

## Apple Music Awards: Wizkid nabs African Artist of the Year for 2021

Apple has announced the winners of the third annual Apple Music Awards, recognising the best artists of 2021 and their influence on global culture.



Wizkid. Source: Supplied

The Apple Music Awards honour achievements in music across five distinct categories – Artist of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, Breakthrough Artist of the Year, Top Song of the Year, and Top Album of the Year – and winners are chosen through a process that reflects both Apple Music's editorial perspective and what customers around the world are listening to the most.

## Recognising regional artists

This year, the Apple Music Awards introduced a new category of awards for Regional Artist of the Year, recognising artists who made the greatest impact culturally and on the charts in their respective countries and regions. The new category awarded artists from five countries and regions: France, Germany, Japan and Russia and Africa, with Nigerian singer and songwriter Wizkid nabbing the title of Artist of the year for Africa.

"The past 12 months have proved to be a remarkable year for music, and we're thrilled to honour the artists who are shaping culture and connecting with fans around the world on Apple Music," said Oliver Schusser, Apple's vice president of Apple Music and Beats. "This year we're also recognising more regional artists, showing the world the impact of extraordinary talented musicians who are making waves globally."



The biggest sounds of 2021

## And the 2021 winners are...

•	Global	Artist	of the	Year.	The	Weeknd	

- Songwriter of the Year: H.E.R.
- Artist of the Year (Africa): Wizkid
- Artist of the Year (France): Aya Nakamura
- Artist of the Year (Germany): RIN
- Artist of the Year (Japan): Official Hige Dandism
- Artist of the Year (Russia): Scriptonite

The Apple Music Awards celebration kicks off Tuesday, 7 December 2021, with interviews, original content and more all streaming worldwide on Apple Music and the Apple TV app.

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