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House Venue: The Habitat

The Habitat is the private home of Ken and Heather Settlemyer who are passionate about the importance of nurturing both local plant and animal wildlife and independent musicians. The concept of the House Concert is to provide a venue where musicians can come to be heard by those whose primary intention is to listen rather...
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House Venue: Pirates Cove Music

Our backyard has been the hangout for local pirates & privateers for many years. In 2012 we discovered TropRock music and have been hosting house (yard) concerts ever since. We both retired in 2017 so we decided to get into hosting with a passion. Knowing many Trop Rockers (& Rockettes) we built a stage and...
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TRMA Trop Rock Music Awards



2021 Award Details

The 14th Annual TRMA Trop Rock Music Awards was held in Key West on November 5th, 2021 at They Key West Theater. See all the winners below!

If you are not a current member of the Trop Rock Music Association, you can join and vote in the 2022 awards! <https://troprock.org/get-involved/#generalmembership>.



Why The Awards Are Important...

The Annual TRMA Trop Rock Awards provide an opportunity for our Association and its members to recognize the outstanding artists, songwriters, fans, radio stations, venues and others who make this genre so great.

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2021 TRMA Awards

Thank you for being a member of the TRMA and casting your vote for the 2021 Trop Rock Music Awards.

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Definition of Trop Rock Music: Tropical Rock (or Trop Rock) is a genre of popular music that incorporates elements of Rock and Roll, Country, Caribbean, Reggae or other musical genres to create a laid-back or "escapist" state of mind. Trop Rock may create its tropical or "island vibe" either with tropical or island-like instrumentation and production, or with beach, tropical or escapist lyrical themes, or both.

1. Male Vocalist

Awarded to the top vote getter for excellence in performing and recording by a trop rock male vocalist, including a male vocalist performing in a duo, trio or band, during the eligibility year.

- Mike Nash

2. Female Vocalist

Awarded to the top vote getter for excellence in performing and recording by a trop rock female vocalist, including a female vocalist performing in a duo, trio or band, during the eligibility year.

- Erica Sunshine Lee

3. Duo/Trio

Awarded to the top vote getter for excellence in performing or recording as a trop rock duo or trio during the eligibility year.

- Thom & Coley

4. Band

Awarded to the top vote getter for excellence in performing or recording as a trop rock band of four or more members during the eligibility year.

- The Boat Drunks

5. Entertainer of the Year

Awarded to the top vote getting Trop Rock solo, duo, trio or band, for excellence in all aspects of entertaining, including live performance, recording, song writing, video and broadcast, during the eligibility year.

- Donny Brewer

6. Album

Awarded to the top vote getting qualifying trop rock album, defined as an independent release of eight or more songs or 30 minutes of playing time, released during the eligible year, or in the 12 months preceding the eligibility year if the album was not on the final ballot in the preceding awards period. Awarded to Artist and Producer(s) (if the producer(s) is/are other than artist).

- My Jukebox at the Beach - Brent Burns (Dave Francis)
Pretty Good, and You? - Ricky Lamb (David Smith & Ricky Lamb)

7a. Song

Awarded to the Songwriter (listed in parenthesis). Given to the top vote getting qualifying trop rock song released during the eligible year, or in the 12 months preceding the eligibility year if the song was not on the final ballot in the preceding awards period. The song need not be part of a qualifying album. This category is open to all artists, not only TRMA Academy members like other categories.

- "The Wave" - Donny Brewer (Donny Brewer & Eric Erdman)

7b. Single

Awarded to artist and producer (listed in parenthesis), if other than the artist. Given to top vote getting qualifying trop rock recording released during the eligible year, or in the 12 months preceding the eligibility year if the recording was not on the final ballot in the preceding awards period. The recording need not be part of a qualifying album. This category is open to all artists, not only TRMA Academy members like other categories.

