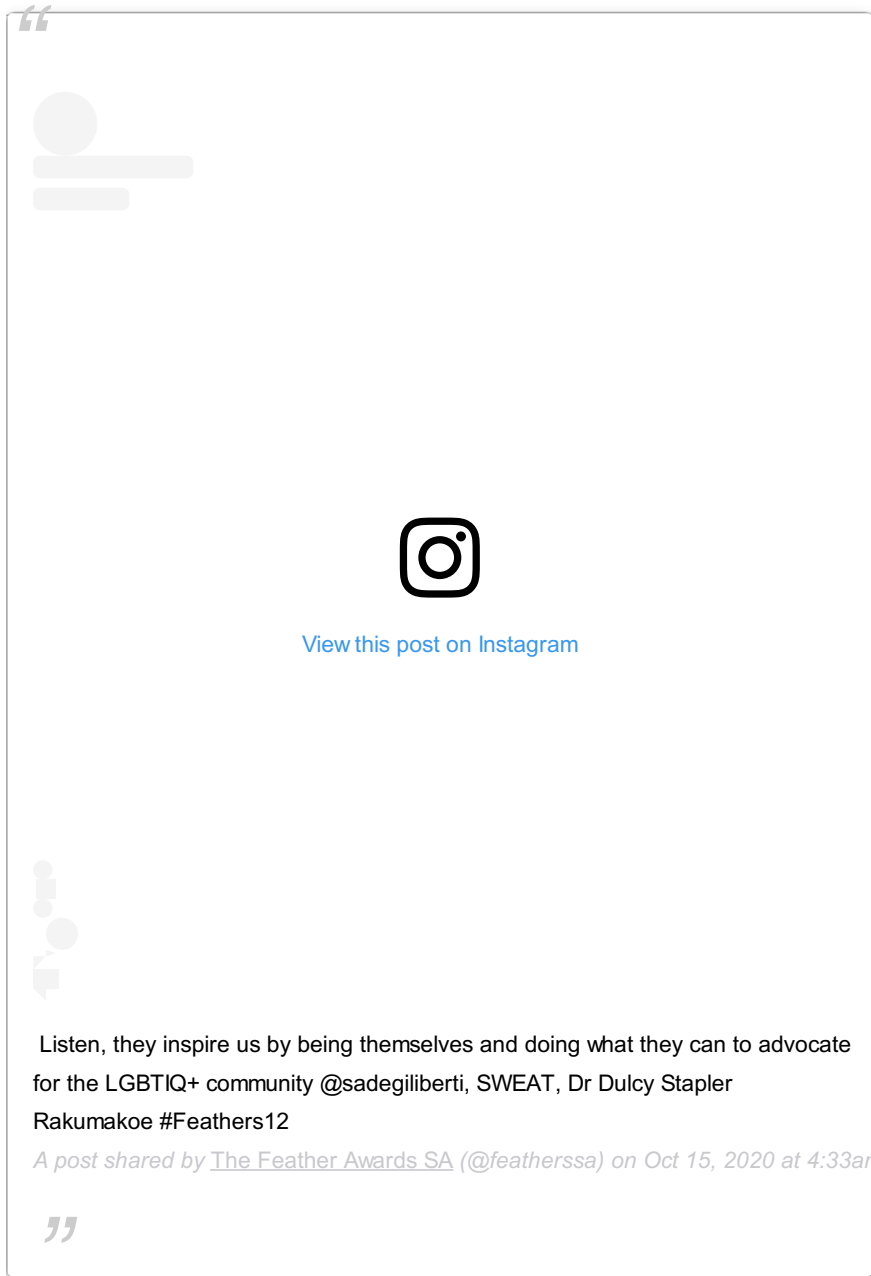


Feather Awards announces 2020 nominees

The Feather Awards has announced the nominees of this year's edition of the awards.

The 'usually controversial' list was announced at an intimate media gathering in Johannesburg earlier today, composed of personalities and individuals from various industry sectors including entertainment, lifestyle, sport and the business sector. Each nominated individual, in one way or the other, has either represented, inspired, or scandalised the LGBTIQ+ community with excellence and distinction over 12 months.



Dedicated to uplifting the names of LGBTIQ+ activists who are doing important work in communities across the country, the Feather Awards also pays homage to supportive media bodies, LGBTIQ+ student movements and selected role models who enrich and back the community.

Now in its 12th year, the awards has evolved from solely an award celebration back in 2008 to a full array of well planned and executed LGBTIQ+ advocacy activities taking place throughout the year. Done in partnership with the Thami Dish Foundation, these programmes include the LGBTIQ+ Dialogues done in communities across South Africa focusing on vulnerable LGBTIQ+ youth and inclusion for all.

The awards will take place on the 11 November 2020 at a closed ceremony in Johannesburg.

“Can you believe it? We are 12 years old this year. What a ride it’s been. From starting out as a small celebration of our community, the Feathers have transformed into a gigantic well-oiled operation. Showcasing our LGBTIQ community to the world, empowering South African youth with the LGBTIQ+ Dialogues and then, of course, the big celebration at the end with these over the top colourful awards,” comments Thami Kotlolo, co-founder of the Feather Awards. “And with a slight delay, in all festivities this year, we are turning up the love and looking to a positive future ahead in 2021.

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Introducing your Best Styled Individual nominees! They are all known for setting fires on the red carpet, and setting trends for all of us to follow...here they are @anelepapu , @jimmynevis , and @thishiwe #Feathers12 #TurnUpTheLove

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The 2020 Feather Awards nominees are:

Best Styled Individual

Anele Papu
Jimmy Nevis
Thishiwe Ziqubu

Hunk of The Year

Ryle Rene De Morny
Gorata Nzimande
Dr Fezile Mkhize

Hot Chick of The Year

Blue Mbombo
Celeste Khumalo
Siphesihle Ndaba

Sports Personality of The Year

Siya Kolisi
Bongiwe Msomi
Makazole Mampipi

Best Rainbow Parenting

Napo Masheane
Hlubi Mthimkhulu and Mduduzi Motaung
Buhlebendalo and Botshelo

Best LGBTIQ Student Movement

Up&Out Tuks
NWU LGBTI: Transformation Association
Rainbow UCT

Best LGBTIQ Initiative: Public Sector

Do Better
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Best LGBTIQ Initiative: Private Sector

Queer Wellness Centre
Nike SA
Engage Men's Health

Diva Extraordinaire of The Year

Connie Chiume
Lindiwe Sisulu
Refiloe Modiselle

Media Award of The Year

Motswako
Yim'lo
Blood & Water
The River

Social Media Personality of The Year

Aus Velemina
Vuyokazi Nguqu
Siv Ngezi
Coconut Kelz

Cutest Couple of The Year

Nomsa and Zandile
Ricky and Tony
Sape and Vaivi

Role Model of The Year

Sade Giliberti
Sweat
Dr Dulcy Stapler Rakumakoe

Drama Queen of The Year

Covid-19 Solidarity Fund
The Gigabytes
Somizi and *Dinner kwa Somizi*

Socialite of The Year

Olwee
Sarah Langa
Shauwn Mkhize

Musician of The Year

Makhadzi
Master KG
Zoe Modiga

Fag Hag of The Year

Shumi Dantile
Shauwn Mkhize
Siv Ngezi

African Feather of the Year

Frank Mugisha

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