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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 — Dinana Manigof Festival, Chamorro Culture Festival in San Diego, Micronesia/Palau Youth Day

Environment and lifestyle — Guam Nature Scenery by Richard Santos Dodge Roxas, Kambes Kesolei, Palau Nature Variation by Harry Rubasch Fritz, Palau Under Water by Richard Brooks & Ben Clark

Sports and lifestyle — Vicente "Ben" Salas II UFC Fights, James Sablan & Emmanuel Ederiano on local sports & lifestyle,

Best films — Guam Culture & Life style by Ned Pablo & Palau Virtual under water & land by Lightning Strike with Richard Brooks

Best Environment photo — Island Life by Richard Santos &, Ongerung Kambes Kesolei

Art and creation advocacy— Dan Suda, Tribe Marianas, 670 Rock Steady Shop and Michael Pablo Design

Culture, tradition and lifestyle

Cultural Tradition Beauty — arrows Saunders by Ume Rei, Daniela Sikoria,

Culture Icons — Shirleen Martinez, Bernard Puzalan, & Ned Pablo of Guam

Cultural Advocacy and Preservation — Flavian Rubasch, Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, Kambes Kesolei, David Atalig, Richard Santos, Robert Ngcheed and Dan Suda

Environment, health and nutrition

Nutrition Icons — Maryann Calvo, Ryan R. Tenorio, Analee Camacho Tenorio, Sheila Guzman, Merv Melatk, Sarah Wenty, Matilda Perez and Barney Antonio Jr.

Advocates — Lapid Ramon, Nora Glasby and Palau Fitness Group with Clint Wachi and Bo Ngiraingas

Local Diet Advocates — Kevin Adachi, Terry's Local Comfort Food, Chris Tenorio, Barney Antonio Jr., Sing Miyozawa and Maryann Calvin

Environmental Advocacy and Preservation Icons — Linda Adebai, Richard Santos, Richard Brooks, Jackie Madrid Porter, Semdiu Decherong, Oloik Kazuo and Joseph Ngcheed

Cultural Advocacy and Preservation Icons — Mathlyne Seichi, & Emer Salvador for Hot Bath Ceremony, CJ Morris, Harry Rubasch Fritz & Takuya Nagaoka for research & documentary.

Athlete of the Month — Saipan's Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial against Guam's Pete "Big Mac" Miyasaki.

Advocates — Berney Martin of FSM for baseball and basketball, and Tobias Marbou, Dwight Ngiraibai, Johnny Sokau, Burton Wong for promoting, developing and organizing softball

Entertainment

Entertainment Beauty of the Month — Zea Naugatuck of Guam

Musical Artists of the Month — Candy Taman for Public Television Pledge Drive Guam 2017 Performance

Comedians of the Month — Leompwei Roiie, Leona Leong, Ngedikes Dee Hart, Cis C Abraham, Waldo Yamada, Marino Kintaro and Merv Melatk

Youth and community

Youth for Care of Guam, Palau Youth, & Motherread/Fatheread program of Saipan

Humanitarian and social work

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Journalists

Pasifika Renaissance and Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, Civil Beat Hawaii, Belau Photo 101 with Kambes Kesolei and Harry R. Fritz, Tia Belau Kambes Kesolei, Kaselehlie Press Pohnpei with Bill Jaynes, MV editor Zaldy Dandan, MV sports reporters Vicente "Ben" Salas II, James Sablan and Emmanuel T. Erediano, Palau 2013, Marilyn Rideb of Hawaii, Chuuk News Update Dan Suda, 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 and Junhan Todino, Guam Daily Post reporter Jacqueline de Guzman, Island Times' Phillip and Leilani Reklai, Merirei Media LLC, Sha Merirei, Palau 2014, '15, '16 News Work Oloik Kazuo.




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