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AIM23: FINAL FIVE NOMINEES REVEALED

Kuala Lumpur, 1 September 2022 – The exciting music industry event that the whole local music industry as well as music fans have been waiting for – the top five nominees in each award category for the 23rd edition of the most prestigious local music awards show, **‘Anugerah Industri Muzik’ (AIM)** was finally revealed today by the **Recording Industry Association of Malaysia (RIM)**.

The **105** shortlisted nominees from a total of **21** categories were announced with the tabulation of judges scores audited by auditing firm, **Mazars**. The judging process was also administered by an independent third party, **Macomm Management Services Sdn. Bhd.**.

“We are happy to announce that RIM received an overwhelming total of **650** nominations for AIM23. This can be partly attributed to the longer 18 months eligibility period for new song and album releases from **Jan 1, ‘21 – June 30 ‘22** but it is also an indication that the local music industry is well and on its way to recovery post-pandemic. The addition of a few new award categories also contributed to the increase in total nominations for this year. We are also pleased that the judging process administered by **Macomm Management Services Sdn. Bhd.** went smoothly with the participation of a select group of respected practitioners in the local music and film industry (for the ‘Best Original Soundtrack in a Film/Drama’ category) who sat on the panel of judges” said Rosmin Hashim, RIM and AIM23 Organising Committee Chairman.

He went on to add that “the judging for the first two award categories - **‘Best Engineered Song’** and **‘Best Engineered Album’** took place at **MVM Studio** on **12 August ‘22** followed by most of the other award categories on **15 and 16 August ‘22** at **Pullman KLCC**. The judging for the **‘Song of the Year’** award category which picked the best of the best songs from 8 different song genre award categories was the last category to be judged on **24 August ‘22** at **Timeless Studio**.

“We regret to announce the unfortunate removal of the **‘Best Local Indian Song’** award category as most of the songs that were nominated did not meet the set criteria which resulted in insufficient songs to make up the ‘Top 5’ in this category,” Rosmin commented further.

He also released the names of the prominent judges who sat on the panel of judges for the **AIM23** nominations including music industry heavyweights such as **LY, Fauzi Marzuki** and **Dato’ Acis**. Presiding over the entire judging process as Chief Judge was the pre-eminent composer, arranger, conductor and jazz pianist, **Datuk Mokhzani Ismail**.

The **'Top 5'** finalists in each of the award categories contending in **AIM23** are as follows:

BEST NEW ARTISTE		
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	SONG TITLE
1	Rian Shain	Kesumat
2	Aufahanie	Geming Jiwa
3	Vanessa Reynauld	Buat Ku Sempurna
4	Iss Arffan	Tiada Bernoktah
5	Ahmad Syafiq	Duri

BEST VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG (MALE)		
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	SONG TITLE
1	Hafiz Suip	Takluk Cinta
2	Alif Satar & The Locos	Anugerah Terindah
3	Syamel	Bila Kau Tiada
4	Arddley Nicholas	Pilu
5	XPOSE	Jejak

BEST VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG (FEMALE)		
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	SONG TITLE
1	Vanessa Reynauld	Buat Ku Sempurna
2	Ernie Zakri	Sinar Mata Hati
3	Aina Abdul	Nada Kabul
4	Idayu	Jangan Menangis Cinta
5	Marsha Milan	Cinta

BEST VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG (GROUP)		
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	SONG TITLE
1	Da Unknown	Tersakiti
2	Dolla	Berani
3	Blvckmind Squad	Sembelih
4	V.E	Tunggu
5	Zayne	Kaulah Cinta

BEST DUO/COLLABORATION VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG		
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	SONG TITLE
1	Hafiz Suip and Ernie Zakri	Berakhirlah Pencarianku
2	Syamel and Ernie Zakri	Goodbye Hello
3	Shila Amzah and Liza Hanim	Bahagiakan Dia
4	Lah Ahmad ft. Aina Abdul	Tunggu Kamu
5	Shuib and Siti Sarah	Semakin Benci Semakin Cinta

BEST ALBUM COVER			
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	ALBUM TITLE	DESIGNER
1	Salammusik	Borak	Lan Nusa
2	Ziha Salleh	Adat Kasih	Patrick Leong Kok Soong
3	Amylea	Kendati	Amylea Azizan
4	Razak A'ai	Radio	Mohammad Farizie Bin Johari
5	Dayang Nurfaizah	Belagu	Abidin Khairul / Khairul Afiq Khairudin

