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# Micronesia's November 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 Nov. 2017

Best cultural photos — Bibbie Ilebrang Kumangai of Palau, Kimberly A. Bautista of Saipan, & Ongerung Kambes Kesolei of Palau

Best cultural lifestyle photos — Junhan B. Todino, 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 — Villagomez Delosreyes, José Boyoub Mathow, Lorraine Bandarii, & Highver Sultan

Best environmental marine photos — Kenneth West and Shige JP

Best environmental landscape photos — Peggy Hanser, Kambes Kesolei (OKK) of Palau

Best sports and lifestyle photos — Jojo Santo Tomas of Guam, James Sablan, Emmanuel T. Erediano and Jon Perez of Saipan,

Best Sports Documentary Film — Jacob Dowdell “College Football Showcase with Chad Ike”

Best Filmmaker — Nathan Fitch “Island Soldier” documentary

“Island Soldier” trailer <https://vimeo.com/203928301>

Best Book/Author — David Hanlon, “Biography of Tosiwo Nakayama, the first president of Federated States of Micronesia”

Best sports photos — Roselyn Monroyo & James Sablan of Saipan

### Arts advocacy

Art/Design — Best Culture Art by Juliana Matsutaro, Lorraine Bandarii, Sha Merirei of Palau, Toni Miti of Palau and Dragon Edong Tattoo Artist, Fashion Design by Michael Pablo of Guam & Scott Weers of alau

Advocates — Jesse Meno, Vince Olinger, The Islander's Shop, Current CNMI, ZoriesOnly.com, Michael Pablo, Tribe Marianas, 670 Rock Steady Shop, Palauan Vibe, Born N Raised Clothing, Tattoo Art & Design Mega Vision by Dragon Edong, Joseph Blas Cruz and Manuel Rodriguez

### **Culture, tradition and lifestyle**

Cultural Beauty — Shelby Kyota & David Atalig

Cultural Beauty Advocates — Tally Nakamura & Ned Pablo

Culture Icons — Andrea Uchel, 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, & Mirair Antonio,

Cultural Advocacy and Preservation — Belinda Taylor Takawo Germance, Annie Cangco, Iara Lee, Marilyn Rideb, Santy Asanuma, Merv Melatk, Dr.Takuya Nagaoka, David Atalig, Dan Suda, Beketel Elbelau, Mona Mengloi, Gloria Hunter

### **Environment, health and nutrition**

Best Environmental Film/Documentary — Honolulu Civil Beat with Editor and General Manager Patti Epler “The Last Wild Place, ‘Papahanaumokuakea’ ”

Environment & Health Beauty Advocate of the Month — Dodge Roxas & Sandra Pierantozzi

Chef of the Month — Harlan Derbai & Peggy Hanser

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

Advocates — Marilyn Rideb, Peggy Hanser, Williander Orak, Nora Glasby and Palau Fitness Group with Clint Wachi, Crystal Meltel

Local Diet Advocates — Jamie Toves, Marilyn Rideb, Williander Jones Orak, Peggy Hanser, Barney Antonio Jr., Bo Ngiraingas

Environmental Advocacy and Preservation Icons — Dee Dolmers, Harry Rubasch Fritz, Harlen Herman, Bingch Antonio, Merrick Oketol,

### **Sports/Athletes**

Athletes of the Month — Frank “The Crank Camacho”

Advocates — The Asahi Softball Team, Jojo Santo Tomas, James Sablan, Vicente “Ben” Salas II, Berney Martin of FSM for baseball and basketball and Team Smiich, Phil Mendiola-Long and Bill Jaynes

### **Entertainment**

Best Entertainment — Ohana Dancers by Choreographer Keilan Kenny

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=EtKUilkoUh8>, and Ngermid Dancers

Perry Timarong in Film by OKK: [https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4N\\_HHbr0SwI](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4N_HHbr0SwI)

Film Actress - Yvonne M. Bennett, “Love Kennedy”

Film Maker - Ongerung Kambes Kesolei (OKK)

Entertainment Beauty of the Month — Yvonne M. Bennett & Nina Aldan

Performers — Kiblas Soaladaob, Esther a Paulis, Neil Fisher, Opee, KelauRemeliik, Walter Manglona, & Tim Balajadia, & Milla Millz Obeketang

Best Music Groups — The Perry Timarong and his Musical Group

Best Entertaining Film — Kambes Kesolei “Bealau Night Market” performers and Tiul Belau Dancers film by Belinda Taylor Takawo Germance

Musical Artists of the Month — Perry Timarong, Tamara & Kelau Remeliik

Best Comedy Film — “Being Micronesian in the States” by Rexiipoo

Rexiipoo in film: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Kho4TFNKVZs>

Comedian of the Month — Rexiipoo, Keith Michael Benavente Sablan & Merv Melatk

Comedy Advocates — Merv Melatk, Justin ma Jeter, Kingston Ace, Ines Mr,Good, Joseph Isechal, Simeon Adelbai, Mitsura D. Inoue, Ruth Thomas, Marino Kintaro

### **Youth and community**

Youth & Entertainment — PEC Youth, Bradley Kumangai & Malo Paulis

Youth Best Photo - Dil Franz and Leona Leong.

Youth Best Film Work — Melvira Kazuma and Sanford Sather

### **Educators**

Young Professional & CNMI Public School System Educators

Men & women in uniform

The “Blanco Boys,” Rdiall Bryan Akira, & Rebecca Ngirngebedangel

### **Journalists**

Pacificnote.com, 680 Belau Recipe, 680 Omengat, Dan Lee Ling, 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, 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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