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# Micronesian icons for April 2017

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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 April 2017

Culture and lifestyle — Guam culture by Edward B. San Nicolas & Richard Santos, Palau Ongerung Kambes Kesolei & Harry R. Fritz, Saipan Junkanoo Todino & Bryan Manabat

Environment and lifestyle — Ethnobotany by Dana Lee Ling, Guam Nature Scenery by Richard Santos, Nature Beauty by Dodge Roxas, Palau Environment by Ongerung 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, FSM Bill Jaynes

Best films — "You Chew What You Grew" by Sarah Filush, " Saipan Man Amko" by Walter Manglona, "Leaders of Guam" by Ned Pablo, Palau Entertainment by Ongerung Kambes Kesolei, & "From poetry to Pacific: Study Poetry and more" by Dr. Emelihter Kihleng

Best Environment photo — "Ikebana-Flower Setting" by Harry R. Fritz, Guam Island Life by Richard Santos &, Palau Island Life Ongerung Kambes Kesolei & Harry R. Fritz

Art and creation advocacy— Neime Company, Melisa Morones, Shawn Keith Wolford, Tribe Marianas, 670 Rock Steady Shop, Scott Weers, and Michael Pablo

### Culture, tradition and lifestyle

Cultural Tradition Beauty — Mouais Crystle Tulop, Neal Chin, Chelsea Belt, Jojo Koshi, Misty Ongerung, Vincene Etpison

Culture Icons — Terry Aldan Paulis, Gordon Marsiano, Bank of Saipan, Emma & Mr. Perez, Tony Pialug, Cesario Sewralur,

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 — Jorse Carreon, Maryann Calvo, Nora Glasby, Clint Wachi,

Advocates — Jessica Williams, Stacy Quintanilla, Rosita Castro, Julie Castro, 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 Calvo

Environmental Advocacy and Preservation Icons — MHS Green Dream School, Renay Olikong, Shigekazu Hayashi, Joseph Ngcheed, Shirl Goodley, Christopher Morator, Will Kruger Linda Adebai, Richard Santos, Richard Brooks, Jackie Madrid Porter, Oloik Kazuo, Harry Blanko, Jonathan Garces, Harlem Herman, Totts Otei,

Cultural Advocacy and Preservation Icons — Singe Hideos, Pianca Reitaun, V Meresbang for Hot Bath Ceremony, Richard Santos, Ongerung Kambes Kesolei, Harry Rubasch Fritz & Takuya Nagaoka for research & documentary.

Athlete of the Month — Jamal Agnew & Zch Banner NFL, Frank "The Crank" Camacho MMA

Advocates — Cuki Alvarez, 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 — Khaiza Germans

Performers — Peleliu Dancers, Flame Tree Terry Aldan Dancers, Flame Tree Pacific Group and Tiul Ngedebuul

Musical Artists of the Month — Vivica Nakamura, Shawn Daddy Candy, Kendall Titiml, Bayano, Avery, Velma Jane Iechad, Milla Millz, Louis Kaluu

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 PEC, & Motherread/Fatheread program of Saipan

### **Humanitarian and social work**

UFO

### **Educators**

Hilda Heine, Joana Palero, Dana Lee Ling, Dr. Emelihter Kihleng, CNMI Motherread/Fatheread, MHS Polksai Chamorro Club,

### **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, Chamorro Mingles

