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THE AFRICAN ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS, USA (AEAUSA) ANNOUNCES 2025 FINALISTS, CONTINUING A LEGACY OF CELEBRATING AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN EXCELLENCE

The African Entertainment Awards, USA (AEAUSA) is proud to unveil the official list of finalists for its 2025 edition, continuing the legacy of celebrating outstanding achievements in African and Caribbean entertainment, culture, and socio-economic impact.

Now in its 11th year, AEAUSA has cemented its role as a global platform recognizing the diversity, creativity, and influence of African and Caribbean talent across the world. Following the success of the 10th anniversary in 2024, this year's awards continue to spotlight the artists, innovators, and changemakers driving progress and shaping the future of culture and entertainment.

From music and film to entrepreneurship and advocacy, the 2025 nominees reflect the excellence and resilience of African and Caribbean communities around the globe.

Voting opens on October 17, 2025, and closes on December 15, 2025. Fans are invited to show support for their favorite artists and public figures by casting their votes at www.aeausa.net.

Winners will be officially announced on AEAUSA's Official Website and Social Media channels on December 20, 2025.

The full list of nominees is available now at www.aeausa.net.

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AFRICAN ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS, USA (AEAUSA) 2025 FINALISTS

1. Best Male Artist	2. Best Female Artist
1. Burna Boy 2. Chella 3. Master KG 4. Asake 5. Black Sherif 6. Wizkid 7. Davido 8. Kizz Daniel 9. Mbosso 10. Tyler ICU	1. Heba Magdi 2. Tems 3. Zuchu 4. Darkoo 5. Viviane Chidid 6. Tiwa Savage 7. Simi 8. Ayra Starr 9. Aya Nakamura 10. Tyla
3. Best Hip Hop/Rap Artist	4. Best Duo/Group
1. A-Q 2. Kwesta 3. Holy Ten 4. KO 5. Nasty C 6. Iba One 7. Vector 8. MI Abaga 9. Blaqbonez 10. Kao Denero	1. Titom & Yuppe 2. Toofan 3. Tam Sir & Team Paiya 4. Black Motion 5. Calema 6. TxC 7. Disco Misr 8. Babylone 9. DopeNation 10. R2Bees

5. Best Collaboration

1. Goon Flavour, Master KG & Eemoh - "Ngishutheni"
2. TXC & Davido - "Yebo" ft. Tony Duardo & LeeMckrazy & DJ Biza
3. Kocee ft. Patoranking - "Credit Alert"
4. Aya Nakamura & Joé Dwèt Filé - "Baddies"
5. Vinka, Winnie Nwagi & Ava Peace - "Batuleke"
6. Masicka, Fave - "Fight For Us"
7. Tam Sir - "Coup du marteau" ft. Team Paiya, Ste Milano, Renard Barakissa, Tazeboy, PSK
8. Ssarú Ft. Trio Mio - "Maintain"
9. MOLIIY, Shenseea, Skillibeng, Silent Addy - "Shake It To The Max" (Fly) (Remix)
10. Marioo feat Bien - "Nairobi"

6. Best Music Video

1. Rema - "DND"
2. Toofan - "C'est Pas Normal"
3. Innoss'B - "SETE"
4. Viviane Chidid - "JALOUSIE"
5. Asake, Wizkid - "MMS"
6. Tyla x Wizkid - "DYNAMITE"
7. Diamond Platnumz feat Bien - "Katam"
8. Sabrina - "Faraway"
9. Hibist Tiruneh – "Zemedye"
10. Bruce Melodie ft. Shaggy – "When She's Around"

7. Artist of the Year

1. Chella
2. Ayra Starr
3. Tyler ICU
4. Josey
5. Chelsea Dinorath
6. Fally Ipupa
7. Diamond Platnumz
8. Asake
9. Bruce Melodie
10. Wizkid

