



The SAMMYS Awards Show is our annual celebration of the Syracuse area music scene. Each year, hundreds of local musicians and valuable members of the Syracuse music community attend the show to cheer on their friends and peers. Since the first SAMMYS was held at the Landmark Theater in 1993, The SAMMYS Awards Show has become the number one local music event in the Central New York Area

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March 5, 2021

It is with great regret that we are unable to celebrate the arts in person this year due to Covid-19.

However, in true nature of show business **THE SHOW MUST GO ON....**

The 2021 SAMMYS Awards Show will be live streamed from SubCat Music Studios Friday, March 5 at 7pm. The event is free, donations will be accepted. The SAMMYS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony has been postponed until next year.

The SAMMYS Awards Show on Friday, March 5th will feature performances from:

Byron Cage

Stephen Phillips

Cam Caruso

Vaporeyes

Sophistafunk

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The people's choice online voting is now open. Vote once every day. <https://www.syracuseareamusic.com/peoples-choice/> People's choice categories that YOU can vote for your favorites are:

- Artist or Band
- Academic Organization
- Venue to See Live Music
- Livestream Series or Event – **NEW FOR 2021!**

SUBMISSION & JUDGING PROCESS: SAMMY awards are given based on the judgement of submissions sent to the SAMMYS Board by musicians in Syracuse and the surrounding area.

This year a record-breaking number of recordings were submitted. Congratulations to the 166 artists that submitted 194 recordings! **In times of darkness creativity flourishes.**

An independent panel of music industry professionals and educators from around the country, led by James Abbott, review the submissions and make their selections based on their merit within their genre.

Our 2021 SAMMY nominees are:

BEST ALTERNATIVE RECORDING

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| • Chuck Schiele | Love Letters |
| • Major Player | Upset City |
| • Mattydale Music Collective | No Thief, However Skillful |
| • The Exploding Flowers | Strangers |
| • Zach Blaszak | Homebrew |

BEST AMERICANA RECORDING

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| • Chocolate BonBon | Book of Names |
| • Harmonic Dirt | Live At The Ridge |
| • J. Schnitt | A Compass of Stars (the Quarantine Singles) |
| • Kid Roscoe | ...And The Horse You Rode In On |
| • The Dart Brothers | Strangest Wavelength |

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BEST BLUES RECORDING

- JunioR This'll Hurt
- Tas Cru DRIVE ON

BEST COUNTRY RECORDING

- Brandon Scott North Country
- Tink Bennett & Tailor Made Hate The Game
- Whiskey Hollow Rush Life, Love, Whiskey

BEST ELECTRONIC RECORDING

- Asael We Believed
- Empires in Orbit Rave of the Damned
- Mazedude MazeQuest 3 Original Soundtrack
- Shitnuts Final Frontier
- The Stranger Soundtrack for a Movie Not Yet Written

BEST HARD ROCK RECORDING

- Brand New Sin Live At The Lost
- Caustic Method No Retribution
- Cleansed In Embers Misery
- Junexa Lifeless
- MOTORLORD Motorlord

BEST HIP-HOP/RAP RECORDING

- Big Nate MG The Story of MG
- Christenelle Dirc Christenelle Dirc
- Def One 04/20 Vision
- MBK Richy Throwaways
- Young Dellz Riana's Father

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BEST JAM BAND RECORDING

- Ben Blujus Believe In Music
- Chiggin THXGVNG
- The Z-Bones Sweet Misery
- Vaporeyes Cantrips

BEST JAZZ RECORDING

- London McDaniel Anatural Aphrodisiaca
- Stan Colella Orchestra Just For Fun

BEST OTHER STYLE RECORDING

- Amanda Rogers Winter Butterfly
- DiCosimo/Pagán Con Moto
- Letizia YOU ARE NOT ALONE
- Lonnie Park and The Earth Band My Earth Songs
- Redeemer Church Worship Be Enthroned

BEST POP RECORDING

- Coughlin Unlatch Diary
- DESTYNEE Love&Art
- Jess Novak Band Standing Now
- Nick + Noah Fall
- Pat Tato Good Grief

BEST R&B RECORDING

- ChelsAfter Midnight
- Jaquiel Summer Nights in the Southward
- Liam Alone Liam Alone Live
- Sean McLeod Freedom (Sean McLeod's "A Soundtrack for Harriet Tubman")
- Wavy Vibez Only One (The Ep)

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BEST ROCK RECORDING

- Atkins Riot
- Krix Wiechmann and the Pallbearers
- Otherworldly Entity
- Posted
- The Kiwis
- Couch Potato
- 3 Hits From Hell
- Cataclysm
- Fantastic Invasion
- Still Life - EP

BEST SINGER-SONGWRITER RECORDING

- Amanda Rogers
- Colleen Kattau
- Just Joe
- Sydney Irving
- The Hallow
- Besos Kisses
- Breakdown
- Relax With Fiends

Be sure to tune into Bridge Street at 10am for our **The SAMMYS Spotlight Series** sponsored by NewsChannel9. Spotlight featured performers are:

- January 28 – Nancy Kelly
- February 4 – Chris Merkley
- February 11 – Sydney Irving
- February 18 – Bob Holz
- February 25 – The Ghost Town Ramblers
- March 4th – Doyle/Whiting

Performing on our February 3rd virtual press conference are Tas Cru and Gary Carpentier

Many thanks to our sponsor for whom without The SAMMYS would not be possible:

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The SAMMYS has lived on since its founding in 1992, which speaks to the dedication of the volunteers on the SAMMYS Executive Committee, aiming to bring Syracuse's most prominent musicians to the forefront of public attention. Thank you to SAMMYS Executive Committee members for their dedication to Syracuse area music:

- Liz Nowak
- Deborah Foley
- Carol Thoryk-O'Leary
- Mike Donohue
- Jordan Davies
- MaryJo Spillane
- Misse Thomas
- James Austin

Please follow us on social media and at www.syracuseareamusic.com to be sure not to miss out on The 2021 SAMMYS live streamed from SubCat Music Studios.

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