouchStoneticketing - <https://www.touchstoneticketing.com/>

- * Damian Marley
- * Gramps Morgan
- * Mutabaruka
- * Tarrus Riley
- * Queen Ifrika
- * Sizzla

24. Dennis Brown Award for Most Promising Entertainer- Sponsored by Alpha Studios

- * Brysco
- * D'Yani
- * Moyann
- * Silk Boss
- * Stack Ashley

25. Best Instrumentalist- Sponsored by 25th Century Radio

- *Cat Coore
- * Dean Fraser
- * Bongo Herman
- * Sons of Mystro
- * Robbie Lyn

26. Best Sound System/DJ- Sponsored by Express Media-USA

- * Bass Odyssey
- *Dynamite
- *Innocent
- * King Addies
- *Stone Love



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27. Most Outstanding Dance Group- Sponsored by Roc Factory

- * Afrozig
- * Dance Xpressionz
- * North Coast Boyz
- * Ravers Claver
- * Xclusive Dance Group

28. Best Caribbean Entertainer- Sponsored by VP Records

- * Bennie Man
- * Dexta Daps
- * Machel Montano
- * Roody Roodboy
- * Sean Paul

29. Jean B. P. DuSable Award for Best Haitian Entertainer

- * Baky
- * Enposib
- * K-Dilak and Bedjine
- * Roody Roodboy
- * Rutshelle Guillaume

30. Record Producer of the Year- Sponsored by Balloons by Jaki Jade

- * Anju Blaxx
- * Damian Marley
- * Dunwell Productions
- * Notnice
- * Rvssian

31. Karl Mullings Award for Comedian of the Year- Sponsored by Rebel VibeZ

- * Ity and Fancy Cat
- * Christopher "Johhny" Daley
- * Julie Mango
- * Rohan Gunter
- * Twins of Twins

32. Concert of the Year- Sponsored by Dainjah Rus Rebel Muzik

- * Reggae Jam Festival
- * Reggae Rise Up Florida
- * Reggae Sumfest
- * Reggae Sundance
- * Rototom Sunsplash



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This, Special Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of IRAWMA (International Reggae and World Music Awards) will be held/broadcasted from Jamaica on Sunday, May 7, 2023. The theme for this year's IRAWMA is "Reggae Rise." (#reggaerise, #reggae&worldmusicstillrise, #reggaeawards).

SPECIAL AWARDS: RESPECT, HONOR & APPRECIATION TO WHO AND WHAT MAKE JAMAICA

A.SPECIAL Marcus Garvey Humanitarian Award:

1. Hon. Minister Olivia "Babsy" Grange, OJ, OD, CD, MP.

For more than 50 years, she has been an untiring and devoted servant who has been making extra-ordinary contributions to the people Jamaica, and overseas. Most of all the culture, entertainment, and sports communities, without ever getting weary.

B. Special: Philanthropist Awards –

2. Josef Bogdanovich
3. Usain Bolt

C. Special: Martin's International/IRAWMA Honor

4. **Copeland Forbes, OD, Author, Reggae Historian-** Over 60 years of Extraordinary Contributions the music Industry and the Most Popular Reggae Book "Reggae My Life Is"

D. Special Honors-

5. **Peter Tosh Posthumously, for his work in the Global Legalization of Medical Marijuana**
6. **Best Entertainer over four Generations - Marcia Griffiths (for over sixty consecutive years, as the most dedicated, untiring and Consistent Entertainer for in the evolution of Jamaican and Reggae Music)**
7. **Most Consistent Entertainer over six Decades – Freddy McGregor**
8. **Best Male Voice Over `four Decades Beres Hammond**
9. **Master of Sound Systems-Dancehall Ruler for 5 Decades– Stone Love**
10. **Ms. Pat Chin - VP Records, formerly Randy's Record Mart - Most Valuable Reggae Institution- serving Jamaica music industry worldwide for more than 60 years.**
11. **Spice – Global Queen of Dancehall**
12. **Gramps Morgan – "Most Inspiring, Spiritual, Educational, Uplifting Reggae & World Music Ambassador Since Covid-19 Pandemic."**
13. **Kabaka Pyramid –Most Conscious and Progressive World Music Entertainer- 2022**
14. **Cherry Natural – Most Outstanding Female Poet & For 30 Years of Extraordinary Contributions to Spoken Word**
15. **Yasus Afari - For 30 Years of Extraordinary Contributions to Spoken Word.**



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E. Inductee (s) IRAWMA Hall of Fame/Lifetime Achievement Award

- 16. Beenie Man- Over 40 years of untiring and extraordinary contributions to reggae music internationally.**
- 17. Bounty Killer- Over 30 years of untiring and extraordinary contributions to reggae music internationally.**
- 18. Sharon Burke - IRAWMA Lifetime Achievement Award for Extraordinary Contributions to the Reggae Music Industry over the Decades**

F. SPECIAL: Award for Outstanding Media Contributions:

- 19. Dynasty Award to Daily Gleaner Newspaper as the world's oldest daily paper - 189 years serving readers in Jamaica, North America, and Europe. Covering various music, arts, and culture.**
- 20. Desmond Allen- For 50 years of Journalistic service, the founding Editor of the Jamaica Observer Newspaper, and a foundation member of this IRAWMA Awards.**
- 21. Mutabaruka- For five Decades of Extraordinary Contributions to Jamaica and the African Diaspora, everywhere with words, sound, power, music, and media worldwide**
- 22. Yasmin Peru – For over 30 years of contributions to entertainment Journalism.**
- 23. Bobby Clark/Lou Grant- IRIE JAM/Bridge FM Radio for thirty years of outstanding contributions to the growth of reggae and Jamaican culture.**
- 24. Reggae Festival Guide (powered by RBA Publishing)- Kaati Gaffney- For over 30 years of extraordinary media contributions to reggae and world music. (Contact- Kaati Gaffney<rbapublishing@gmail.com**
- 25. George “G.T.” Taylor – Entertainer, Comedian and Dance master and Radio DJ. – For over 50 years of contributions to Jamaican music and culture,**
- 26. Reggaeville- Julian Schmidt – The Guru of Reggae news and information over 10 years.**

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