8. Best Dancer/Group

1. Ordinateur
2. Telminho
3. Badgyal Cassie
4. Ghetto Kids
5. Dancegod Lloyd
6. Incredible Zigi
7. Fire K Stars
8. Ikorodu Boys
9. Issac Kalonji
10. DWP Academy

9. Best DJ 1. DJ Tunez 2. DJ Nelasta 3. DJ Spinall 4. DJ Neptune 5. DJ Maphorisa 6. Travis World 7. Kabza De Small 8. DJ Moh Green 9. DJ Kriss Darlin 10. DJ Zinhle	10. Best Francophone Male Artist/Group 1. Iba One 2. Didi BGaz Mawete 3. Sidiki Diabaté 4. Tayc 5. Dadju 6. Serge Beynaud 7. Tenor 8. Tidiane Mario 9. Soul Bang's 10. Wally Seck
11. Best Francophone Female Artist/Group 1. Djelykaba Bintou 2. Manamba Kanté 3. Maud Elka 4. Josey 5. Charlotte Dipanda 6. Aya Nakamura 7. Kenza Farah 8. Roselyne Layo 9. Blanche Bailly 10. Marwa Loud	12. Best Palop Male Artist/Group 1. Nelson Freitas 2. Djodje 3. Calema 4. Mr. Bow 5. Twenty Fingers 6. Lisandro Cuxi 7. Landrick 8. Tony Fika 9. Loony Johnson 10. CEF Tanzy

13. Best Palop Female Artist/Group

1. Chelsea Dinorath
2. Irina Barros
3. Bruna Tatiana
4. Yasmine
5. Telma Lee
6. Fattu Djakité
7. Soraia Ramos
8. Neyna
9. Dama do Bling
10. Nancy Vieira

14. Best New Artist/Group

1. Ava Peace
2. Abigail Chams
3. Olivetheboy
4. Ayanne
5. Chelsea Dinorath
6. TUL8TE
7. Eli Njuchi
8. Lady Lava
9. Calad
10. Qing Madi

15. Song of the Year

1. Chella - "My Darling"
2. Tems - "Love Me JeJe"
3. Ayra Starr - "Commas"
4. Goon Flavour, Master KG & Eemoh - "Ngishutheni"
5. Marioo feat Bien - "Nairobi"
6. Kizz Daniel, Angelique Kidjo, Johnny Drille - "Police"
7. MOLIY, Shenseea, Skillibeng, Silent Addy - "Shake It To The Max" (Fly) (Remix)
8. Element Eleéeh - "TOMBÉ"
9. Veronica Adane - "Enaney"
10. Tamer Hosny & @RamySabrry - "Fealan Mabyetneseesh"

16. Album of the Year

1. Morayo - Album by Wizkid
2. The Godson - Album by Marioo
3. OFA - Album by Oxlade
4. Rebel Queen - Album by Yemi Alade
5. Iron Boy — Album by Black Sherif
6. PLATINIUM (Vol 2) - Album by Koffi Olomide
7. Mádibá Ni Mbondi - Album by Blick Bassy
8. Free - Album by Nasty C
9. Beyond the Machine - Album by Freetown Collective and BLAKGOLD
10. Makhelwane - Album by Nkosazana Daughter and Wanitwa Mos

17. Rising Star of the Year

1. Zuba Ray
2. Zafaran
3. Musa Keys
4. Acidic Vokoz
5. Sofiya Nzau
6. Coutain
7. Oriyano
8. Treyzah
9. King Madi
10. Blood Civilian

18. Best Male Artist - Central/West Africa

1. Kayawoto
2. Amadeus
3. Soul Bang's
4. Innoss'B
5. Black Sherif
6. Tonton Pal
7. King Promise
8. Adekunle Gold
9. Santrinos Raphael
10. Asake

19. Best Female Artist - Central/West Africa

1. Amaarae
2. Libianca
3. Sabrina
4. Roseline Layo
5. Tems
6. Tiwa Savage
7. Aya Nakamura
8. Ayra Starr
9. Mia Guisse
10. Gyakie

