

## SAMA23 nominees announced

The list of SAMA23 nominees has been announced and is dominated by new artists who released their debut or second projects in the past year.

The nominees were unveiled at Destiny Exclusive Hotels in Kempton Park. Nhlanhla Sibisi, RiSA CEO, toasted the achievers, "This is the year newcomers take most of the limelight undoubtedly. It is truly encouraging to see so many young and new artists dominate the list. It can only bode well for the industry. The future is bright and we couldn't be happier for them."

The SAMA23 awards ceremony will be held in Sun City on 27 May.



### Best Newcomer of the Year

Soul Kulture – Ngeliny'ilanga  
Babes Wodumo – Gqom Queen Vol. 1  
Sketchy Bongo- Unmasked  
Nasty C – Bad Hair Extensions  
Amanda Black – Amazulu

### Best Duo/Group of the Year

The Soil – The Soil  
Jaziel Brothers – Jaziel Brothers  
Soul Kulture – Ngeliny'ilanga  
The Parlotones – Trinkets Relics & Heirlooms  
Black Motion – Ya Badimo

### Best Female Artist of the Year

Lebo Sekgobela – Restored  
Babes Wodumo – Gqom Queen Vol. 1

Kelly Khumalo – My Truth  
Amanda Black – Amazulu  
Thandiswa – Beledé

## **Best Male Artist of the Year**

Dr Tumi – Heart of a king  
Kwesta – Dakar II  
Musa – Musa  
Nasty C – Bad Hair Extensions  
Nathi – Umbulelo Wam

## **Best Album of the Year**

Kwesta – Dakar II  
Black Motion – Ya Badimo  
Amanda Black – Amazulu  
Nasty C – Bad Hair Extensions  
Thandiswa – Beledé

## **Best Rock Album**

The Sweet Resistance – Where There Is Hope  
Lost & Found – Lost & Found  
Richard Stirton – Middle Ground  
The Parlotones – Trinkets, Relics & Heirlooms  
Albert Frost – The Wake Up

## **Best Pop Album**

Matthew Mole – Run  
Locnville - Taste the Weekend  
GoodLuck – The Nature Within  
Sketchy Bongo – Unmasked  
TIMO ODV – Origins (Digital Edition)

## **Beste Pop Album**

4Werke – 4 Warm  
ADAM – Hoogtevrees  
Dewald Wasserfall – Jy Is Die Storm  
Kurt Darren – Sal Jy Met My Dans  
Snotkop – HKGK

## **Best Adult Contemporary Album**

Elvis Blue – Optics  
Hugh Masekela – No Borders  
Majozi – Fire  
Mango Groove - Faces to the Sun  
Msaki – Zaneliza: How The Water Moves

## **Beste Kontemporêre Musiek Album**

Adam Tas – Patatas en Pyptabak  
Coenie de Villiers – Emoji  
Joshua na die Reën – Die Wêreld Binne My  
Refentse – My hart bly in 'n taal  
Ricus Nel – Ouskool Boerseun

## **Best African Adult Album**

Dumza Maswana – Molo  
Kelly Khumalo – My Truth  
Nathi Umbulelo Wam  
Nozipho – Thando  
Soul Kulture – Ngeliny'ilanga

## **Best Alternative Music Album**

Arno Carstens – Die Aandblom 13  
Chris Chameleon – Firmament  
Native Young – Kings  
Somerfaan – Alien Boogie Stuff  
Tailor – Trust Part 1

## **Best R&B Soul Reggae Album**

Afrotraction – Love and respect  
Amanda Black – Amazulu  
Brenda Mtambo – So Much More  
Karabo – Matters of the heart  
Tima Reece – 9

## **Best Rap Album**

A Reece – Paradise  
Khuli Chana – One Source  
Kwesta – Dakar II  
Nasty C – Bad Hair Extentions  
Stogie T – Stogie T

## **Best Kwaito Album**

Babes Wodumo – Gqom Queen Vol. 1  
Bulistic – N.W.O (New World Order)  
Dr Malinga – Goodwill  
Taylor K – Paper Chase  
Trademark & Zinhle Ngidi – Trademark & Zinhle Ngidi

## **Best Dance Album**

DJ Clock – The 5th tick  
Black Motion – Ya Badimo

Durbans' Finest – Durbans' Finest – Reloaded  
Mobi Dixon – Live The Music  
NaakMusiQ – Born to Entertain