BEST ENGINEERED SONG			
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	SONG TITLE	ENGINEER
1	Dayang Nurfaizah	Malam Ku Bermimpi	Simon Khoo, Ari Renaldi, Aubrey Suwito
2	Razak A'ai	Aku Setia	AG Coco
3	Dayang Nurfaizah	Tudung Periuk	Simon Khoo, Ari Renaldi, Aubrey Suwito
4	Anand Sadacharam & Surmukhi Raman	Ellame Marenthen	M. Jagathees
5	Alif Satar & The Locos	Anugerah Terindah	Taja Mustapha, Hafizul 'Pij' Hafiz, Felix Voon

BEST ENGINEERED ALBUM			
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	ALBUM TITLE	ENGINEER
1	Naim Daniel	Fobia	Omar K
2	Yonnyboii	Deluxe Version	Yonnyboii
3	Dayang Nurfaizah	Belagu	Simon Khoo, Ari Renaldi, Aubrey Suwito
4	Sekumpulan Orang Gila (SOG)	Second Voyage	Bert Poncet
5	A.Limin	Sesudah Melakar Langit	Amerul Adri

BEST MUSIC VIDEO			
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	SONG TITLE	DIRECTOR
1	SonaOne	Sape Kata	ATG & SonaOne
2	Janna Nick	Gatal	Chuan Looi
3	Joe Flizzow	CIAO	Shahrin Bahar
4	Kmy Kmo, Luca Sickta, Hazama	Makuta	Yusuf Yunus
5	Daiyan Trisha ft. Tuju	Penat	Jasmine Wong and Daiyan Trisha

BEST ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK IN A FILM/DRAMA				
NO.	SONG TITLE	ARTISTE NAME	COMPOSER	LYRICIST
1	Coretan Pilu	Awie	Ikhwan Fatana & Wan Saleh	Ikhwan Fatana & Wan Saleh
2	Khilaf Asmara	Shila Amzah	Amylea	Amylea
3	Memandangmu	Aidit Alfian & Teguh Budiman	Aidit Alfian	Aidit Alfian/Raja Ahmad Mukhlis/Bakhtiar Effendy
4	Cinta	Marsha Milan	Bunga Cantik, Hang Nadim	Hang Nadim
5	Bahagiakan Dia	Shila Amzah & Liza Hanim	Aliff Iskandar	Aliff Iskandar & Que Afiq

BEST POP ETHNIC SONG				
NO.	SONG TITLE	ARTISTE NAME	COMPOSER	LYRICIST
1	Anakanda	Dato' Sri Siti Nurhaliza	Pown Hasril, Kaim Karam, Jack Jafni	Rozi Sang Dewi
2	Kucuma	Wany Hasrita and Dato' Jamal Abdillah	A. Ramlee & Ezra Kong	A. Ramlee & Ezra Kong
3	Intan Payung	Bunga ft. Noraniza Idris	Luca Sickta, Bungam Amzar Razqa	Bunga, Siqma
4	Adat Kasih	Ziha Salleh	Aubrey Suwito	Tinta
5	Sang Purnama	Wany Hasrita and Wani Syaz	Sang Hitam, Mas Dewangga, Aden King	Sang Hitam

BEST NASYID SONG				
NO.	SONG TITLE	ARTISTE NAME	COMPOSER	LYRICIST
1.	Thank You Allah	Alyah ft. Cat Farish & Ustaz Haris	Alyah, Ikhwan Fatanna, Omar K	Alyah, Ikhwan Fatanna, Omar K, Cat Farish, Ustaz
2.	Syuhud Qalbu	Fitri Haris x Zarul Umbrella	Azmeer	Azmeer & Fitri Haris
3.	Selimut Kasih	Inteam	Syah Inteam	Ahmad Fedtri Yahya
4.	Hasbunallah	One Path	Ustaz Adnin, Shafiq One Path, Afiq One Path, Haseef One	Ustaz Adnin
5.	Linangan Laduni	Darwish	Harry Khalifah	Yabang Khalifah

BEST ROCK SONG				
NO.	SONG TITLE	ARTISTE NAME	COMPOSER	LYRICIST
1	Toxic	Alif Satar & The Locos	Alif Satar, Faliq Auri, Rajwan Juni, Tam Cobain, Efry Arwis	Alif Satar, Faliq Auri, Rajwan Juni, Tam Cobain, Efry Arwis
2	Tugu Ugut	Sekumpulan Orang Gila	Nazrin	Ajim Juxta
3	Korang	Bunkface	Sam Bunkface, Paan, Youk, Epul Kwat, Izzy Musa, Shahir	Sam Bunkface, Paan, Youk
4	DUIT!	Stacy	Bunga Cantik, Hang Nadim	Bunga Cantik
5	I Miss You	Bunkface	Sam Bunkface, Paan, Youk, Biak	Sam Bunkface, Paan, Youk, Biak

