

New Mexico Hispano Music Association

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November 14, 2017

Dear New Mexico Music Artist(s):

The 27th Annual NMHMA Awards Show is fast approaching. The Hispano Music Awards will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 in the Conference Center at the Ohkay Casino Resort Hotel in Española, New Mexico.

JUDGING/NOMINEES/Children & Youth Competition

The judging for the 2017 awards show will take place on December 16th and 17th at the Ohkay Casino Resort. This is closed to the public. We will not be posting the nominees on our website. The nominees will be announced at our nominee announcement party and dance to be held on Friday, December 29, 2017 at the Ohkay Casino Resort Conference Center following the Children & Youth Competition. There will be no cost to association members for this event; however, there will be a nominal fee for the general public. More information will be posted on our website.

ENTRY FORMS

If you have a current CD or single(s) released, I have included the entry forms for the awards show. Additional copies of the entry forms may also be downloaded from our website at www.nmhma.org. Please read the entry forms carefully and take your time to fill these out correctly. Incomplete entry forms may disqualify your submission for this year's awards show. The deadline for submitting your materials is Friday, December 8, 2017. If you have any questions regarding your entry forms and/or submission, please feel free to call.

PERFORMERS

The Board of Directors will meet on December 17, 2017 to select the performers for this year's award show. Obviously, there are a limited number of slots available for performers. If you or your band is interested in performing, please send a letter requesting to perform for the awards show. You may email president@nmhma.org or send us a letter through the mail. Those of you that are selected will receive a letter in the mail with special instructions. The NMHMA board has established criteria to select performers and ensure fair participation by all New Mexico Music artists. I have enclosed our performance criteria with this letter. The NMHMA strives to showcase artists and groups during the awards show by utilizing premier production elements such as sound and lighting. In turn, I kindly ask that you and your group dress accordingly to reflect your professionalism as a New Mexico Music artist.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership is crucial for the growth and continued success of the NMHMA. Membership dues are now being accepted. ***Membership renewal*** is greatly appreciated and encouraged **regardless if you or your group has a current project.**

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MEMBERSHIP DUES (continued)

To potential new members, ***I invite you to join*** and enjoy the benefits of the state's premier and most respected association. You may submit your application for membership and pay your membership dues on the NMHMA website at www.nmhma.org or simply fill out the enclosed form and mail it back to us.

TICKETS

Tickets for the awards show will be \$30.00 per person. Association members and nominees do not have to pay for their tickets. However, as has been the policy you will be required to buy a ticket for your spouse/significant other, which must be purchased directly from the NMHMA as they are reserved, assigned seats in our VIP section. Additional family members may purchase tickets through any of the locations as described herein or on-line. Tickets on-line will be available for purchase beginning **December 10th** on our website at www.nmhma.org. Tickets will also be available at various outlets in surrounding areas beginning January 1, 2018. The NMHMA Awards Show has sold out for the last several years and promises to be a sell-out, so I encourage you to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. If you are a paid association member, you will receive your ticket (s) to the show with your ballots in our next mailing. As a reminder, **only one guest per member is permitted to sit in the VIP section with you.**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/ELECTION

As in the past, the general membership meeting will take place at 3:00 pm the same day as the awards show in suites A & B at the Ohkay Conference Center. This is the VIP room. The purpose of the meeting is for the election of officers. There are currently three positions up for election: The position of Vice-President currently held by Eric Garcia and two at large Board Member positions currently held by Rosie Gomez & Jason Manzanares. Nominations will be accepted and voted on during the meeting as mandated in our by-laws. The meeting should last no more than 30 minutes giving you enough time to get ready for the awards show by 6:00 p.m. I encourage you to attend this meeting as your opinions and participation are valued.

CATEGORY CHANGE

During the NMHMA general membership meeting held on January 14, 2017, the board of directors discussed the proposal to change how the Hispano Lifetime Achievement Award is selected. Presently, membership is not actively submitting qualifying nominations. The challenge presented is that a recipient can only receive the award one time. Beginning this year, the board of directors will be tasked with reviewing and selecting the recipient of the Hispano Lifetime Achievement Award utilizing the same criteria that has been used in the past. Our focus will remain on individuals living or posthumous who have made a significant contribution to the New Mexico Hispano Music Industry.