20. Best Male Artist - East/South/North Africa

1. Mouh Milano
2. Rophnan
3. Rayvanny
4. Kouz1
5. Ilkacase Qays
6. Marioo
7. The Ben
8. Bien
9. Master KG
10. Dizzy DROS

21. Best Female Artist - East/South/North Africa	22. Best Comedian
1. Ssaru 2. Zuchu 3. Spice Dianna 4. Nadia Mukami 5. Hewan Gebrewold 6. Marwa Loud 7. Feli Nandi 8. Abeer Nehme 9. Makhadzi 10. Tyla	1. Ngosa Kangwa 2. Majah Hype 3. Mark Angel 4. William Last KRM 5. Jaymoh Decin (CHOKE JINGLI) 6. Jacinta Ocansey 7. Sydney Talker 8. Sabinus 9. Jacky Vike (Awinja Nyamwalo) 10. Rebbouh Yassine
23. Best Gospel Artist	24. Best Reggae / Dancehall Artist
1. Moses Bliss 2. Israel Mbonyi 3. Ada Ehi 4. KS Bloom 5. Piesie Esther 6. Joe Mettle 7. Benjamin Dube 8. Evelyn Wanjiru 9. Pst Gift Kaputula 10. Xolly Mncwango	1. Stonebwoy 2. Fancy Gadam 3. Basta Lion 4. Masicka 5. Shatta Wale 6. Spice 7. Skillbeng 8. Ruger 9. Shenseea 10. Popcaan

25. Latino Artist of the Year

1. Young Miko
2. Joaquina
3. Maluma
4. Latin Mafia
5. El Alfa
6. Kapo
7. CA7RIEL & Paco Amoroso
8. Rosalia
9. Jay Wheeler
10. Sabastian Yatra

26. Social Media Influencer of the Year

1. Realjifrosh
2. Maryan Abdiwali Ahmed
3. William Last KRM
4. Adeoluwa Prince Enioluwa
5. Boity Thulo
6. Althea Brown (metemgee)
7. Ghetto Kids
8. Bruce Melodie
9. Vera Sidika
10. Mimie

27. Digital Content Creator of the year

1. Helena Faustin
2. Tayo Aina
3. Banele Ndaba
4. Seemah Mangolwane
5. Amadou Elizabeth Aminata (Jadrolita)
6. Princess Shyngle
7. Kevinblak
8. William Last KRM
9. Jaymoh Decin (CHOKE JINGLI)
10. Brex Habeshawi

28. Music Producer of the Year

1. Dawie
2. Beatz Vampire
3. Obeng kiNG
4. Ramoon
5. DJ Private Ryan
6. Master KG
7. DJ Maphorisa
8. Andre Vibes
9. Element Eleeeh
10. Pheelz

29. Media Personality of the Year

1. Ainka Will
2. Samia Kulsum
3. Giovanni Caleb
4. Nancy Isime
5. Larry Madowo
6. Serwaa Amihere
7. Bonang Matheba
8. Pearl Thusi
9. Rachel Ninga
10. Terri-Karelle Reid

30. Athlete of the Year

1. Soufiane El Bakkali
2. Faith Kipyegon
3. Beatrice Chebet
4. Letsile Tebogo
5. Akani Simbine
6. Victor Osimhen
7. André Onana
8. Bismack Biyombo
9. Julien Alfred
10. Thea LaFond

31. Video Director of the Year

1. TG Omori
2. Director Folex
3. Nabil Elderkin
4. Kmane
5. Seoute Emmanuel
6. Ach'B
7. Director Pink
8. Edgar Esteves
9. Clarence Peters
10. Dammy Twitch

32. Best Digital News Platform

1. Wasafi Media
2. ZimCelebs
3. The Namibian
4. Arise TV News
5. Phylx Entertainment
6. AfricaNews
7. Morocco World News
8. TV47 Kenya
9. New Vision
10. The Voice Newspaper