BEST POP SONG				
NO.	SONG TITLE	ARTISTE NAME	COMPOSER	LYRICIST
1	Alah Bisa	Faizal Tahir and Amira Othman	Glow Rush, Faizal Tahir, Nick Ariff, Acap Salim, Mage	Glow Rush, Faizal Tahir, Nick Ariff, Acap Salim, Mage
2	Penat	Daiyan Trisha ft. Tuju	Daiyan Trisha, Tuju	Daiyan Trisha, Tuju, Loca B
3	Goodbye Hello	Syamel and Ernie Zakri	Ernie Zakri, Syamel, Faizal Tahir, Mike Chan	Ernie Zakri, Syamel, Faizal Tahir, Mike Chan
4	Perpisahan	Khai Bahar	Rudy Nastia, Shamin Nazri & Adi Pawana	Rudy Nastia, Shamin Nazri & Adi Pawana
5	Kelentang Kelentong	Hael Husaini	Hael Husaini & Ezra Kong	Hael Husaini & Ezra Kong

BEST R&B/HIP HOP SONG				
NO.	SONG TITLE	ARTISTE NAME	COMPOSER	LYRICIST
1	Tak Sangka	Yonnyboii, Zynakal, Asyraf Nasir	Yonnyboii, Zynakal, Ayraf Nasir	Yonnyboii, Zynakal, Ayraf Nasir
2	CIAO	Joe Flizzow	Joe Flizzow, MK, Jay Park, Magic Potions	Joe Flizzow, Jay Park
3	Orang Lain	A. Nayaka, Joe Flizzow, Yonnyboii	A.Nayaka, SonaOne, YHB Sleepsalot, Joe Flizzow, Yonnyboii, Airliftz, SYA, SENNA & Zynakal	A.Nayaka, SonaOne, YHB Sleepsalot, Joe Flizzow, Yonnyboii, Airliftz, SYA, SENNA & Zynakal
4	Tunggu	V.E	Zaf, Adeep, Uno and AJ	Adeep, Zaf and Cham
5	Disentuhi Cinta	Suzanne Low	Yu Heng	Slen Fadzil

BEST POP ELECTRONIC/DANCE SONG				
NO.	SONG TITLE	ARTISTE NAME	COMPOSER	LYRICIST
1	Narsis	Elizabeth Tan ft. Zynakal	Brendan Lim, Seng Meng, Seow Seng Tack, Wee Zhen Yong, Zynakal	Brendan Lim, Seng Meng, Seow Seng Tack, Wee Zhen Yong, Zynakal
2	Fun, Lust, Love	Late Night Frequency	Moja LNF	Moja LNF
3	VETO	DJ CZA feat. TUJULOCA & MK	DJ CZA	TUJULOCA & MK
4	Amaran	Siti Nordiana & Bunga	Mas Dewangga, Firdaus Rahmat	Mas Dewangga, Firdaus Rahmat, Bunga
5	Panggil Sayang	Syeera Aziz	Shazee Ishak, Audi Mok	Shazee Ishak, Audi Mok

BEST LOCAL ENGLISH SONG				
NO.	SONG TITLE	ARTISTE NAME	COMPOSER	LYRICIST
1	So In Love	TY:Del	Ritchie Retita, Timothy Long, Carlson Kam, Roshan Sundram	Timothy Long
2	My World Too	Fatia	Aubrey Suwito	Aubrey Suwito and Lin Li Zhen
3	Game of Charades	Sophia Zuhri	Sophia Zuhri	Sophia Zuhri
4	Acknowledge	Astor Walk	Astor Walk	Astor Walk
5	We Go Up	Athalia	Athalia Buswani and Bryan Bouro	Athalia Buswani and Bryan Bouro

BEST LOCAL CHINESE SONG				
NO.	SONG TITLE	ARTISTE NAME	COMPOSER	LYRICIST
1	Yu Ni	FS (Fuying & Sam)	Li Zhen Yu	Zhang Guo Xiang
2	Suan Shen Me	Uriah	Uriah	Jue Ying
3	Zhi Dao Wo Men Yu Jian Ai	Suzanne Low	Chow Yee Hang	Wong San San
4	Wu Ren Qian Shou De Xin Fu	Uriah	Uriah/ Jia Wang	Hong Jian Rui
5	Someday	Suzanne Low feat. Gaston	Chow Yee Hang/Gaston	Wong San San/Gaston