- "Low Key" - Aaron Scherz feat. Mike Nash (Aaron Scherz)

8. Music Video of the Year

Awarded to the top vote getting official artist-sanctioned music video for a qualifying trop rock song, which video was released during the eligible year, or in the 12 months preceding the eligibility year if the video was not on the final ballot in the preceding awards period. The song need not have been released in the eligibility year. Awarded to Artist(s) and Video producer/director (in parenthesis).

- "Single For Summer" - Erica Sunshine Lee (Erica Sunshine Lee & Joshua Mendez)

9. Best Album Art/Packaging

Awarded to the top vote getting trop rock album or EP cover art/design and packaging for an album or EP released during the eligibility year, or in the 12 months preceding the eligibility year for an album was not on the final ballot in the preceding awards year for Album of the Year or Best Art/Packaging. Awarded to artist and designer/artist (in parenthesis).

- Gulf Coast Happy Hour - Jonas Lorence Band (Jonas Lorence)

10. Horizon Award

Awarded to the top vote-getting Trop Rock solo, duo, trio, or band who shows the most promise for contributing to the Trop Rock genre through performance, songwriting and recording. Previous winners are not eligible.

- Jonas Lorence

11. Musician

Awarded to the top vote getting trop rock musicians for outstanding musicianship, intended to recognize band members, or musicians for excellence in performing and/or recording in support of trop rock artists during the eligibility year.

- John Patti (steel pans)

12. Songwriter

Awarded to the top vote getter for excellence in trop rock songwriting.

- Eric Erdman

13. Radio Station

Awarded to a radio station for excellence in trop rock radio broadcasting during the eligibility year.

- Radio Trop Rock

14. Radio Program

There are two Radio Program categories on the ballot - "live" and "recorded". Please vote for one show in each category.

Radio Program - Live

- "Trop Rockin' The USA" - Eric & Gina Babin

Radio Program - Recorded

- "4 & 4 With Gina" - Gina Babin

15. Live Music Venue

Awarded to the top vote getting venue for outstanding presentation of live trop rock music during the eligibility year.

- Smokin' Tuna Saloon - Key West, FL

16. House Concert Venue

Small & Large Awarded to the top vote getter for outstanding house concert venue - small and large, based on annual attendance with the threshold to be determined annually at the discretion of the Awards committee. Awarded to the host/hostesses of non-profit concert-style home-based venues featuring Trop Rock artists.

House Concert - SMALL:

- The Hangout - Colleen & Mark Fuchs

House Concert - LARGE:

- Little Key West - Nick Cartos

17. Event of the Year

Small & Large Awarded to the top vote getters for outstanding events, small and large, featuring multiple trop rock artists. Meeting of the Minds is excluded from this category because it is a National Convention. Small and large categories based on total registration, with the threshold to be determined annually at the discretion of the awards committee.

Event - SMALL:

- A1A Beach Bash - St. Augustine Beach, FL

Event - LARGE:

- Pardi Gras - Galveston, TX

18. Music Business Professional of the Year

- Jon Burns & Michelle Clegg Brewer (tie)

19. Fan of the Year

This award recognizes a Trop Rock "fan" for their support and promotion of Trop Rock music. It is meant for an individual/couple and not a group. Previous winners are NOT eligible.

- Pege Wright

All Paths Lead To Trop Rock!

Check Out These Opportunities To Listen To Trop Rock



Radio Stations

The best place to hear a variety of Trop Rock music is to check out many of the wonderful radio stations that play the music and support our genre's artists. [Click here](#) to check them out!



Annual Festivals Events

Want to check out many Trop Rock artists in one location? We have you covered. Throughout the year there are numerous Trop Rock music festivals at fabulous locations across the country and abroad. [Click here](#) to check some of them out. Don't wait long, they sell out fast!



Music Venues

There are many live music venues across the US that support live Trop Rock music. From house concert venues to bars and restaurants, check out our list of venues that support our artists by clicking here!



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Who We Are

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