33. Reality TV Star of the Year

1. Blue Aiva
2. Zari Hassan
3. Khanyi Mbau
4. Swanky Jerry
5. Bonang Matheba
6. Fatima Zahra El Ibrahimi
7. Vanessa Mdee
8. Diane Russet
9. Amber Ray
10. Keitumetse "K Naomi" Noinyane

34. Best Fashion Designer

1. Dina Shaker
2. Lisa Folawiyo
3. Adebayo Oke-Lawal – Orange Culture
4. Christie Brown
5. Aulgah Nato
6. Cedella Marley
7. Meiling
8. Anifa Mvuemba – Hanifa
9. Arlette Konan – ARLETTE KONAN Couture
10. Maxhosa Africa by Laduma Ngxokolo

35. Best Calypso/Soca Artist

1. Voice
2. Mical Teja
3. Machel Montano
4. Jus Jay
5. Vaughn
6. Nailah Blackman
7. Patrice Roberts
8. Young Bredda
9. Bunji Garlin
10. Kes (Kees Dieffenthaler)

36. International Artist of the year

1. Jason Derulo
2. Selena Gomez
3. Spice
4. Burna Boy
5. Dua Lipa
6. Drake
7. Rema
8. Doja Cat
9. The Weeknd
10. Shenseea

37. Best Female Actress

1. Yvonne Nelson
2. Charlize Theron
3. Ini Edo
4. Jackie Appiah
5. Funke Akindele
6. Bimbo Ademoye
7. Thuso Mbedu
8. Connie Ferguson
9. Kate Henshaw
10. Wema Sepetu

38. Best Male Actor

1. Shawn Singleton
2. Mduduzi Mabaso
3. Odunlade Adekola
4. Omar Sy
5. Ayo Makun (AY)
6. Lateef Adedimeji
7. Stan Nze
8. Deyemi Okanlawon
9. Timini Egbuson
10. Jimmy Jean-Louis

39. Nollywood Male Personality of the Year

1. Timini Egbuson
2. Deyemi Okanlawon
3. Alexx Ekubo
4. Zubby Michael
5. Stan Nze
6. Uzor Arukwe
7. Chidi Mokeme
8. Blossom Chukwujekwu
9. Daniel Etim Effiong
10. Ramsey Nouah

40. Nollywood Female Personality of the Year

1. Ini Edo
2. Rita Dominic
3. Toyin Abraham
4. Adesua Etomi-Wellington
5. Nancy Isime
6. Bimbo Ademoye
7. Sharon Ooja
8. Bisola Aiyeola
9. Destiny Etiko
10. Chioma Akpotha

41. Entertainment Manager of the Year

1. Sunday Are
2. Bose Ogulu
3. Asa Asika
4. Jada Pollock
5. Tee Billz
6. Nkuli Nkosi
7. Meryll Cooper
8. Sharon Burke
9. Romeich Major
10. Julian Jones-Griffith

42. Best Afro-Latino Artist of the Year

1. Tokischa
2. Ludmilla
3. Cimagunk
4. Amara La Negra
5. Sech
6. ChocQuibTown
7. Goyo
8. Iza
9. El Alfa
10. Daymé Arocena

43. Model of the Year

1. Suzan Adit
2. Candice Swanepoel
3. Imaan Hammam
4. Naomi Chin Wing
5. Afolabi Nadiratou
6. Anok Yai
7. Issie Princesse
8. Maria Borges
9. Sakhile Ziedube
10. Flaviana Matata

44. AEAUSA NextGen Talent

1. Maya Amolo
2. Tageel
3. Njrae
4. Temperature Touch
5. Salient Flavour
6. Chley
7. Kilu
8. Foreign Ward
9. Togar Howard
10. Faith Cherotich

45. AEAUSA People's Choice	
1. Fouzi Torino 2. Joé Dwèt Filé 3. Saint Levant 4. Rayvanny 5. Eric Omondi 6. Joé Dwèt Filé 7. Shaneil Muir 8. Nailah Blackman 9. Mickael Marabou 10. Masicka	

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