

CRITERIA FOR AIM MALAYSIAN-INDIAN 2013

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Nominations are open to Albums, Singles & Music Videos released in Malaysia during the period from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2012 **except** for the category of Best New Artiste which is only for first album/single released during the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012.
2. Definition of “release date”
 - (i) for physical albums, it is the date the whole album is made available for sale to the public in physical form;
 - (ii) in respect of digital formats of an album, it is the date the whole album is made available for sale to the public in digital form. Songs must be downloadable in full track format and not partial track format such as true tones or ring back tones.
 - (iii) for ‘Best Song’ and ‘Musical Arrangement’ categories, it is the date the song is first made available for sale to the public, whether in digital or physical format.
3. Nominations are open to all Recording Companies and Production Houses who are members-in-benefit of the Recording Industry Association of Malaysia (RIM) and any Malaysian person and/or business involved in the Malaysian-Indian music industry.
4. Each nomination for each category must be accompanied by one (1) Nomination form and one (1) Compact Disc, Video Compact Disc and/or Digital Video Disc (where applicable).
5. Any artiste that satisfies any one of the following criteria will be deemed to be eligible:
 - (a) Any artiste who is a Malaysian citizen;
 - (b) Any artiste with permanent residency status and who has lived in Malaysia for at least six months per year for the two consecutive years prior to the Awards (i.e. during the qualification period and the previous qualification period);

In the case of groups at least 60% of the members of the group must satisfy at least one of the above criteria and for duos, both must be Malaysian.
6. Any composer/lyricist that satisfies any one of the following criteria will be deemed to be eligible:
 - (a) Any composer/lyricist who is a Malaysian citizen;
 - (b) Any composer/lyricist with permanent residency status and who has lived in Malaysia for at least six months per year for the two consecutive years prior to the Awards (i.e. during the qualification period and the previous qualification period);
7. The Nominating Party will be fully responsible in determining the correct and suitable category for each nomination. Any entry found to contain incorrect information or not accompanied by the requisite information will be disqualified. The nomination fee is non-refundable upon disqualification.
8. By submitting nominations, the Nominating Party unequivocally and irrevocably authorizes and/or licenses RIM to use their nominated song(s), album(s), music video(s), album cover(s) and/or any other related promotional material including but not limited to artistes’ images and photos RIM and/or its broadcast and media partners for the purpose of promoting and broadcasting the AIM Malaysian-Indian awards show(s) for the larger benefit of the Malaysian music industry, and further fully indemnifies and holds harmless RIM and/or its broadcast and media partners against any/or claims which may be raised by any third parties in respect of the aforesaid usage..
9. An album shall constitute a minimum of five (5) songs with a total duration of not less than 15 minutes.
10. For Judging purposes, please indicate songs by marker on Compact Disc (for ‘Album of the Year’, submitted in order of preference - 1 to 3) except for ‘Best Album Cover’ and ‘Best Music Video’ categories.
11. Each nomination entry fee is Ringgit Malaysia: Fifty only (RM50.00). Nominations must be accompanied by a cheque for the total amount made payable to **Recording Industry Association of Malaysia** (e.g. For Artiste/Album/Song nominations in three categories - ‘Best Vocal Performance In A Song (Male)’, ‘Best Album’ and ‘Best Rock Song’, the total nomination fee would amount to RM150.00).
12. Nominations must be sent to the RIM office and address as below before the closing date on 31st May 2013 (Friday) by 5.00 pm.

