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2018 IHEARTRADIO MUSIC AWARDS NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

AUSTRALIAN FANS CAN VOTE NOW TO SEE THEIR FAVOURITE ARTISTS WIN

IHEARTRADIO AUSTRALIA GIVE AUSSIE FANS THE CHANCE TO ATTEND AWARDS EVENT IN LOS ANGELES

Friday, January 12, 2018 - **Ed Sheeran, Bruno Mars, Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee** featuring **Justin Bieber, The Chainsmokers and Coldplay**, and **DJ Khaled** featuring **Rihanna and Bryson Tiller** are among the nominees announced for the **2018 iHeartRadio Music Awards to be held on Sunday, March 11** at the historic, 'Fabulous' Forum in **Los Angeles**

For the fifth consecutive year, the **iHeartRadio Music Awards** will celebrate the **biggest songs and artists heard throughout 2017** on iHeartRadio. The 2018 event will also feature **live performances from today's superstar performers**, once-in-a-lifetime artist

collaborations, celebrity guest appearances and live award presentations.

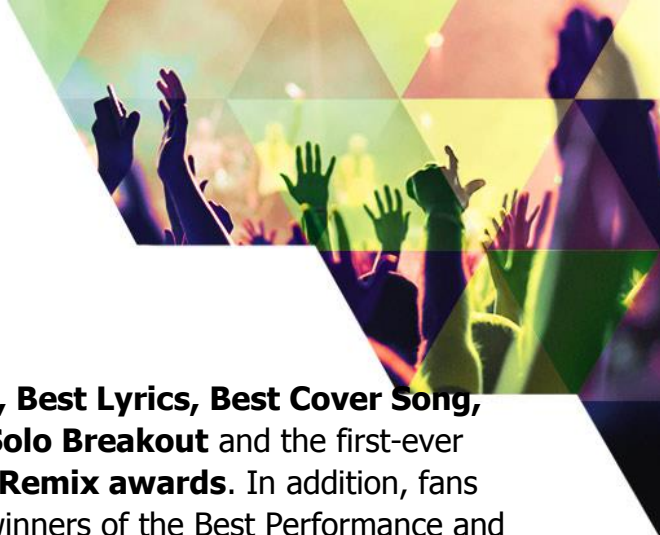
iHeartRadio Australia are again giving Aussie fans the chance to get in on the action **sending one lucky winner and a friend to LA to attend the awards event.**

Competition launches at the end of January – keep your eyes on iHeartRadio.com.au to enter.

Australian fans can also make their vote count for their favourite nominated artists again this year, by heading to iHeartRadio.com.au.



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Fan voting will determine this year's **Best Fan Army, Best Lyrics, Best Cover Song, Best Music Video, the Social Star Award, Best Solo Breakout** and the first-ever **Cutest Musician's Pet, Best Boy Band and Best Remix awards**. In addition, fans will get to vote on social media during the show for winners of the Best Performance and Best Dressed awards, which will be announced immediately after the event.

Social voting for all categories is now open and will close on March 4, with voting for the Social Star Award and the Best Fan Army award continuing through the evening of the awards on March 11. Fans can vote by visiting iHeartRadio.com.au.

Geraint Davies COO of iHeartRadio Australia said: "The iHeartRadio Awards are one of the most exciting music events of the year and create more social traffic than the Oscars! With all Australian music fans able to take part in the voting and see their favourite artists take home an award this annual event is a true celebration of music, artists and also the fans."

Brett "Nozz" Nossiter, Content Director of iHeartRadio Australia said: "I am so pleased to again be giving Aussie music fans the chance to attend The iHeartRadio Awards in LA. It's an awards event truly for the fans, with performances from some of the world's biggest artists."

Artists who have received multiple nominations this year include Rihanna, Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, Bruno Mars, Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee, Justin Bieber, DJ Khaled and The Chainsmokers. All nominees are listed below. For a full list of categories visit iHeartRadio.com/awards.

For the first time ever, this year iHeartRadio will present seven awards in the seven nights leading up to the Sunday, March 11 event.

Ranking as one of the most talked-about television events in social media last year, the 2017 iHeartRadio Music Awards generated 165 billion impressions throughout the promotional period. It also proved its strength on individual platforms like Twitter, where it was the No. 1 trending topic in the United States and worldwide the night of the live simulcast. In addition, the iHeartRadio Music Awards won the night with the Nielsen Social Content Rating, finishing first ahead of *The Walking Dead*.

Among the many winners of the 2017 awards were Justin Timberlake's "CAN'T STOP THE FEELING!" for Song of the Year, Adele for Female Artist of the Year, Justin Bieber for Male Artist of the Year, The Chainsmokers for Best New Artist, twenty one pilots for Best Duo/Group of the Year and Coldplay for Best Tour. In addition, Bruno Mars received

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the most prestigious award of the evening – the 2017 iHeartRadio Innovator Award – in recognition of his unparalleled contribution to popular culture and the music industry.