HOTEL ROOMS

The association has a room block at the Ohkay Casino Hotel for the award show. Nominees and performers, production staff and corporate sponsors have precedence for rooms/suites at the Ohkay Casino Resort. These rooms may only be booked by emailing or calling Jackie Conway at jackie@nmhma.org or 505-429-2237. **DO NOT CALL THE OHKAY HOTEL** directly. Room availability will be determined after our nominees have been announced on December 29, 2017.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued support of New Mexico's Premier Award Show. Please feel free to call me with any questions and/or concerns that you may have at 505-469-5514.

Regards,



Casey C. Gallegos
President

**NEW MEXICO HISPANO MUSIC ASSOCIATION
POST OFFICE BOX 1785
ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO 87532**

2017 NMHMA AWARDS SHOW GUIDELINES

Please Read thoroughly before submitting your entry!

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ENTRIES: December 8, 2017

1. Artist/musician wishing to submit their materials must be a current member of the New Mexico Hispano Music Association and a present or past resident of the state of New Mexico. The yearly membership fee is \$75.00 and may be paid at the time of music entry, or check/money order may be sent separately. Checks or money orders must be made payable to New Mexico Hispano Music Association or you can register and submit payment online at www.nmhma.org. If for any reason your check should be returned, this will be grounds for immediate disqualification. There will be no refunds of membership or entry fee, even if disqualification should occur.
2. All materials submitted for the 2017 NMHMA Awards Ceremony must have been released to the public in compact disc format, iTunes or digital format between October 1, 2016 and December 6, 2017 to be eligible. All submitted materials must contain significant Spanish lyrics. Nominees are required to submit six (6) non-returnable compact discs for judging review. Five will be given to judges for review and one will be kept by the Association to produce nominations and video sound bytes and Winners Compact Disc.
3. Entries in last year's NMHMA awards ceremony or any other NMHMA Award Show ceremony are not eligible this year. Songs entered can be remakes and/or originals. All materials must be professionally studio recorded and original materials should be copyrighted. Any original materials submitted **without copyright**, will be disqualified. Please provide us a copy of your Copywriter Certificate.
4. Please submit five copies of typed lyric sheets with each entry(s). Lyrics are required if you are submitting for the "Original Song" and "Songwriter" of the year categories! Failure to submit typewritten lyric sheets for at least these two categories will be grounds for disqualification. NOTE: Please verify all required information before submitting.
5. Please submit six copies of biography of artist and/or group, so that the judges will have some background about the artist or group. In addition, if possible we request that you also email a 100-word biography to president@nmhma.org for use in the program book should you be one of the nominees.

6. The solo artist or leader of each group must submit a signed affidavit. By signing the affidavit, the signer verifies that all information is true and correct. The signer will be responsible for any discrepancies that may be found by the NMHMA.
7. Band/Artist(s) must submit entries. It is up to you as a Band/Artist to submit your entries. NOTE: Please verify all required information before submitting.
8. Digital high resolution jpeg files on CD or emailed to us of your current photos are required. In the event that you do not have digital photos, please include two current color professional, glossy photos of the artist or group. There must not be any lettering on the photographs. Should you be one of the nominees, this picture will be used in the NMHMA Awards Ceremony program and for the nomination video. Your photographs will not be returned. No computer print outs of photos and No Cd Covers should be submitted. We need original photos & we prefer digital photos.
9. Five (5) unbiased judges will be selected to review each category. The judges will not have any affiliation with the board or with the contestants. An independent accountant will be appointed by the president of the NMHMA to tabulate the final scores.
10. You may enter a song in more than one category. Please consider the category criteria and make the appropriate selection. It is entirely at your discretion which category you would like the panel of judges to rate your entry. The entries will be reviewed and if any changes in the category are required, the musician or band will be notified of any category changes and will not be disqualified. If any of your entries are disqualified you will be provided with a letter stipulating the reason for disqualification. Please note that we may call you during the judging process if our judges have any questions regarding any entry. We will call the telephone number that you provide on your entry form. Please provide us with a cell number. The judging process will take place on December 16th and 17th 2017. We may call you during this time if the judges have any questions. **The Association reserves the right to exclude categories if the category does not receive at least 3 entries.**
11. Send your entry package including all required materials and documentation to NMHMA, P.O. Box 1785, Española, New Mexico 87532.
12. If you would prefer to drop off your entry, you may do so at KDCE Radio Station in Española, New Mexico.

