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2012 PACIFIC MUSIC AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

David Dallas, Adeaze and Kas Futialo lead the pack

The finalists for the 2012 Pacific Music Awards have been announced with hip-hop heavy-weight **David Dallas** and R&B duo **Adeaze** both securing four nominations each, while **Kas Futialo** – a.k.a Tha Feelstyle – is nominated in three categories.

Dallas, who splits his time between New York and New Zealand, is nominated in Best Pacific Male Artist for his critically-acclaimed 2011 album 'The Rose Tint'. The album also earns Dallas nominations for Best Pacific Urban Artist, Best Pacific Song for "Take A Picture" and Best Pacific Music Album.

The brothers Tupa'i, otherwise known as Nainz and Viiz of R&B/Soul group **Adeaze**, will go head-to-head with Dallas in three of those four categories.

The duo's self-released 2011 album 'Rise And Shine' is up for Best Pacific Music Album while the brothers will also contest Best Pacific Urban Artist and Best Pacific Group. Their single 'Paradise' is also nominated for Best Pacific Song.

Kas Futialo joins Dallas and Adeaze in the battle for Best Pacific Music Album with his 2011 release 'Good Morning Samoa', an album based on the concept of a radio station that energizes the island of Samoa.

The winner of the Best Pacific Music Album category will be presented with a Tui and recognised at the New Zealand Music Awards later this year.

The velvety voice of Wellington-based music veteran **Bella Kalolo** has seen her 2011 album 'Without The Paper' gain her a third successive nod for Best Pacific Female Artist. Kalolo's joined in the category by R&B queen **MzJ** for 'Love Changes Everything' and jazz/funk songstress **Iva Lamkum** with 'Raise Your Glass'.

Veteran group **Te Vaka** return to the nominees circle with their seventh album 'Havili'. Made up of musicians and dancers from Tokelau, Tuvalu, Samoa, Cook Islands and New Zealand, Te Vaka are joined by **Adeaze** and **The Hypnotics** in the Best Pacific Group category. They will also face off against **Kas Futialo** and **2PouzFynist** in the Best Pacific Language category.

A total of 14 artists and groups were announced as finalists at a function in Auckland on 16 April, hosted by the Pacific Awards Music Trust and Auckland Council, at the University of Auckland's Fale Pasifika venue.

Pacific Music Awards Trust spokesperson Rev. Mua Strickson-Pua says, "This year's line-up of finalists represent another exciting group of talented musicians and are a true testament to the talent and creativity of Pacific artists here in Aotearoa. The finalists demonstrate an exceptionally high standard, a strong community and language component and industry excellence.

“We have a great mix of established and emerging artists nominated across the categories and combined they show us that Pasifika music and as a culture itself are alive and well in New Zealand.”

The awards are in their eighth year and winners are to be announced at an event celebrating and honouring Pacific music and artists at Manukau City’s TelstraClear Pacific venue on Thursday 31st May.

Tickets for the awards ceremony are available from 16 April through TicketDirect.

www.ticketdirect.co.nz

0800 224 224

(Please note a booking fee may apply)

The full list of finalists for the Pacific Music Awards are:

BEST PACIFIC FEMALE ARTIST

Bella Kalolo ‘Without the Paper’

Iva Lamkum “Raise Your Glass”

MzJ ‘Love Changes Everything’

NZ MUSIC COMMISSION BEST PACIFIC MALE ARTIST

David Dallas ‘The Rose Tint’

Kas Futialo ‘Good Morning Samoa’

Stks ‘Rhythm & Brown’

NIU FM BEST PACIFIC URBAN ARTIST

Adeaze ‘Rise & Shine’

David Dallas ‘The Rose Tint’

Stks ‘Rhythm & Brown’

RADIO 531 PI BEST PACIFIC GROUP

Adeaze 'Rise & Shine'

Te Vaka 'Havili'

The Hypnotics 'Coincidence'

APRA BEST PACIFIC SONG

Adeaze "Paradise" written by: F Tupa'i/L Tupa'i

David Dallas "Take A Picture" written by: D Dallas/A Iustini/J Iustini/T Rowlands/E Simons

Ria "Over You" written by: A Numia/E Ensink

TAGATA PASIFIKA BEST PACIFIC LANGUAGE

2PouzFynist 'Upgrade – Cook Island Legacy'

Kas Futialo 'Good Morning Samoa'

Te Vaka 'Havili'

BEST PACIFIC GOSPEL ALBUM

Erakah 'Infatuated'

Mutalau Ululauta Matahefonua Trust Choir 'Lologo Tapu Tokiofa Mutalau Niue – Taofi Lologo 5'

Samoan Autalavou P.I.P.C. Newton 'Lota Nu'u Moni'

BEST PACIFIC MUSIC ALBUM

Adeaze 'Rise & Shine'

David Dallas 'The Rose Tint'

Kas Futialo 'Good Morning Samoa'

The following awards have no finalists and winners are announced at the ceremony:

MANUKAU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PHILLIP FUEMANA AWARD – MOST PROMISING PACIFIC ARTIST

NZ On Air RADIO AIRPLAY AWARD

AUCKLAND COUNCIL PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD – BEST PACIFIC ARTIST

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