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AWARD CATEGORIES FOR AIM MALAYSIAN-INDIAN 2013

1. **ARTIS BARU TERBAIK / *BEST NEW ARTISTE***
2. **PERSEMBAHAN VOKAL TERBAIK DI DALAM LAGU (LELAKI) / *BEST VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG (MALE)***
3. **PERSEMBAHAN VOKAL TERBAIK DI DALAM LAGU (WANITA) / *BEST VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG (FEMALE)***
4. **PERSEMBAHAN VOKAL DUO / BERKUMPULAN/ KOLABORASI TERBAIK DI DALAM LAGU / *BEST DUO / GROUP / COLLABORATION VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG***
5. **LAGU ETNIK / “GANA” TERBAIK / *BEST FOLK / GANA SONG***
6. **LAGU ROCK TERBAIK / *BEST ROCK SONG***
7. **LAGU HIP HOP / RAP TERBAIK / *BEST HIP HOP / RAP SONG***
8. **LAGU POP / KONTEMPORARI TERBAIK / *BEST POP / CONTEMPORARY SONG***
9. **LAGU TERBAIK DI DALAM DRAMA/FILEM / *BEST SONG IN A DRAMA/FILM***
10. **LAGU KEROHANIAN TERBAIK / *BEST DEVOTIONAL SONG***
11. **SUSUNAN MUZIK TERBAIK DI DALAM LAGU / *BEST MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT IN A SONG***
12. **RAKAMAN ALBUM TERBAIK / *BEST ENGINEERED ALBUM***
13. **VIDEO MUZIK TERBAIK / *BEST MUSIC VIDEO***
14. **KULIT ALBUM TERBAIK / *BEST ALBUM COVER***
15. **LAGU TERBAIK / *BEST SONG***
16. **ALBUM TERBAIK / *BEST ALBUM***
17. **ANUGERAH KEMBARA / *KEMBARA AWARD***
18. **ANUGERAH SRI WIRAMA / *SRI WIRAMA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD***

CATEGORIES

1. BEST NEW ARTISTE

Award to the eligible Artiste. This category is for a new Artiste, solo or group, who has / have released the first recording which establishes the public identity of the Artiste in Malaysia. Each Artiste must only submit one (1) song for this category.

- Criteria:
- Image
 - Presentation
 - Vocal Ability
 - Must be first album / single
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio
 - Nominations are open to Albums / Singles that were released in Malaysia during the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012

- Materials Required:
- Compact Disc
 - Music Video (VCD, DVD)
 - Newspaper clippings (Ten (10) copies)
 - Artiste biodata (Ten (10) copies)
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of 5 different versions of artiste's photos in DVD/CD

2. BEST VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG (Male)

Award to the eligible Artiste. For solo vocal performance.

- Criteria:
- Song interpretation
 - Vocal technique
 - Voice Control
 - Feel & Diction
 - Phrasing
 - Intonation
 - Tonal quality
 - Pitching
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste's photo in DVD/CD

3. BEST VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG (Female)

Award to the eligible Artiste. For solo vocal performance.

- Criteria:
- Song interpretation
 - Vocal technique
 - Voice control
 - Feel & Diction
 - Phrasing
 - Intonation
 - Tonal quality
 - Pitching
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste's photo in DVD/CD

4. BEST DUO/GROUP/COLLABORATION VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG

Award to the eligible Artiste. Organised duos or groups or collaborations are eligible.

- Criteria:
- The song must consist of vocal performances by minimum two (2) main Malaysian vocalists from the duo / group / collaboration
 - Song interpretation
 - Vocal technique
 - Voice control
 - Feel & Diction
 - Phrasing
 - Intonation
 - Tonal quality
 - Pitching
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artistes' photo in DVD/CD

5. BEST FOLK/GANA SONG

Award to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer(s) and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solos, duos or groups with vocals.

- Criteria:
- Judging will be based on application of genre
 - Song quality
 - Melody
 - Lyrics
 - Musical arrangement
 - Recording and production quality
 - Vocal presentation (where applicable)
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste's photo in DVD/CD
 - A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name)

6. BEST ROCK SONG

Award to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer(s) and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solos, duos or groups with vocals.

- Criteria:
- Judging will be based on application of genre
(includes Hard Rock, Metal, Trash, Nu Metal, Rap Core, etc.)
 - Song quality
 - Melody
 - Lyrics
 - Musical arrangement
 - Recording and production quality
 - Vocal presentation (where applicable)
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste photo in DVD/CD
 - A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name)

7. BEST HIP HOP/RAP SONG

Award to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer(s) and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solos, duos or groups with vocals.

- Criteria:
- Judging will be based on application of genre
 - Song quality
 - Melody
 - Lyrics
 - Musical arrangement
 - Recording and production quality
 - Vocal presentation (where applicable)
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste's photo in DVD/CD
 - A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name)

8. BEST POP / CONTEMPORARY SONG

Award to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer(s) and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solos, duos or groups with vocals.

