

## All the SAMA24 winners!

Newcomer Shekhinah dominated at the 24th edition of SA Music Awards (SAMA) held in Sun City, North West, on Saturday night, 2 June 2018. Shekhinah won Newcomer of the Year, Album of the Year and Female Artist of the Year.

Distruction Boyz whipped the Superbowl into a frenzy when they were declared winners of the public-voted Record of the Year for their hit *Omunye*.



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Veteran Afro Pop band, Mafikizolo proved their staying power when they took Duo/Group of the Year, Best Afro Pop Album and Best Engineered Album.



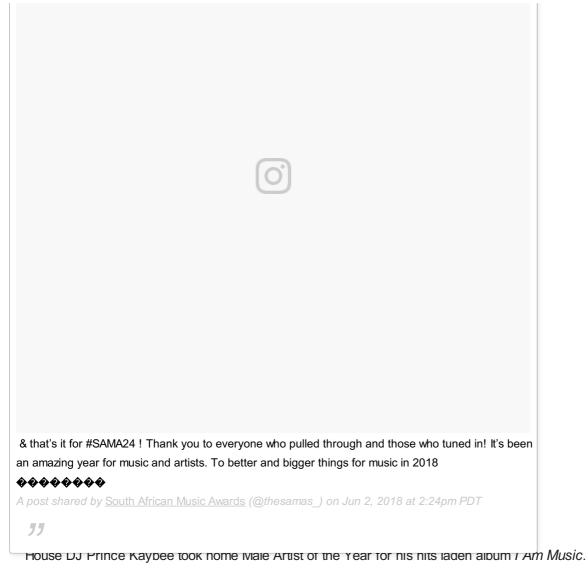
SAMA 24 nominees revealed 24 Apr 2018

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Joyous Celebration's Joyous Celebration Volume 21 Heal Our Land won the Best Selling Digital Artist Award.

The anthemic Akanamali by Sun-El Musician featuring Samthing Soweto was honoured with the Sampra Highest Airplay of the Year and Samro Highest Airplay of the Year Composer's Award and Best Collaboration Award.

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Rapper Shane Eagle took the Best Hip Hop Album Award and Lady Zamar won Best Dance Music Award. In the Best Kwaito Album category, Busiswa beat the competition for her album *Highly Flavoured*. Tresor's *The Beautiful Madness* earned him the Best Pop Album.

In gospel, Andile ka Majola was declared the winner in the Best Traditional Faith Music Album category for Andile ka Majola Chapter 8 Sekwanele while Vuma Zion's Samson Aphi Amandla Akho bagged the Best African Indigenous Gospel Album.

Jo Black's Skepe emerged victorious in the Beste Kontemporere Musiek Album category and Fokofpolisiekar's Selfmedikasie was announced the Best Rock Album.

The celebrity event hosted by TV and radio stars Somizi Mhlongo and Dineo Ranaka; and comedian Mpho Popps was

broadcast live on SABC1 and featured performances by Distruction Boyz, Lady Zamar, Shwi noMtekhala, Shekhinah, Die Heuwels Fantasties, Bongeziwe Mabandla and Riky Rick.

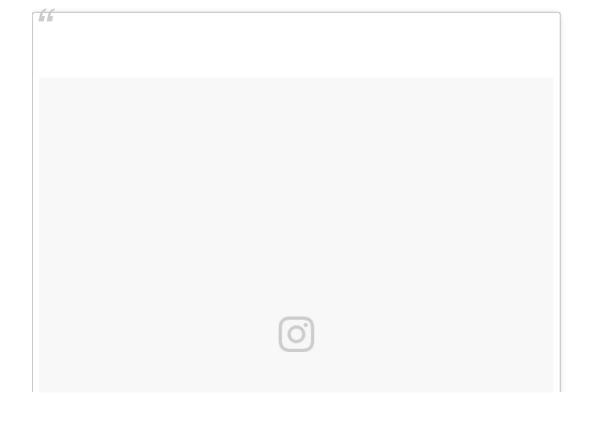


Shekhinah - image by Masi Losi

President Cyril Ramaphosa and Nathi Mthethwa, Minister of Arts and Culture were among the dignitaries that graced the night.

Commented Nhlanhla Sibisi, RiSA CEO: "Tonight has been a remarkable night of celebrating the best our country has to offer. We salute all the winners and the nominees and we thank the public for their undying support for local music. We applaud everyone who made SAMA24 such a successful project."

"Congratulations to all the winners," said Mme O.R Mochware, MEC for Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs in North West. "The winners were all worthy of their medals in such a competitive and prestigious event. We are proud to be associated with the SAMAs."



Last night was  $\diamondsuit \diamondsuit$ . Here's a few of the highlights from #SAMA24. Tell us what the highlight of the event was for you.  $\Box$ 

A post shared by South African Music Awards (@thesamas\_) on Jun 3, 2018 at 9:26am PDT

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## Compelete list of winners

Best Selling Digital Artist of the Year - Joyous Celebration Volume 21 Heal Our Land by Joyous Celebration

Sampra Highest Airplay of the Year - Akanamali by Sun El Musician featuring Samthing Soweto

Best Traditional Faith Music Album - Andile kaMajola Chapter 8 Sekwanele by Andile kaMajola

Best African Indigenous Gospel Album – Samson Aphi Amandla Akho by Vuma Zion

Best Kwaito Album - Highly Flavoured by Busiswa

Best Afro Pop Album – 20 by Mafikizolo

Beste Kontemporere Musiek Album – Skepe by Jo Black

Best Pop Album – The Beautiful Madness by Tresor

Samro Highest Airplay of the Year Composer's Award – Akanamali by Sun El Musician featuring Samthing Soweto composed by Sanele T Sithole

International Achievement Award - Shashika Mooruth

Best Rock Album - Selfmedikasie by Fokofpolisiekar

Best Hip Hop Album – Yellow by Shane Eagle

Best Dance Album – King Zamar by Lady Zamar

Best Maskandi Album – 6 to 6 by Abafana Baka Mgqumeni

Newcomer of the Year - Rose Gold by Shekhinah

**Duo or Group of the Year** – 20 by Mafikizolo

Female Artist of the Year – Rose Gold by Shekhinah

Male Artist of the Year – I Am Music by Prince Kaybee

Album of the Year - Rose Gold by Shekhinah

Record of the Year - Omunye by Distruction Boyz

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