

MUSICNL ANNOUNCES 2022 AWARD NOMINEES

CORNER BROOK, NL – Today MusicNL announced the best in class for 2022. Leading the way are Ife Alaba, Rachel Cousins, Nick Earle & The Reckless Hearts, and Jason Benoit with 5 nominations followed by Deantha Edmunds, Kubasonics, Mick Davis & Thin Love, Florian Hoefner, and Quote the Raven with 4 nominations each.

MusicNL also released a new partnership with Boomstick Brewing Co. a new Beer "Every Inch a Sailor Sour" will be available during the conference later this fall.

AND THE NOMINEES ARE

Album of the Year

Presented by FACTOR

Deantha Edmunds - *Connections*

Florian Hoefner Trio – *Desert Bloom*

Kubasonics - *Kubasongs*

Mick Davis & Thin Love – *Education Week*

Nick Earle & The Reckless Hearts – *No More Hiding*

Rachel Cousins - *Aura*

Alternative Artist of the Year

Adam Baxter

Pete

The Proper Things

Ptarmageddon

Swimming

With Violet

Celtic/Traditional Artist of the Year

Presented by VOXM

Brad Tuck

Kyle Gryphon

Rosemary Lawton

Rugged Shores

The Flummies

Classical Artist of the Year

Presented by MUN School of Music

Andrew Staniland

Deantha Edmunds

Country Artist of the Year

Jason Benoit

Randy Matthews

Shanda

Terry Penney

Youngtree & The Blooms

Zay Nova

Electronic Artist of the Year

Alex Byrne

Chalk

Fan's Choice Entertainer of the Year

Presented by Saltwire

Carolina East

Duane Andrews

Ife Alaba

Janet Cull

Jason Benoit

Justin Fancy

Kubasonics

Mick Davis & Thin Love

Nick Earle & The Reckless Hearts

Quote the Raven

Rachel Cousins

Folk/Roots Artist of the Year

Down From Dublin

East Coast Experience

Evelyn Jess

Jared Waterman

Kubasonics

Ryan Snow

Global Music Artist of the Year

Cristina Hernandez

The Dandelion Few

Florian Hoefner

Ife Alaba

Jing Xia

King Sway

Zay Nova

Group of the Year

Presented by Yamaha

Kubasonics

Mick Davis & Thin Love

Nick Earle & The Reckless Hearts

Quote the Raven

Swimming

Youngtree & The Blooms

Indigenous Artist of the Year

Presented by First Light

Deantha Edmunds

The Flummies

Jason Benoit

Silver Wolf Band

STURNE

Instrumental Artist of the Year

Big Space

Clint Curtis

Duane Andrews

Florian Hoefner

Jing Xia

Korona Brophy

Loud Artist of the Year

Sentimentipede

Slowpoke

Music Video of the Year

Brad Tuck – *The Red Violin*

Dir: Centre City Media

Carolina East – *Soaked in Whiskey*

Dir: Centre City Media

Duo Concertante – *Solace Montgomery*

Dir: Nicola Hawkins

Justin Fancy – *Beauty Queen*

Dir: Centre City Media

Quote the Raven – *Love You The Best*

Dir: Centre City Media

Rosemary Lawton – *Little Fires*

Dir: Centre City Media

Pop Artist of the Year

The Duds

Ife Alaba

Janer

Janet Cull

Jayne Batstone

Rachel Cousins

Rap/Hip-Hop Artist of the Year

Frank

Kielley Koyote

King Sway

Reggie Morales

Rising Star of the Year

Presented by Genoa Design

Ife Alaba

Janer

Jayne Batstone

Jing Xia

Ptarmageddon

With Violet

Rock Artist of the Year

Presented by Coast 101.1

JJ's Gang

Joe Grizzly

Mick Davis & Thin Love

Nick Earle & The Reckless Hearts

Sarah Hansen

Silver Wolf Band

Side Musician of the Year

Dan George

Rosemary Lawton

Rowan Sherlock

Solo Artist of the Year

Presented by Cox & Palmer

Carolina East

Deantha Edmunds

Florian Hoefner

Ife Alaba

Jason Benoit

Rachel Cousins

Ron Hynes Songwriter of the Year

Presented by SOCAN

Janet Cull

Jason Benoit

Kelly McMichael

Nick Earle

Jordan Coaker & Kirsten Rodden-Clarke (Quote the Raven)

Rachel Cousins

INDUSTRY AWARDS

Event of the Year

46th Newfoundland & Labrador Folk Festival

Lawnya Vawnya

Opera on the Avalon - Three Decembers

Sharing Our Cultures Inc.

St. John's African Roots Festival

Tuckamore Festival

Industry Professional of the Year

Cecil Johnson

Chrissy Dicks

Derrick Sturge

Mary Beth Waldram

Robert Buck

Rosalind MacPhail

Recording Engineer /Producer of the Year

Clint Curtis

Daniel Adams

Ian Foster

Michelle LaCour

JohnBoy Walsh

Matt Dines

Media Person of the Year

Presented by Ray Agency

Amanda Mews

Chris Batstone

Dillon Collins

Greg Smith

Lloydetta Quiacoe

Zach Snow

Music Educator of the Year

Presented by Long & McQuade

Alyssa Hicks

Johnston and Lear Online Music Lessons

Jonathan Hicks

Keri and Andy Kao

LouAnn Davis

Rozalind MacPhail

Outstanding Company of the Year

Presented by Noseworthy Chapman

Atlantic Music

Lawnya Vawnya

The MusicBox

The Newfoundland Herald

Pharos Music Inc.

Tuckamore Productions

Venue of the Year

Presented by Killick Capital

First Light Centre for Performance and Creativity

Marble Mountain Resort

O'Reilly's Irish Newfoundland Pub

Rotary Arts Centre

The Battery Cafe

The Ship Pub

Volunteer of the Year

Alick Tsui

Glenn Parady

Jeff Pittman

Robert Buck

Roland Skinner

Zach Snow

MusicNL members can vote now until September 8 at midnight on the MusicNL Members Only Page.

Voting for the Fan's Choice Entertainer of the Year will open on Monday, August 29 to the public. Visit [thetelegram.com](https://www.thetelegram.com) to vote for your favourite artist.

Nominations for MusicNL's Honourary Awards are open until Friday, September 8, 2022. The public can [nominate here](#).