- Criteria:
- Judging will be based on application of genre
(includes Dance, Electronic, Ballads, Soundtracks, R&B, Fusion & Jazz)
 - Song quality
 - Melody
 - Lyrics
 - Musical arrangement
 - Recording and production quality
 - Vocal presentation (where applicable)
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste's photo in DVD/CD
 - A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name)

9. BEST SONG IN A DRAMA / FILM

Award to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer(s) and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solos, duos or groups with vocals.

- Criteria:
- Song quality
 - Melody
 - Lyrics
 - Musical arrangement
 - Recording and production quality
 - Vocal presentation (where applicable)
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste's photo in DVD/CD
 - A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state lyricist and composer's name)

10. BEST DEVOTIONAL SONG

Award to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer(s) and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solos, duos or groups with vocals.

- Criteria:
- Judging will be based on application of genre
 - Song quality
 - Melody
 - Lyrics
 - Musical arrangement
 - Recording and production quality
 - Vocal presentation (where applicable)
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste's photo in DVD/CD
 - A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name)

11. BEST MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT IN A SONG

Award to the Arranger(s). This category is open to Local Arranger(s).

- Criteria:
- Must be a song composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Creativity
 - Harmony
 - Rhythm
 - Suitability
 - Quality
 - Interpretation of song
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of arranger's photo in DVD/CD

12. BEST ENGINEERED ALBUM

Award to the Engineer(s). This category is open to Local Engineer(s) of local albums.

- Criteria:
- Recording
 - Separation
 - Mixing
 - Mastering
 - Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
 - 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
 - Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of album cover in DVD/CD

13. BEST MUSIC VIDEO

Award to the Video Director(s). This category is open to Local Video Director(s) of local music videos. Nomination is for an individual track or single promotional clip released during the eligibility period.

- Criteria:
- Concept
 - Cinematography
 - Art direction and editing

- Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
- 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
- Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio
- Minimum 60% production facilities must be done in Malaysia

Materials required:

- Video (Beta SP/DVD/mpeg4)
- A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of album cover in DVD/CD

14. BEST ALBUM COVER

Award to the Designer(s). This category is open to Local Designer(s) of local album covers.

Criteria:

- Concept
- Graphics
- Photography
- Art direction
- Layout
- 100% designed by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
- Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
- 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
- Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio
- Minimum 60% production facilities must be done in Malaysia

Materials required:

- Compact Disc
- A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of album cover in DVD/CD

15. BEST SONG

Award to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer(s) and Lyricist(s). This category is not open for submission and the recipient of this award is based on the Six (6) winners of Best Folk/Gana Song, Best Rock Song, Best Hip Hop/Rap Song, Best Pop/Contemporary Song, Best Song in a Drama/Film and Best Devotional Song Awards.

Criteria:

- Song quality
- Melody
- Lyrics
- Musical arrangement
- Recording and production quality
- Vocal presentation (where applicable)
- Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
- 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
- Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

16. BEST ALBUM

Award to the eligible Artiste(s) and the Album Producer(s).

Criteria:

- Compilation album of various Artistes is not eligible
- Quality of songs
- Musical arrangement
- Recording and production quality
- Vocal presentation
- Minimum 60% Indian language repertoire
- 100% composed & written by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
- Minimum 60% basic recording, mix and Mastering must be done in a Malaysian studio

Materials required:

- Compact Disc
- NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste and Producer
- A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of album cover in DVD/CD

17. KEMBARA AWARD (INTERNATIONAL AWARD)

While submissions are requested for this category, please note that this category is not open for judging and the RIM Council will determine the recipient of this award.

Criteria:

- To a Malaysian Artiste responsible for promoting Malaysian compositions outside the country
- Only achievements during the period of eligibility will be taken into consideration
- Only achievements abroad are acceptable
- Groundbreaking moves overseas are also taken into consideration

Materials required:

- Compact Disc
- Video (VCD/DVD)
- Newspaper clippings which substantiate achievements abroad (Ten (10) copies)
- Artiste biodata (Ten (10) copies)
- NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste
- A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste's photo in DVD/CD

18. SRI WIRAMA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This category is not open for submission / judging and the RIM Council will recommend the recipient of this award.

Criteria:

- For outstanding contributions to the Malaysian music industry.