This year's awards will feature a broad array of categories, including **Female Artist of the Year, Male Artist of the Year, Best Duo/Group of the Year** and individual winners for in music's **biggest genres**, including **Pop, Country, Alternative Rock/Rock, Dance, Hip-Hop, R&B, Latin and Regional Mexican** formats. For the second year, the 2018 Best New Artist awards will be grouped by music format and format winners will then become finalists for the top title of Best New Artist.

Category finalists (by alphabetical order) are:

Song of the Year:

- "Despacito" - Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber
- "Shape Of You" - Ed Sheeran
- "Something Just Like This" - The Chainsmokers and Coldplay
- "That's What I Like" - Bruno Mars
- "Wild Thoughts" - DJ Khaled featuring Rihanna and Bryson Tiller

Female Artist of the Year:

- Alessia Cara
- Halsey
- P!NK
- Rihanna
- Taylor Swift

Male Artist of the Year:

- Bruno Mars
- Charlie Puth
- Ed Sheeran
- Shawn Mendes
- The Weeknd

Best Duo/Group of the Year:

- Imagine Dragons
- Maroon 5
- Migos
- Portugal. The Man
- The Chainsmokers

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Best Collaboration:

- "Despacito" - Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber
- "Don't Wanna Know" - Maroon 5 featuring Kendrick Lamar
- "Something Just Like This" - The Chainsmokers and Coldplay
- "Stay" - Zedd and Alessia Cara
- "Wild Thoughts" - DJ Khaled featuring Rihanna and Bryson Tiller

Best New Pop Artist:

- Camila Cabello
- Julia Michaels
- Liam Payne
- Logic
- Niall Horan

Alternative Rock Song of the Year:

- "Believer" - Imagine Dragons
- "Feel It Still" - Portugal. The Man
- "Thunder" - Imagine Dragons
- "Walk On Water" - Thirty Seconds To Mars
- "Wish I Knew You" - The Revivalists

Alternative Rock Artist of the Year:

- Cage The Elephant
- Imagine Dragons
- Judah & The Lion
- Kings Of Leon
- Portugal. The Man

Best New Rock/Alternative Rock Artist:

- Greta Van Fleet
- Judah & The Lion
- K.Flay
- Rag'n'Bone Man
- The Revivalists

Rock Song of the Year:

- "Go To War" - Nothing More
- "Help" - Papa Roach

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- "Run" - Foo Fighters
- "Rx (Medicate)" - Theory of a Deadman
- "Song #3" - Stone Sour

Rock Artist of the Year:

- Foo Fighters
- Highly Suspect
- Metallica
- Papa Roach
- Royal Blood

Country Song of the Year:

- "Body Like A Back Road" - Sam Hunt
- "Dirt On My Boots" - Jon Pardi
- "Hurricane" - Luke Combs
- "Small Town Boy" - Dustin Lynch
- "Unforgettable" - Thomas Rhett

Country Artist of the Year:

- Blake Shelton
- Jason Aldean
- Luke Bryan
- Sam Hunt
- Thomas Rhett

Best New Country Artist:

- Brett Young
- Jon Pardi
- Kane Brown
- Lauren Alaina
- Luke Combs

Dance Song of the Year:

- "It Ain't Me" - Kygo and Selena Gomez
- "No Promises" - Cheat Codes featuring Demi Lovato
- "Rockabye" - Clean Bandit and Anne-Marie featuring Sean Paul
- "Something Just Like This" - The Chainsmokers and Coldplay
- "Stay" - Zedd and Alessia Cara

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Dance Artist of the Year:

- Calvin Harris
- Cheat Codes
- Kygo
- The Chainsmokers
- Zedd

Hip-Hop Song of the Year:

- "Bad and Boujee" - Migos featuring Lil Uzi Vert
- "Bodak Yellow" - Cardi B
- "HUMBLE." - Kendrick Lamar
- "Rockstar" - Post Malone
- "Wild Thoughts" - DJ Khaled featuring Rihanna and Bryson Tiller

Hip-Hop Artist of the Year:

- DJ Khaled
- Drake
- Future
- Kendrick Lamar
- Migos

Best New Hip-Hop Artist:

- 21 Savage
- Cardi B
- GoldLink
- Lil Uzi Vert
- Playboi Carti

R&B Song of the Year:

- "B.E.D." - Jacquees
- "Location" - Khalid
- "Love Galore" - SZA featuring Travis Scott
- "Redbone" - Childish Gambino
- "That's What I Like" - Bruno Mars

R&B Artist of the Year:

- Bruno Mars
- Childish Gambino

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- Khalid
- Rihanna
- The Weeknd

Best New R&B Artist:

- 6LACK
- Kehlani
- Kevin Ross
- Khalid
- SZA

Latin Song of the Year:

