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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 cultural photos — Gordon Marciano of Saipan, Ongerung Kambes Kesolei of Palau, Chief Wasahi Sokehs Luihs by Pasifika Renaissance and Dr. Takuya Nagaoka

Best cultural lifestyle photos — Ed Bonita Park of Saipan, CJ Morros, Junhan B. Todino, Gordon Marciano, Lori Lyn C. Lirio of Saipan, Harry Rubasch Fritz of Palau, Bryan Manabat of Saipan, and Uduch Sengebau Senior of Palau

Best environment and lifestyle photos — Harlan Derbai, Iara Lee, Laffet Onka,

Best Underwater Film — Richard Brooks & Lightening Strikes Production "The Best of Underwater Palau Show <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=OrWagOcoGnw>

Best environmental marine photos — Ana Laffet's "Island Boy and Fishing Net"

Best environmental landscape photos — Richard Brooks, Gordon Glasby, Harlan Derbai and Dodge Roxas

Best Environmental Beauty Documentary — Laffet Onka

Best Book/Author — Brian Diettrich "Summoning Breadfruit" and "Opening Seas"

Best sports and lifestyle photos — Emmanuel T. Erediano of Saipan, "Precinct 5 Community to Launch Sports Program"; James Sablan of Saipan, "A Family's Love of Sports"; "Sports and Active Society of Good Health 2018" By Palau National Olympic Committee

Best Sports Documentary Film — Guam Sports Network <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=WLR4gncgpRg>

Best sports photos — James Sablan of Saipan

Arts advocacy

Fashion Design — Michael Pablo of Guam, Scott Weers of Palau, Marianas Tribes of Saipan, and Jesse Meno

Artwork — Ron I. Miranda

Advocates/Icons — Destiny- Hope Sinqueza, Richard Cruz, Sha Merirei, Crowns Guam, Vince Olinger, The Islander's Shop, Current CNMI, ZoriesOnly.com, 670 Rock Steady Shop, Born N Raised Clothing, Tattoo Art & Design Mega Vision by Dragon Edong, Joseph Blas Cruz, and Manuel Rodriguez

Culture, tradition and lifestyle

Cultural Beauty Icons — Maryann Arriola and Ngardmau Traditional Patriarch <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5Yd7hTEZ-Bs>

Cultural Beauty Advocates — Telly Bells & Elsa Ngirchemat

Culture Icons — Jenna Mersai, Ebibei Solang, Ubi Alonz, Lorna Val, Ellenie Rehebong, Baulbei Isechal, Carmel Hanser, Emerei Kumangai, Mesial Sebangiol, Daniela Sikong, Jella Renguul, Aliil Renguul, D. Nolan, Hana Ubedei, Leicie E. Ongalibang, Lao Kika, Tara Higa, Ihra, Polycarb, Lei Uriik Kumangai, Sarahly Okada, Tamae Adachi, Ngelulei Ililou, Lorna Val, Lavender Bsenge, and Mirair Antonio

Cultural Advocacy and Preservation — Pasquana Isaac, Imengel Mai, Becky Mengrang, Harlan Herman, Joy Baules, Annie Cangco, Iara Lee, Santy Asanuma, Merv Melatk, Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, David Atalig, Dan Suda, Beketel Elbelau, Mona Mengloi, Sonia Siliang, Nina Aldan, Rebecca Alisha and Gayleen Sakuma

Culture Lifestyle Film — By Kannie Matsutaro

Environment, health and nutrition

Best Environmental Film/Documentary — “Philippines & Micronesia” <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=vQXz8JVi3FE> by Jean Dar & Harlan Herman

Environment & Health Beauty Advocate of the Month — Loren Lacataria & Kendall Titiml

Chef of the Month — Floyd Masga, Harlan Derbai and Peggy Hanser

Nutrition Icons — Nora Glasby, Bo Ngiraingas, Clint Wachi, Sing Miyozawa, Maryann Calvo, Peggy Hanser, Living in 680, and Joseph Camacho

Advocates — Rose Ngirengchui, Milla Millz Obeketang,

Local Diet Advocates — Williander Jones Orak, Peggy Hanser and Jay Lindgren

Environmental Advocacy and Preservation Icons — Richard Brooks

Sports/Athletes

Athletes of the Month — Chloe Salvosa, Angel San Nicolas, and Frank “The Crank” Camacho

Advocates — Stephen Roberto, Cuki Alvarez, Melchor Manibusan, and Steve Oshiro

Entertainment

Malii Stars Contemporary Dancers <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=xrnODjLdtOs>

Malii Tradition Dancers <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=KEY6800EAvg>

Ngerchemai Dancers by Kambes Ongrung Kesolei

Best Performers:

Kelau Remeliik <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=T4w1qjidETU>

Kendall Titiml <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=HuVa08N8N1o>

Best Culture Film — Melvira Kazuma <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=liX9x3vOzb0>

Film Actress — Amanda Jo “AJ” Pelkey of Guam/Oregon

Filmmaker — Ongerung Kambes Kesolei a.k.a. OKK

Entertainment Beauty of the Month — Kelau Remeliik

Performers — Neil Fisher, Opee, KelauRemeliik, Kaiyo Bedasto, Silver Takada and Milla Millz Obeketang

Best Music Groups — Sirena Rose and Jimmy Dee

Best Entertaining Film — Kambes Kesolei “Bealau Night Market” performers

Musical Artists of the Month — Kelau Remeliik and Kendall Titiml

Best Comedy Film — “Why Micronesians are good at throwing” by Jannica Debrum <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=z--k9TPaU8k>

Comedians of the Month — Reyes Fejeran Roland and Peter Terlaje

Comedy Advocates — Santos Darly Gold, Sky Imetengel, Merv Melatk, Kingston Ace, Aileen Farley, Joseph Isechal, Simeon Adelbai, Mitsura D. Inoue, Ruth Thomas, Marino Kintaro

Youth and community

Youth & Entertainment — Ukulele Children at Koblerville Youth Learning Center by the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture and Parker Yobei

Youth Best Photo — Palau PEC Youth by Kosh Franz

Youth Best Film Work — Melvira Kazuma

Educators

Mt. Carmel Class of 1990, Santy Asanuma, Brien Sers Nicholas, Young Professionals, Rep. Ed Propst

Journalists

Pacificnote.com, 680 Belau Recipe, 680 Omengat, Pasifika Renaissance and Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, Honolulu Civil Beat, 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, Belau Useful Information with Merv Melatk, Olilai Ikesiil, Palau Fitness Group with Nora Glasby, Saipan Tribune, Chamorro People on Facebook David Atalig, ChuukYouth, PEC Youth Bradley Kumangai, MV reporters Bryan Manabat and Junhan Todino, Island Times’ Phillip and Leilani Reklai, Merirei Media LLC, Sha Merirei, Palau Town Hall News Work with Marilyn Rideb, Pacific Daily News, and Chamorro Mingles



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