NOTICE: **WE MUST have** your entry form **in our possession** by **December 8, 2017.** If you are going to mail them, make sure that you allow enough time for us to receive them by **December 8, 2017.** You may also send your entries FedEx, UPS, or any other overnight courier as long as we receive them by **December 8, 2017.** In case you decide to send your entry overnight, please send them to the following physical address since most couriers do not ship to P.O. Box numbers. **Our physical address is 403 West Pueblo Drive Española, New Mexico 87532.**

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NMHMA AWARDS SHOW ENTRY FORM 2017

SONG OF THE YEAR

Song does not have to be an original song. Must receive **substantial airplay**. This song will be judged on popularity and performance.

One song may be submitted for this category. Choose the song according to the above-mentioned criteria.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Male soloist or member of a musical group. This song will be judged on your vocal ability. You may submit one song which most demonstrates your vocal ability. Popularity of song will be considered.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (Name of Vocalist)

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Female soloist or member of a musical group. This song will be judged on your vocal ability. You may submit one song, which most demonstrates your vocal ability. Popularity of song will be considered.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (Name of Vocalist)

VOCAL DUO OF THE YEAR

Two individual artists with each contributing a noticeable and substantial amount of vocal effort. This **should not** be a song where both singers simply do **harmony** or a singer backing herself/himself up. This category will be judged on your vocal ability and popularity of song. You may submit one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (Provide names of both Artists)

BILINGUAL SONG OF THE YEAR

Song which incorporates both Spanish and English lyrics. Spanish as the primary language is required. The composition must contain a significant amount of Spanish lyrics

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

GOSPEL SONG OF THE YEAR

Song must be a composition which was written to express either a personal or communal belief regarding spiritual life with a common theme of praise, worship or thanks to God.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

ORIGINAL SONG OF THE YEAR

Song must be an original song. The song's popularity will be considered during the judging process. Please list the composer (s). You must also submit lyrics for this song

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

Written By: _____

SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR

Musical Arrangement and lyrics must be original. Please list the song individually and list the composer(s). You must also submit lyrics for this song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

Written By: _____

INSTRUMENTAL SONG OF THE YEAR

The song cannot contain any lyrics. Song does not have to be original. You may submit one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

CD OF THE YEAR

The number of songs which receive airplay from the CD will be considered in the judging process. Compilation CDs are not eligible for this category. Sales will play a major role in the judging process of this category.

CD TITLE

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

PRODUCER OF THE YEAR

You may enter one CD for this category. Please list the CD and producer.

CD/Cassette Title

PRODUCED BY (Name of Producer (s))

CONJUNTO/NORTENO SONG OF THE YEAR

Use of traditional conjunto instrumentation including bajo sexto, accordion, drums, and bass. You may submit one song. Synthesized music arrangements are not eligible.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

MARIACHI SONG OF THE YEAR

Conforming to traditional mariachi instrumentation and execution. Synthesized mariachi arrangements are not eligible. You may enter one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

RISING STAR/ARTIST/GROUP OF THE YEAR

For this category you may enter one group or artist. Recording does not have to be your first recording, but you must have no more than three (3) years of professional recording/performance experience. Please enter one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

CROSSOVER SONG OF THE YEAR

Song style can be Latino Pop, Country or Crossover Genre. Songs eligible for this category may come from an artist or group whose primary performance/ productions are that of traditional New Mexico Hispano Style and have also submitted materials in other NMHMA Music Categories. You may submit one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