- "Despacito" - Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee
- "El Amante" - Nicky Jam
- "Hey DJ" - CNCO
- "Mi Gente" - J Balvin featuring Willy William
- "Súbeme La Radio" - Enrique Iglesias

Latin Artist of the Year:

- CNCO
- J Balvin
- Luis Fonsi
- Nicky Jam
- Shakira

Best New Latin Artist:

- Abraham Mateo
- Bad Bunny
- Danny Ocean
- Karol G
- Ozuna

Regional Mexican Song of the Year:

- "Adios Amor" - Christian Nodal
- "Ella Es Mi Mujer" - Banda Carnaval
- "Las Ultras" - Calibre 50
- "Regresa Hermosa" - Gerardo Ortiz
- "Siempre Te Voy A Querer" - Calibre 50

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Regional Mexican Artist of the Year:

- Banda Carnaval
- Banda Los Recoditos
- Banda Sinaloense MS de Sergio Lizarraga
- Calibre 50
- Gerardo Ortiz

Best New Regional Mexican Artist:

- Christian Nodal
- Edwin Luna y La Trakalosa de Monterrey
- El Fantasma
- Ulices Chaidez y Sus Plebes

Producer of the Year:

- Andrew "Pop" Wansel and Warren "Oak" Felder
- Andrew Watt
- Benny Blanco
- Justin Tranter
- Steve Mac

Best Lyrics: **Socially Voted Category*

- "Bodak Yellow" - Cardi B
- "Despacito" - Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee
- "There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back" - Shawn Mendes
- "Look What You Made Me Do" - Taylor Swift
- "Perfect" - Ed Sheeran
- "Slow Hands" - Niall Horan

Best Cover Song: **Socially Voted Category*

- "All We Got" - Shawn Mendes
- "Bad Liar" - HAIM
- "Issues" - Niall Horan
- "Lost" - Khalid
- "Say You Won't Let Go" - Camila Cabello and Machine Gun Kelly
- "The Chain" - Harry Styles
- "Touch" - Ed Sheeran
- "The Tribute Song" - Thirty Seconds To Mars

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Best Fan Army presented by Taco Bell: **Socially Voted Category*

- Arianators - Ariana Grande
- Beliebers - Justin Bieber
- BTS - BTS
- Camilizers - Camila Cabello
- EXO-L - EXO
- Harmonizers - Fifth Harmony
- Lovatics - Demi Lovato
- Mendes Army - Shawn Mendes
- Mixers - Little Mix
- Selenators - Selena Gomez
- Smilers - Miley Cyrus
- Swifties - Taylor Swift

Best Music Video: **Socially Voted Category*

- "Bad Liar" - Selena Gomez
- "Bodak Yellow" - Cardi B
- "Despacito" - Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee
- "I'm The One" - DJ Khaled
- "Look What You Made Me Do" - Taylor Swift
- "Malibu" - Miley Cyrus
- "New Rules" - Dua Lipa
- "Shape Of You" - Ed Sheeran
- "Sign Of The Times" - Harry Styles
- "Sorry Not Sorry" - Demi Lovato
- "Swish" - Katy Perry
- "That's What I Like" - Bruno Mars
- "There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back" - Shawn Mendes

Social Star Award: **Socially Voted Category*

- Andrew Huang
- Anitta
- Christian Collins
- Conor Maynard
- dodie
- Gabbie Hanna
- JoJo Siwa
- Mariah Belgrod
- Max & Harvey
- RoomieOfficial

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Cutest Musician's Pet: (New Category) * ***Socially Voted Category***

- Batman - Demi Lovato
- Bear Rexha - Bebe Rexha
- Nugget - Katy Perry
- Olivia - Taylor Swift
- Pig - Miley Cyrus
- Toulouse - Ariana Grande

Best Boy Band: (New Category) * ***Socially Voted Category***

- AJR
- BTS
- CNCO
- In Real Life
- PRETTYMUCH
- The Vamps
- Why Don't We

Best Solo Breakout: * ***Socially Voted Category***

- Camila Cabello
- Harry Styles
- Liam Payne
- Louis Tomlinson
- Niall Horan

Best Remix: (New Category) * ***Socially Voted Category***

- "Bon Appétit" - Katy Perry, Migos and 3LAU
- "Despacito" - Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber
- "do re mi" - blackbear featuring Gucci Mane
- "Friends" - Justin Bieber and BloodPop with Julia Michaels
- "Havana" - Camila Cabello and Daddy Yankee
- "Homemade Dynamite" - Lorde, Khalid, Post Malone and SZA
- "May I Have This Dance" - Francis & The Lights featuring Chance The Rapper
- "Mi Gente" - J Balvin and Willy William featuring Beyoncé
- "Reggaetón Lento" - CNCO and Little Mix

Additional categories include Biggest Triple Threat, Best Tour, Label of the Year, Most Thumbed Up Artist of the Year and Most Thumbed Up Song of the Year.

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