

2023 CBMA Categories

Definition Rules for Each category

Female Vocalist of the Year

This award goes to the individual female artist based on her recording or in-person performance.

Male Vocalist of the Year

This award goes to the individual male artist based on his recording or in-person performance.

Entertainer of the Year

This award goes to the individual that goes above and beyond to promote and entertain the public as best he/she can during live performances.

You MUST list artist name and group affiliation if any:

Song of the Year

This award goes to a group or individual based on vocal performance, instrumentation, song selection, production and engineering.

You MUST list song and artist:

Group of the Year

This award goes to a group that exudes excellence and pure love for Carolina Beach Music during performances. The group must consist of three or more persons that normally perform live or record together.

Rising Star Award

This award goes to a Solo Artist or group, involved in Beach Music for 3 years or less, that has recorded a song that has been verifiably played in regular rotation “AND” charted on our Beach Music Air Force and/or individual Beach Music charts or compiled charts like Beach Music 45.com.

You Must List Artist and Song Title:

Smoothie / Ballad

This award goes to a group or individual based on vocal performance, instrumentation, song selection, production and engineering. A smoothie is classified as a "shag" song that has a "soft" edge to it and ranges from 90-110 beats per minute (bpm), but not limited to such. A ballad is classified as a slow dance song.

You Must list Artist and Song Title:

Collaboration of the Year

This award goes to the artists (male, female or group) who have collectively recorded an album or single release, featuring at least two artists that normally do not record together. This award is based on vocal performance, instrumentation, song selection, production, and engineering.

You MUST list Artist and Song Title:

Group Album of the Year

This award goes to a group of performers based on vocal and/or instrumentation, performance, song selection, production, artwork, liner notes, and engineering for a Compact Disc / DVD release of five songs or more.

You MUST list project title and artist:

Solo Album of the Year

This award goes to a Solo Artist based on vocal and/or instrumentation, performance, song selection, production, artwork, liner notes, and engineering for a Compact Disc / DVD release of five songs or more. The primary artist must be featured individually on 60% or more of the tracks.

You MUST list project title and artist:

Compilation Album of the Year

This award goes to the company for the release of a specific Beach Music compilation containing songs from at least three different artists or groups.

You must list CD title and Production Company:

Live Production Award

This award goes to the individual that shows outstanding service in the Live Performance area. This award can go to a Sound Tech, Light Tech, Road Manager or any other live support staff.

You Must List Name & Band Affiliation:

Instrumentalist of the Year

This award goes to the individual that has perfected his or her ability to play an instrument above and beyond others in their chosen field

Please list name, instrument played and band affiliation:

****Event of the Year**

This award goes to the promoter of a single show or concert that includes three or more acts performing live with a band or music tracks.

You must list event name & City:

****National Dance Song**

This award goes to the group or individual based on vocal performance, instrumentation, song selection, production and engineering. The award goes to a song that has been released nationally and received national airplay.

You MUST list title and artist:

****Concert Series of the Year**

This award goes to an organization or event that presents a series of live beach music concerts. The series must consist of at least 4 concerts in a calendar year.

Must List Name, Location & City of Series:

Club/Mobile DJ of the Year

(Richard Nixon Award)

This award goes to a DJ who is known primarily for playing or supporting Carolina Beach Music in a club setting or during mobile performances.

Club of the Year

(Bill Griffin Award)

This award goes to the club that primarily uses and promotes Recorded Music and DJ's throughout the year

Must list Entire Club Name and City located:

Live Music Venue of the Year

(Cecil Corbett Award)

This Award goes to the club that primarily promotes live artists and bands throughout the entire year.

Must list Entire Club Name and City located:

Radio Station of the Year

This award goes to the Radio station that has or is providing airplay of Carolina Beach Music in a regular rotation or with specialty programming.

***If Station / DJ programs are simulcast, only one nomination per category will be accepted. CBMA will contact nominee in the rare case they are nominated in both categories and nominees will select category for ballot placement.*

You must list station frequency and City:

Radio DJ (Larry Crockett Award)

This award goes to the Radio DJ that best promotes Carolina Beach Music and the industry in general.

***If Station / DJ programs are simulcast, only one nomination per category will be accepted. CBMA will contact nominee in the rare case they are nominated in both categories and nominees will select category for ballot placement.*

You must list name, station frequency & City:

Syndicated Radio Show of the Year

This award goes to the DJ that is featured weekly on more than one radio station with a single or multiple recorded or live produced program(s). Simulcasts are not eligible.

You must list Name of Show and Host:

Radio Show of the Year

This award goes to the DJ & Radio Station for the best produced weekly terrestrial Radio Show. This show can be simulcast and streamed but must be done simultaneously on all stations.

You must list show title, station and host:

Internet "Show"

This award goes to the "Internet Only" Individual Radio Show that runs on a schedule and best promotes Carolina Beach Music and the industry in general. This award does not apply to shows that are also broadcast terrestrially.

You must list show title, host:

Internet "Station"

This award goes to the "Internet Only" Radio Station that streams 24/7 - 365 days a year and best promotes Carolina Beach Music and the industry in general. This award does not apply to shows that are also broadcast terrestrially.

You must list full station website address:

Internet DJ

This award goes to the “Internet Only” DJ that best promotes Carolina Beach Music and the industry in general. This award does not apply to persons that also broadcast “terrestrially”.

You must list DJ Name & Show or Station Name:

**** Denotes the Nominee “DOES NOT” have to be a member of CBMA to be Nominated for these categories since most of these events are put on by municipalities and/or are charity events!!**