CORRIDO OF THE YEAR

Song's lyrics must tell a story in the traditional style of a Corrido. Song does not have to be an original song. Musical composition and arrangement will be considered during the judging process as well. You may enter one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

TRADITIONAL RANCHERA SONG OF THE YEAR

Song must express the sound of a ranchera utilizing traditional instrumentation and rhythms. You may enter one song. Does not have to be an original song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

MARK IPIOTIS AWARD

Recipient cannot be a musician. The nominee must have made considerable contributions to the New Mexico Hispano music industry and entertainment scene. Suggested nominees are Radio Owner's, DJ's or Program Directors along with Promoters and individuals whose work promotes NM Music.

.PERSONS NAME: _____

BAND OF THE YEAR

Any band may be considered for this category. A current CD release is not required. The band should be a popular band throughout the various regions of the state. The band must be significantly popular and recognized throughout the New Mexico music scene.

NAME OF BAND:

CUMBIA SONG OF THE YEAR

Song must express the sound of a cumbia utilizing traditional instrumentation and rhythms. You may enter one song. Does not have to be an original song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

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NMHMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017

(Please Print Clearly)

BAND/ARTIST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

WEBSITE _____

BAND LEADERS NAME _____ NUMBER OF BAND MEMBERS _____

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN PERFORMING AS ABOVE NAMED BAND OR ARTIST _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY RECORDINGS _____ IF YES, HOW MANY CD'S _____

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS **\$75.00** PER BAND/ARTIST AND THAT ENTITLES THE BANDLEADER TO ONE (1) VOTE. HOWEVER, ALL MEMBERS IN THE BAND CAN REGISTER SEPARATELY FOR \$10.00 PER ADDITIONAL BAND MEMBER AND EACH ADDITIONAL REGISTERED MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO AN ADDITIONAL VOTE.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX.

_____ REGISTRATION FOR BANDLEADER OR SOLO ARTIST \$75.00

_____ REGISTRATION FOR ADDITIONAL BAND MEMBER(S) \$10.00 PER MEMBER

HOW MANY TOTAL MEMBER(S) ARE YOU REGISTERING INCLUDING YOURSELF _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

HOW MANY MEMBERS ARE THERE IN YOUR BAND INCLUDING YOURSELF, EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERING ADDITIONAL BAND MEMBERS _____

PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES OF YOUR BAND MEMBERS IN THE FOLLOWING SPACES:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____

NOTE: PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE NEW MEXICO HISPANO MUSIC ASSOCIATION. Membership dues are for **ONE YEAR** and must be **renewed annually**. We encourage you to register all members of your band. As registered members they are allowed to vote for the award show nominees and during any general membership meetings.

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NMHMA Performance Criteria

The primary goal of the NMHMA is to promote New Mexico Music and its talented musicians and performers. Each year the annual awards show provides an opportunity for our members to showcase their talent in front of an audience of over 1,500 New Mexico Music fans.

If you or your band is interested in performing, please send a letter requesting to perform for the awards show. You may email president@nmhma.org or send us a letter through the mail. Those selected will receive a letter in the mail with special instructions.

The selection process for each year's awards show is determined by the NMHMA Board of Directors. Stringent criteria have been set in place to ensure that NMHMA members are well represented. Before each year's awards show, the NMHMA board meets to review and select the talent for our awards show in a fair and impartial manner. Selection criteria may include any or all of the following:

