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IN Micronesia, islanders continue to celebrate their cultural independence through the performing arts — vocals, instrumental music and dance.

These include numerous cultural expressions that reflect human creativity and are also found, to some extent, in many other intangible cultural heritage domains including rituals, festive events or oral traditions.

The following individuals help promote the importance of Micronesia's balanced environmental culture and traditional lifestyle.

Best of the month

Culture and lifestyle — Chamorro Culture by Bryan Manabat, Palau Culture Variation by Kambes Kesolei, Saipan Culture by Junhan B. Todino, FSM by Bill Jaynes, FestPac 2016 Documentary Photographers

Environment & lifestyle — Guam Sunset & Sunrise by Gino Bais & Richard Santos, Saipan Nature Scenery by Antonio Cabrera, Palau Nature Variation by Harry Rubasch Fritz, Palau Under Water by Richard Brooks

Sports & lifestyle — PDN's Nathaniel Olaguer, MV's Vicente "Ben" Salas II and James Sablan

Best Films — "Rock Island Aggressor Palau" by Ben Clark, Varied Palau photos journal by Richard, Palau Independence Day by Tets Emesiochel, and Island Entertainment by Ongrung Kambes Kesolei a.k.a. "okk."

Art & creation — Artist of the month is Felix Mundo Santos Jr. on Latte Stone Art & Craft and Dan Suda artwork

Advocates — Scott Weers Fashion design, Tribe Marianas, 670 Rock Steady Shop and Michael Pablo Design

Culture, tradition and lifestyle

Cultural Tradition Beauty — Baklai Takeshi Herman, Kisaol Olmeltel, & Samantha Reklai

Culture Icons — Christopher Hocog of Guam, Kambes Kesolei, Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, Uduch Sengebau Senior, Alan R. Seid, Cinta Kaipat, & Sayun Marumoto

Cultural Advocacy and Preservation — Jin Gesel Bracht, Gino Bais, Kambes Kesolei, Andrea Uchel, Klilty Olgeriil, Mirair Chokai, Arthur Charles, Glen Hunter, Gloria Hunter, Santy Asanuma, Kiko Cruz,

Environment, health and nutrition

Nutrition Icons of the month — Kao Yamu Este, Glen Hunter and Sing Miyozawa

Advocates — Nora Glasby and Palau Fitness group with Clint Wachi, Josy Termeteet, Julia Lieb Sage, Elgin Lo Elwais and CJ Morros, writers Daisy Iekar, Elaine Cramer, Ellen Toribiong Marcia, Roxenn RTC, Telael Kinsman, Violet Ngirabiang, Tacia Dawson, Willa Melilit,

Local Diet Advocates — Patrice Santos, Chris Tenorio, Lora Benhart, Joylei Asanuma Isaac, Barney Antonio Jr., Prekei Mers, Alikai Concepcion, Telael Kinsman, Peggy Hanser, Wilhelmina Brock, Joan Oliverio, Gloria Hunter, Rose Ngirengchui, Stephanie Obak and Joseph Pablo.

Environmental Advocacy and Preservation Icon of the Month — Kathy Jetnil Kijiner

Advocates — Gordon Glasby, Delia Mariur Kotlaris, Scarlet Wilhence, Shigekazu Hayashi, Ben Clark, Prekei Mers and Ivan Takamine Mereb

Athlete of the Month — Roman “Sonic Boom” Alvarez

Advocates — MISO League’s Nick Gross

Entertainment

Musicals Artists of the Month — Halley Eriich, Lisa Glover, Kelau Remeliik, Milla Milz, Wayway Elbelau, Nina Aldan and Darlene Demapan Aldan: “The Ollei Girls”

Dance Performers of the month — Sonsorol & Angaur Dancers

Comedians of the Month — Leompwei Roiie, Leona Leong, Chuukese Vine, Paul Ueki, Merv Melatk, Bernie Ngiralmau, Dee Masang, Lenny Rubak Neal, and Telael Kinsman

Island Halloween

Miss Halloween Micronesia 2016 Nora Glasby, Miss Halloween Junior by Virian Kanai, Most Creative Halloween Family: Gloria Hunter’s family, Halloween Children by Shelane Odaol, Peggy Hanser, and the Motherread/Fatheread program.

Youth and community

The Motherread/Fatheread program of Saipan, youth by Akiko Udui and Peggy Hanser, the Youth Dance Group of the Palau Night Market

Men and women in uniform

Uchelbil Mechol and Sen. Uduch Sengebau Senior

Humanitarian and social work

Saipan Cares for Animal, CORE, UFO, and the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation

Journalists

Pasifika Renaissance and Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, Civil Beat Hawaii, Pacific Daily News Lifestyle, Raquel Bagnol’s crime journalism, Tia Belau Culture Belau Photo 101 with Kambes Kesolei and Harry R. Fritz, Kaselehlie Press Pohnpei with Bill Jaynes, MV editor Zaldy Dandan and MV sports reporter James Sablan, Palau 2013, Marilyn Rideb of Hawaii, Chuuk News Update Dan Suda, Belau Photo Group by Harry Fritz, Belau Useful Information with Merv Melatk, Olilai Ikesiil, Palau Fitness by Nora Glasby, Chamorro People on Facebook David Atalig, Chuuk Youth, PEC Youth Bradley Kumangai, MV reporters Bryan Manabat, Junhan Todino, Emmanuel Erediano, Guam Daily Post reporter Jacqueline de Guzman, Island Times’ Phillip & Leilani Reklai, Merirei Media LLC Sha Merirei, Palau 2014, ‘15, ‘16 News Work Oloik Kazuo.



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