BEST MALAY SONG PERFORMED BY A FOREIGN ARTISTE		
NO.	SONG TITLE	ARTISTE NAME
1	Masih	Rossa
2	Tak Ingin Usai	Keisya Levronka
3	Bismillah Cinta	Ungu & Lesti
4	Terlalu Berharap	Rossa
5	Memilih Aku	Arsy Widiyanto, Tiara Andini

BEST MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT IN A SONG			
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	SONG TITLE	ARRANGER
1	Bihzhu	Chendering	Idris Koh Keng Hui
2	Thiagu Murugesu, Anand Sadacharam, Karthikeyan	Ellame Marenthen	Thiagu Murugesu
3	Dayang Nurfaizah	Malam Ku Bermimpi	Aubrey Suwito
4	Dayang Nurfaizah	Tudung Periuk	Aubrey Suwito
5	Vanessa Reynauld	Buat Ku Sempurna	Adib Hussein, Mage, Faizal, Mike Chan

ALBUM OF THE YEAR			
NO.	ARTISTE NAME	ALBUM TITLE	PRODUCER
1	Ramayan	Di Persiaran Cakrawala	Ramayan
2	Tuju	Tuju Untuk Kamu 18/19	Mingaling, Saucie J, Meerfly
3	Sekumpulan Orang Gila (SOG)	Radicalism	Bert Poncet
4	Yonnyboii	Yonny (Deluxe Version)	Wolfy
5	A. Limin	Sesudah Melakar Langit	Amerul Ishraf Adri



“We are almost there as we count the days, minutes and seconds to the country’s most glamorous night. Anugerah Industri Muzik Ke-23 will be nothing short but a night for music excellence.

Astro is once again RIM’s media partner in staging and broadcasting this star-studded night that will be packed with memorable performances and of course, winners claiming their moment of glory,” said Norzeha Mohd Salleh, Head of Astro Ria, Prima and Warna.

“Astro promises an eclectic dan versatile mix of performers; from critically acclaimed, profound divas of the stage right to fresh and new faces.

The stars will shine brightly with presenters from all walks of life, representing the diversity of Malaysia’s entertainment industry. This amazing line-up of presenters will ensure the night is in good company,” she said.

“Once again, Astro would like to reiterate our utmost dedication in supporting the local music scene. Homegrown talents are crucial in ensuring the sustainability of the music industry as we are aware that the past two years have been challenging to many. With the rising of talents and innovative songs spurring out from our music scene, we are pleased to say that the local music scene is here to stay and dominating the airwaves for good.

“Do watch Anugerah Industri Muzik Ke-23 on **11 September, 9 p.m.** via **Astro Ria (104)**. Alternatively, Astro customers can stream it via Astro GO or On Demand. AIM23 is also supported by Astro Radio, as the official radio partner,” added Norzeha.

Kindly refer to the attachment for the complete list of AIM23 participating judges.

For more information on **RIM** and its activities, please log on to www.rim.org.my. For all AIM matters, kindly log on to www.aim.org.my.

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About Recording Industry Association of Malaysia (RIM)

RIM is the National Group of the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) which represents the recording industry worldwide with over 8,000 members in 70 countries. RIM also currently represents a total of 370 local and International recording companies operating in Malaysia. Among them are the major International recording companies – Universal Music, Warner Music, Sony Music Entertainment and Rock Records; and established local independent recording companies such as Hup Hup (Life Record), New Southern Records (NSR), Suria Records (SRC), FMC and Nova Music. As the recognised body representing the Malaysian recording industry since 1978, RIM endeavours to foster the development of the local music industry through various activities which include the publishing of the weekly RIM charts that lists the Top 10 most-streamed International and Domestic songs in Malaysia. Over the years, RIM has also organised music forums, music talks at institutions of higher learning and coordinated trips to international music conferences (i.e. MIDEM, ALL THAT MATTERS) for the benefit of its members. RIM is also the organiser of Anugerah Industri Muzik (AIM), the much-respected music industry awards show.

Among the association’s aims and objectives are to maintain and foster good trade ethics and fair business practices among its members, assist in creating and promoting the rights of owners of phonograms and videograms through statutes, case laws or

contracts and through conventions and agreements as well. Where such rights already exist, the association will endeavour to defend, preserve and develop them. RIM is also responsible in furthering the interests of producers of phonograms and videograms by making representations to and negotiating with the local government, governmental agencies, non-governmental organisations and other relevant representative bodies in Malaysia. It also aims to advance and protect the future welfare of its members via its anti-piracy efforts by any lawful and proper means and to file complaints and cases with the relevant government agencies and courts and take all other necessary actions as may be approved by the Council to protect the rights and interests of its members. RIM also seeks to apply and receive grants, donations, contributions or monies for the advancement of the aims and objects of the association.