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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 — Totts Otei, Alan R. Seid, Chamorro Culture by Bryan Manabat, Palau Culture Variation by Kambes Kesolei, Saipan Culture by Junhan B. Todino, FSM by Bill Jaynes,

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

Best films — "Kids from Chuuk" by Sarah Filush, Under Water Film by Lightning Strikes Production with Richard Brooks, Island Entertainment by Ongrung Kambes Kesolei a.k.a. "okk."

Best Underwater photo — Ben Clark

Art and creation — MegaVision El Drako Tattoo, Rey Sablan fashion design, Aliikai Concepcion, Guam Trees and Totts Otei

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

Culture, tradition and lifestyle

Cultural Tradition Beauty — Dil Ikingai llecherong, Kisaol Olmeltel, Yukie A. Meltel, Veronice Trolii, & Visia Ise

Culture Icons — Liana Hofschneider, Kambes Kesolei, Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, Uduch Sengebau Senior, Alan R. Seid, Tina Sablan, and Sayun Marumoto

Cultural Advocacy and Preservation — Bill Jaynes, Gino Bais, Kambes Kesolei, Liana Hofschneider, Akiko Udui, Peggy Hanser, Santy Asanuma, Faye Bennet, Kiko Cruz,

Environment, health and nutrition

Nutrition Icons — Chris Tenorio, Joanna Camacho Reed, Maryann Calvo, Jeffrey Alfonso, Barii Ngiraikelau, Barney Antonio, Williander Jones Orak and Chaelene Sherrie

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 Meliit,

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

Environmental Advocacy and Preservation Icons — FSM's Samson Pretrick and Francis Morales, an environmental activist and advocate of sustainable agriculture who died in Nov. 2015.

Advocates — Will Kruger, Shana Hallowell, Joe Love and wife, Sayuri Marumoto, Berlinda Elilai Ngiraungil, Gordon Glasby, Delia Mariur Kotlaris, Scarlet Wilhence, Shigekazu Hayashi, Ben Clark, and Ivan Takamine Mereb

Athlete of the Month — Baby Joe Taimanglo

Advocates — Felisha Brel

Entertainment

Entertainment Beauty of the Month — Nina and Darlene Demapan Aldan & Telael Kinsman

Musicals Artists of the Month — Justina Johanes Tulmau, Balty Kitalong Sikyang, Milla Milz Obeketang, Halley Eriich, Sheldon Eich, Fredrick Olsudong, Wayway Elbelau

Dance Performers of the Month — Sonsorol Dancers

Comedians of the Month — Sachie Ngiraungil, Marino Kintaro, Jeff Kintoki, Leompwei Roiie, Leona Leong, Chuukese Vine, Paul Ueki, Merv Melatk, Bernie Ngiralmau, Dee Masang, Lenny Rubak Neal, Scarlet Wilhence

Youth and community

Koblerville and Chalan Kanoa Youth, the Motherread/Fatheread program of Saipan, youth by Akiko Udui, PEC youth by Bradley Kumangai, and the Youth Dance Group of the Palau Night Market

Humanitarian and social work

Lady Diann Foundation, Saipan Cares for Animal, CARE, 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, Oliilai 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 Olokk Kazuo.

