

# 2018

## vodafone Pacific MUSIC Awards

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### *Celebrating Pacific Music!*

*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,  
engari he toa takitini.*

**[Whakatauki Maori]**

*My success is not my own  
but from many others.*

**[Maori Proverb]**

*E sau le Fuata ma lona lou.*

**[Alaga'upu Fa'asamoa]**

*In every generation there are some  
outstanding chiefs.*

**[Samoan Proverb]**

Haere mai Afio mai to our 2018 Vodafone Pacific Music Awards welcome Finalists, congratulations parents, families, communities, nations, leaders, sponsors and industry representatives for supporting Musika Pasifika. Special acknowledgement Punialava'a M.I.T. Lifetime Achievement Award recipients Rev. Iosefa Lale Peteru and Mrs Vini Peteru. A Samoan Proverb humbly states, "O le 'umu ua vela", of one who does many things for his country. What an amazing Aiga legacy 50 years of musical history continues. Our theme is Fire hence creative fire, drive, passion, motivation and commitment thus Fire, Family, and Faith embodied by Punialava'a and all our Finalists, malo. This connects well with acknowledging OMAC Otara Music & Arts Centre's 30th Anniversary pioneers of the ground breaking urban South Auckland sounds. Pacific Music Awards again acknowledges Fire, Family and Faith it is about celebrating and honouring the past of Musika Pasifika but also mindful future focused with excellence. Atua continue to bless us all.

Rev. Mua Strickson-Pua  
*(Chairperson Pacific Music Awards Trust)*

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<p><b>Phillip Fuemana Award</b> MOST PROMISING PACIFIC ARTIST</p>	<p><i>This award recognises an upcoming individual or group and their future potential as an artist.</i></p>
<p><b>NZ On Air</b> RADIO AIRPLAY AWARD</p>	<p><i>This award recognises the songs who had the most airplay in 2017 – and we acknowledge the top 5 songs from the year.</i></p>
<p><b>NZ On Air</b> STREAMING AWARD</p>	<p><i>This award recognises the songs who had the most streams in 2017 – and we acknowledge the top 5 songs from the year</i></p>
<p><b>NZ On Air</b> BEST PACIFIC MUSIC VIDEO</p>	<p>Noah Slee &amp; Si Jay Gould: 'Radar' (Noah Slee) Olivia Foa'i: 'Lakalaka' (Te Vaka) Samson Rambo: 'Here to Stay' (General Fiyah)</p>
<p><b>SIT/MAINZ</b> BEST PRODUCER</p>	<p>Anonymouz <i>The Undisciplined Son EP</i> (Tha Movement) Kings <i>Chapter One</i> (Kings) Parks, Brandan Haru &amp; Julien Dyne <i>Royal Blue 3000 EP</i> (Ladi 6)</p>
<p><b>Flava</b> BEST INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC ARTIST</p>	<p>Junior Maile 'When I'm Gone' Sam Kiles 'Delay' Tenelle <i>For the Lovers</i></p>
<p><b>SunPix</b> BEST PACIFIC LANGUAGE</p>	<p>EFKS Te Atatu Junior Youth <i>Fa'afetai Le Atua</i> Te Vaka 'Lakalaka' Tomorrow People 'Sa'ili Le Alofa'</p>
<p><b>Pacific Media Network</b> BEST PACIFIC URBAN ARTIST</p>	<p>9-5ers <i>Close to Home</i> Noah Slee <i>Otherland</i> SWIDT <i>Stoneyhunga</i></p>
<p><b>Auckland Council</b> BEST PACIFIC GOSPEL ARTIST</p>	<p>EFKS Te Atatu Junior Youth <i>Fa'afetai Le Atua</i> Niue Youth Network <i>NYN Niue Gospel Album</i> TJ Taotua 'Special Place'</p>
<p><b>Manukau Institute of Technology</b> LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT</p>	<p><i>This award recognises the work by an individual or group, and their significant contribution to Pacific Music.</i></p>
<p><b>Auckland Council</b> BEST PACIFIC FEMALE ARTIST</p>	<p>La Coco <i>Love &amp; Other Things Part 2</i> Ladi 6 <i>Royal Blue 3000 EP</i> Razé <i>4Seasons</i></p>
<p><b>NZ Music Commission</b> BEST PACIFIC MALE ARTIST</p>	<p>General Fiyah 'Here to Stay' Kings <i>Chapter One</i> Noah Slee <i>Otherland</i></p>
<p><b>APRA</b> BEST PACIFIC SONG</p>	<p>General Fiyah 'Here to Stay' (Written by: Charlie Pome'e &amp; Nicholas Pome'e) Te Vaka 'Lakalaka' (Written by: Opetai Foa'i/Matatia Foa'i) Tomorrow People 'Sa'ili Le Alofa' (Written by: Kenape Saupese, Naomi Alatipi, Honiara Salanoa, Helen Tupai, Avina Kelekolio, Daniel Sugrue, Tana Tupai)</p>
<p><b>Vodafone People's Choice</b> BEST PACIFIC ARTIST</p>	<p><i>The artists confirmed as finalists for the 2018 Vodafone Pacific Music Awards were eligible for this award, with the winner solely determined by public vote.</i></p>
<p><b>Pacific Media Network</b> BEST PACIFIC GROUP</p>	<p>Sol3 Mio <i>A Very Merry Christmas</i> Three Houses Down 'Smile' Tomorrow People 'Lock Me Up'</p>
<p><b>Recorded Music</b> BEST PACIFIC MUSIC ALBUM</p>	<p>EFKS Te Atatu Junior Youth <i>Fa'afetai Le Atua</i> Ladi 6 <i>Royal Blue 3000 EP</i> Noah Slee <i>Otherland</i> Sol3 Mio <i>A Very Merry Christmas</i> SWIDT <i>Stoneyhunga</i></p>



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*This award recognises outstanding achievement and is presented by the Pacific Music Awards Trust.*

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# FIRE FAMILY FAITH

The Vodafone Pacific Music Awards allows us to show the unity amongst our Pacific music family and community, providing the awards ceremony where everyone can come together, to celebrate each other, to support each other, to honour our artists and celebrate who we are.

For 2018 we wanted to honour the creative fire that drives our artists, the families that support our artists, the music that connects our families from Aotearoa to our Pacific Island homes; and acknowledge that we are sustained by the faith that we each have. From this, we confirmed our 2018 awards ceremony theme as: "Fire – Family - Faith" which are the fundamental elements for our artists and their music.

The Trustees are proud of all of the finalists and winners celebrated at tonight's awards. The awards ceremony reflects our Pacific music community, acknowledging the depth of talent, the range of genres and the diversity of work by our Pacific artists.

A sincere thank you to everyone involved to produce and support the 2018 Vodafone Pacific Music Awards, we are eternally grateful and appreciate everything you have contributed.

**From the Pacific Music Awards Trustees:**

Rev Mua Strickson-Pua, Sina Wendt, Petrina Togi-Sa'ena, Ngaire Fuata and Fonoti Pati Umaga







9-5  
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TOMORROW PEOPLE



SWIDT

EFKS TEATATU JUNIOR YOUTH

LA COCO

THREE HOUSES DOWN

NIUE YOUTH NETWORK

JUNIORMAILE