



ANUGERAH INDUSTRI MUZIK



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THE 20TH ANUGERAH INDUSTRI MUZIK (AIM 20) FINAL FIVE UNVEILED



24th October 2013, Kuala Lumpur - The final five of each nomination category in the 20th edition of the country's most prestigious awards show, 'Anugerah Industri Muzik' (AIM) organized by the Recording Industry Association of Malaysia (RIM) was unveiled earlier today at a press conference held in Hotel Istana.

Audited by KPMG and vetted from 18 very competitive categories, a total of 85 shortlisted nominees from 17 categories were announced today.

“This year’s participation from the music industry was very encouraging as we had received a total of 594 nominations, an increase of 20% from the total nominations received last year of 465, all of which were critically judged by a select group of eminent practitioners from the industry serving as the panel of judges” said En. Rosmin Hashim, AIM 20 Organising Committee Chairman. He also mentioned that this year’s judging process was once again administered by Macomm Management Services Sdn. Bhd, the same professional firm which had administered the judging process for AIM 19 last year.

The ‘Best Engineered Album’ award category was the first category to be judged on the 29th of August with the majority of the other categories being judged on the 5th of September at Hotel Istana, the official hotel for AIM 20. ‘Song of the Year’, ‘Album of the Year’ and ‘Best Music Video’ were the last three categories to be judged at the hotel on the 1st of October.

The list of the final 5 nominees sees Hafiz Suip, Hazama and Amir Jahari leading the contenders by garnering 4 nominations each in the various award categories entered. Meanwhile, the top 5 nominees in among the most-watched ‘Best Vocal Performance in a Song (Male and Female)’ categories sees the inclusion of relative newcomers, Ronnie from Hyper Act group and Najwa Mahiaddin competing amongst the industry’s heavyweights with the likes of Faizal Tahir, Hafiz Suip, Dato’ Siti Nurhaliza and Jaclyn Victor in both categories.

With the addition of a new award category, ‘Best Duo/Collaboration Vocal Performance in a Song’, the results see an outcome where the best collaborative efforts in the current music scene including Anuar Zain & Dayang Nurfaizah’s new rendition of “Sedetik Lebih”, Noh Salleh & Aizat Amdan’s first-time collaboration in “In Love With You” and Sleaf & Hazama’s soundtrack hit, “Lari” making it into the top 5.

RIM also released the full list of prominent judges involved in the judging process. This year’s panel of judges included influential figures such as Adnan Abu Hassan, Ajai, Aubrey Suwito and Dato’ Ramli Sarip with Dato’ Ramli M.S serving as the presiding Chief Judge.

According to the Channel Manager of Astro Ria, Encik Raqim Ahmad, “We are very honoured for being entrusted once again by the organizer to continue the collaboration in hosting AIM 20. For this year, Astro via its network channels and radio namely Astro Ria, Maya HD and ERA FM will continue to give our full support as the official broadcaster for AIM 20.”

AIM 20 will take place at Stadium Putra Bukit Jalil on Saturday, 14th of December 2013 and the event will be preceded by the LIVE telecast of the ‘Karpel Glamor AIM 20’ event at 8:30 PM before the actual LIVE telecast of AIM 20 at 9:00PM exclusively aired on Astro RIA (Channel 104) and simultaneously aired on Maya HD (Channel 135).

Please refer to the attached documents for the complete list of the Final 5 Nominees, panel of judges and the full listing of the AIM 20 award categories.

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