

2018 Savanna Comics' Choice Awards nominees announced

The nominees of the 2018 Savanna Comics' Choice Awards were announced at a press lunch at The Goliath Comedy Club in Johannesburg on 11 July 2018. The winners will be crowned at The Lyric Theatre in Johannesburg on 8 September 2018.

It has been a record year for the awards as 272 South African comedians will be vying for one of the 10 awards, whilst 53 entered from the continent to be crowned the Savanna Pan-African Comic of the Year. There were 17 comedians honoured in the Lifetime Achievement category.



Some of this year's #SavannaCCA nominees and other comedians who attended the nominee announcement on 11 July 2018 in Johannesburg

A new category has been announced; The Comedy G Award was launched to celebrate the stalwarts of the industry. It recognises the comedians who produce great comedy night after night; the ones who simply grab the mic and work the room.

The nominees are:

Comedy G Award

David Kau
Marc Lottering
Loyiso Gola
Alan Committie
Celeste Ntuli

Savanna Newcomer of the Year

Bongani Dube

Lindy Johnson
Tsitsi Chiumya
Gilli Apter
Nonto Rubushe

Next Level Award

Eric Jansen
Phil de Lange
Thabiso Mhlongo
CHIK ALJOY
Ebenhaezer Dibakwane

The Native Tongue Award

Skhumba Hlophe
Thapelo King Flat
Celeste Ntuli
Mashabela Galane
Siya Seya

The Flying Solo Award

Carvin Goldstone
Celeste Ntuli
Loyiso Gola
Alfred Adriaan
Skhumba Hlophe

The Comics' Pen Award

Kagiso Lediga
Christopher Steenkamp
Thenjiwe Moseley
Lazola Gola
Happy Hour by Dalin Oliver and Carl Weber

Best Friend of Comedy Award

On Fire Comedy
Goliath Comedy Club
Gino Fernandez
#ER Comedy What What
#BlacksOnly - David Kau

The Gamechanger Award

Carvin Goldstone
Skhumba Hlophe
Loyiso Gola
Celeste Ntuli
Kagiso Lediga

The Savanna Comic of the Year Award

Carvin Goldstone
Mpho Modikoane
Alfred Adriaan
Skhumba Hlophe
Robby Collins

The Savanna Pan-African Comic of the Year

Basketmouth (Nigeria)
Carl Joshua Ncube (Zimbabwe)
Kansiime Anne Entertainer (Uganda)
Salvado (Uganda)
Charles Manase (Botswana)

The Chatz Connect Audience Choice Award

Abuti Lolo
Summary
Teboho Theoha
Pele-Pele Mchunu
Kwanda Radebe

The Lifetime Achievement Recipient

This year's prestigious Lifetime Achiever Recipient Award goes to **Pieter-Dirk Uys** for his invaluable contribution to the industry over the last 40 years. You'd be forgiven for not recognising him in the street, even though he is the person behind the most famous white woman in South Africa, Evita Bezuidenhout. A man whose work as a political satirist cannot be ignored, he is one of the few people that risked, through comedy, speaking the truth to those in power.

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