## **Best Traditional Faith Music Album**

Deborah Fraser – Uhambo  
Sfiso Ncwane – Wethembekile Baba  
Spirit Of Praise – Spirit Of Praise Vol.6  
Teboho - Nkutwele Bohloko  
Zaza – Blowing the horn of chronicle

## **Best Contemporary Faith Music Album**

Dr Tumi – Heart of a king  
Dr Tumi – Love and grace  
Khaya Mthethwa – The Dawn  
Lebo Sekgobela – Restored  
We Will Worship – Mmuso

## **Best Traditional Music Album**

Candy – Easy Come Easy Go  
Dr Thomas Chauke Na Shinyori Sisters – Shimatsatsa No 34: Xiganga  
Mmaausi – Monna Oa Sokelwa  
Qadasi & Maqhinga – Lashis' Ilanga  
Shabalala Rhythm – Yebo Ngiyavuma

## **Best Maskandi Album**

Imfez'emnyama – Monalisa  
imithente – s"yawuvala umlomo  
Khuzani – Inyoni yomthakathi  
Shwi noMtekhala – Kwabhalwa etsheni  
Thokozani Langa – Amabrazo

## **Best Jazz Album**

Darren English – Imagine Nation  
dave reynolds & pops mohamed – live in grahamstown  
Nduduzo Makhathini with Umgidi Trio and One Voice Vocal Ensemble – Inner Dimensions  
Sydney Mavundla – Luhambo  
Thandiswa – Beledé

## **Classical Instrumental Album**

Bongani Radebe - Buyelekhaya Sax Rendition  
Charl du Plessis Trio – Baroqueswing Vol. II  
Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society – And Then I Heard A Voice by SJ Khosa  
The Voice of Angels – The Voice of Angels Volume 2  
University of Pretoria – Love and War

## Best Afro Pop Album

Jaziel Brothers – Jaziel Brothers  
Musa – Musa  
Robbie Malinga – Robbie Malinga  
The Soil – The Soil  
Vusi Nova - Vusi Nova

## African Indigenous Gospel Album

Amadodana Ase Wesile – Amadodana Ase Wesile  
Jerusalema E Ncha – Jerusalema E Ncha  
Lejwe la Motheo – Lejwe la Motheo  
Living In Christ Legends – Living In Christ Legends  
T.C.C.C Mass Choir – T.C.C.C Mass Choir

## Best African Artist

Jah Prayzah – Jah Prayzah  
Oliver Mtukudzi – Oliver Mtukudzi  
Patoranking – Patoranking  
Vee MampEEzy – Vee MampEEzy  
Vuyo Katsha – Vuyo Katsha

## Live Audio Visual Recording Album

Joyous Celebration – Joyous Celebration 20 – Part 2 – The Alumni  
Joyous Celebration – Joyous Celebration 20 Live at The Moses Mabhida Stadium  
Khaya Mthethwa – The Dawn  
Krone & Various Artists – Krone 3 DVD  
Spirit Of Praise – Spirit Of Praise Vol.6

## Best Collaboration Album

Black Coffee – Your eyes  
Kwesta ft DJ Bucks, Okmalumkoolkat & DJ Maphorisa – Mayibabo ft DJ Bucks, Okmalumkoolkat & DJ Maphorisa  
Kwesta – Ngud’  
Miss Pru – Ameni  
Musa – Mthande

## Best Music Video of the Year

Khuli Chana – One Source  
Miss Pru – Ameni  
Nasty C – Don’t do it  
Nasty C – Good Girls  
Reason ft AKA & Khuli Chana – Yipikayay

## Best Produced Album

Afrotraction – Love and respect  
Brenda Mtambo – So Much More

Matthew Mole – Run  
Rubber Duc – The Secret Sun  
sjava – Isina Muva

## **Best Engineered Album**

The Soil – Echoes of Kofifi  
Arno Carstens – Aandblom 13  
Mango Groove - Faces to the Sun  
Jesse Clegg – Things Unseen  
LeAnne Dlamini – Warrior

## **Remix of the Year**

Distruction Boys – Wololo (Dbanj Remix)  
DJ Mizz – Close to you (Mizz Afro Remix)  
Evida – The Woods (Evida Remix)  
Kyle Deutsch – Can't Get enough (Official Remix)  
Vic – Wena Wedwa (MusicCraftMAN Mix)

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