- The band/artist must be a current active member of the NMHMA
 - Active participation and support of the association and attendance at NMHMA events such as our annual picnic, award show, etc.
- The band/artist must have performed at least three (3) shows in the last year
- Recent CD release
 - Bands and/or Artists with submissions for the current awards show receive priority in order to promote their current CD release. Please note that we cannot accommodate everyone that has a new submission for the award show.
- Quality of submitted material (including music and press kit)
- Originality and overall potential
- Live performance preparedness/readiness (ability to present an engaging performance)
 - Successful groups with a tremendous fan base and following are a must in order for the NMHMA to successfully promote the awards show and maintain its reputation as being New Mexico's Premier Awards Show.
- Performance history
 - Number of appearances in past shows is considered. The NMHMA strives to include and showcase ALL of its members as often as possible and allow opportunities for new and upcoming talent.
 - Cooperation with NMHMA staff and adhering to performance guidelines is critical.
 - Adhering to the allotted time of 4-5 minutes, demeanor and attitude with placement in line up and selection process.
- Professionalism
 - The NMHMA strives to showcase artists and groups during the awards show by utilizing premier production elements such as sound and lighting. In turn, we kindly ask that you and your group dress accordingly to reflect your professionalism as a New Mexico Music artist.
- The NMHMA reserves the right to exclude groups/artists from future events.

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

NEW MEXICO HISPANO MUSIC ASSOCIATION'S 2017 HISPANO MUSIC AWARDS SHOW

I, _____ hereby swear that all information and music entries are correct and true on
(Print Name Here)

behalf of _____ (Band Name/Artist Name).

I take full responsibility for any discrepancies that may be found by the New Mexico Hispano Music Association. I understand that if discrepancies are found in the information that I have submitted, the penalty will be disqualification. I understand that if disqualification occurs, the membership fee is non-refundable. However, I do have the right to request written documentation from the New Mexico Hispano Music Association as to the reason(s) for my disqualification, should it occur. I will not hold the association responsible and/or liable for my disqualification.

I, _____ hereby swear that all materials submitted by me to the New Mexico Hispano
(Print Name Here)

Music Association's Award Show have been released to the public in Compact Disc or digital format between the dates of October 1, 2016 and December 6, 2017 and have never before been submitted in a prior New Mexico Hispano Music Association's Award Show.

Disclosure Statement

I hereby acknowledge that materials in the form of recorded music which appears on my submitted Compact Disc, images in the form of promotional photos and all other materials submitted to the New Mexico Hispano Music Association will be used for the purpose of producing the NMHMA Annual Awards Show, Award Show Program Book and may be used for other fundraising activities. By signing this document, I hereby grant permission to the NMHMA and its Board of Directors to use my materials. I also release the NMHMA and its Board of Directors of any and all claims of compensation which result from the sale of the Program Book, and/or any other materials used for promotion by the NMHMA.

Signature

Date Signed

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2017

by _____
(Print or Type Your Full Name)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

NMHMA CHECK LIST

Please check off each box to ensure that you received everything and did not forget anything. You should mail this Check List back with your completed entry forms.

PLEASE GIVE US A TELEPHONE # _____ AND CELL # _____.

DID THE FOLLOWING PACKET CONTAIN?

- PRESIDENT'S LETTER (You should have received 2 pages)**
- 2017 AWARD SHOW GUIDELINES (You should have received 2 Pages)**
- ENTRY FORMS (You should have received 4 Pages)**
- SWORN AFFADAVIT/DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (You should have received 1 Page)**
- MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (You should have received 1 page)**
- PERFORMANCE CRITERIA (You should have received 1 page)**

DID YOU MAIL BACK TO US THE FOLLOWING?

- CD'S - (YOU SHOULD MAIL 6 IN TOTAL)**
- PHOTOS- (YOU SHOULD MAIL A DATA CD WITH YOUR PHOTOS OR EMAIL PHOTOS)**
- MEMBERSHIP DUES - (YOU SHOULD MAIL YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES)**
- COMPLETED ENTRY FORM (YOU SHOULD MAIL 4 PAGES IN TOTAL)**
- LYRICS- (YOUR SHOULD MAIL A SET OF 5 LYRICS FOR EACH SONG)**
- BIOGRAPHY (YOU SHOULD MAIL 6 COPIES OF BIOGRAPHY AND EMAIL ONE)**
- SWORN AFFADAVIT/DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (YOU SHOULD MAIL 1 PAGE)**
- MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (YOU SHOULD MAIL 1 PAGE)**
- COPYWRITER CERTIFICATE if you are submitting for Original and/or Songwriter Category.**