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# January 2017 Micronesia Icons

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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 Vince Reyes, PDN's Chloe Babauta, Christi Warn, Gloria Kaipat, Vernon Lee Manglona, Keeka Munoz, Palau Culture by Megan Beard, Marilyn Rideb, Sonia Siliang, Tets Emesiochel, Akiko Udui, Uduch Sengebau Senior,

Environment and lifestyle — Dodge Roxas, Emeraech Baules, 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 Rick Nauta, MV's "MMA-rianas: Fight and fitness by "Vicente "Ben" Salas II and James Sablan

Best films — Family Matter Movie "Rechesengel" of Palau, "America Chamorro, Fokal & The Force "canoe capsizes" and Island Entertainment by Ongnung Kambes Kesolei a.k.a. "okk."

Best Environment photo — Dodge Roxas and Richard Brooks's "Spearfishing from Ollei" photo

Art and creation — Felipe Quenga, Michael Pablo Design, & MegaVision El Drako Tattoo

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

### Culture, tradition and lifestyle

Cultural Tradition Beauty — Elilai Yano - Sechersoi, Aimeliik "Ousbech a klebkall ra Uchelkeiukl" by Kenny Reklai

Culture Icons — David Atalig, Bryson Kim, Richard Santos, Kambes Kesolei, & Dr. Takuya Nagaoka

Cultural Advocacy and Preservation — Esel's Ngasech by Gareth Martin, Meu Mekui, Ivy Ngeanges Rdialul, Shairow Roland, Osisang Blailles,

**Environment, health and nutrition**

Nutrition Icons — Maryann Calvo, Ryan R. Tenorio, Analee Camacho Tenorio, & Barney Antonio Jr

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

Local Diet Advocates — Terry's Local Comfort Food, Chris Tenorio, Barney Antonio Jr., Gloria Hunter

Environmental Advocacy and Preservation Icons — Clayton Santos, Quinton Lawrence, & Mario Katosang

Advocates — Palau Conservation Society Team with Mario Katosang, and FSM Society with Clayton Santos

Athlete of the Month — Ivan De Vero of Joeten Basket Ball Team & MMA-rianas: Fight and fitness with Kelvin Fitial

Advocates — Berney Martin of FSM for Baseball and Basketball, & Tobias Marbou, Dwight Ngiraibai, Johnny Sokau, Burton Wong to promote, develop and organize softball

**Entertainment**

Entertainment Beauty of the Month — Kimie Ueki

Musicals Artists of the Month — Chamorro music by Dan Pocague, Palau Music by Kendall Titiml, Kelau Remeliik, Malo Paulis, & OP

Music Performers of the Month — Singers, Kostang & Lerins Remeliik, and guitarist Tio

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

**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**

Imperial Pacific and Sonia Siliang's group

**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 reporter Vicente "Ben" Salas II, James Sablan, 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, Junhan Todino, Guam Daily Post reporter Jacqueline de Guzman, Island Times' Phillip & Leilani Reklai, Merirei Media LLC Sha Merirei, Palau 2014, '15, '16 News Work Ololk Kazuo.



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