

New Mexico Hispano Music Association

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November 19, 2015

Dear NMHMA Member:

The 25th Annual NMHMA Awards Show is right around the corner. The Hispano Music Awards will be held on Saturday, January 16th 2016 in the Conference Center at the Ohkay Casino Resort Hotel in Espanola, New Mexico.

JUDGING/NOMINEES

The Judging for the 2015 awards show will take place on December 19th and December 20th at the Ohkay Casino Resort. This is closed to the public. We will not be posting the nominees on our website. The Nominees will be announced at our Nominees Announcement Party and Dance to be held on Saturday, January 2nd 2016 at the Ohkay Casino Resort Conference Center following the Children/Youth Competition. There will be no cost to nominees and association members for this event; however there will be a nominal fee for the general public. More information will be posted on our website.

ENTRY FORMS

If you have a current CD release, I have included the entry forms for the Awards Show. Additional copies of the entry forms may also be downloaded from our website at www.nmhma.org Please read the entry forms carefully and take your time to fill these out correctly. Incomplete entry forms may disqualify your submission for this year's awards show. The deadline for submitting your materials is Friday, December 11th, 2015. If you have any questions regarding your Entry Forms and or submission, please feel free to call.

PERFORMERS

The Board of Directors will meet on December 19th 2015 to select the performers for this year's award show. Obviously there are a limited number of slots available for performers. If you or your band is interested in performing, please send a letter requesting to perform for the Awards Show. You may email president@nmhma.org or send us a letter through the mail. Those of you that are selected will receive a letter in the mail with special instructions. The NMHMA board has established criteria to select performers and insure fair participation by all New Mexico Music artists. Our goal is to showcase the tremendous talent associated with the NMHMA. I have enclosed our Performance Criteria with this letter.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership is crucial for the growth and continued success of the NMHMA. Membership dues are now being accepted. ***Membership renewal*** is greatly appreciated and encouraged regardless if you or your group has a current project.

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To potential new members, *I invite you to join* and enjoy the benefits of the state's premier and most respected association. You may submit your application for membership and pay your membership dues on the NMHMA website at www.nmhma.org or simply fill out the enclosed form and mail it back to us.

TICKETS

Tickets for the Awards show will be \$30.00 per person. Association members and Nominees do not have to pay for their tickets. However, as has been the policy you will be required to buy a ticket for your spouse which must be purchased directly from the NMHMA as they are reserved, assigned seats in our VIP section. Additional family members may purchase tickets through any of the locations as described herein or on-line. Tickets on-line will be available for purchase beginning **December 10th** on our website at www.nmhma.org. Tickets will also be available at various outlets in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Espanola, Taos and surrounding areas beginning January 1, 2016. This year's NMHMA awards show promises to be a sell-out, so I encourage you to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. If you are a paid Association Member, you will receive a ticket to the show with your ballots in our next mailing. As a reminder, **only one guest per member is permitted to sit in the VIP section.**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/ELECTION

As in the past, the General Membership meeting will take place at 3:00 pm the same day as the awards show in Suite 230 at the Ohkay Casino Hotel. The purpose of the meeting is for the election of officers. There are currently 2 positions up for election: The position of Vice-President currently held by Eric Garcia and two board seats currently held by Rosie Gomez & Jason Manzanares. Nominations will be accepted and voted on during the meeting as mandated in our By-Laws. The meeting should last no more than 30 minutes giving you enough time to get ready for the Awards show by 6 pm. I encourage you to attend this meeting as your opinions and participation are valued.

HOTEL ROOMS

The association has a room block at the Ohkay Casino Hotel for the Award Show. Nominees and performers, production staff and Corporate Sponsors have precedence for rooms/suites at the Ohkay Casino Resort. These rooms may only be booked by emailing or calling Jackie Conway. Her email is jackie@nmhma.org 505-429-2237 DO NOT CALL THE OHKAY HOTEL directly. Room availability will be determined after our nominees have been announced on January 2, 2016.

In Closing I would like to thank you for your continued support of New Mexico's Premier Award Show. Please feel free to call me with any questions and/or concerns that you may have at 505-469-5514.

Regards,

Casey C. Gallegos
President

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NMHMA AWARDS SHOW ENTRY FORM 2015

SONG OF THE YEAR

Song does not have to be an original song.
Must receive **substantial airplay**. This song
will be judged on popularity and performance.

One song may be submitted for this category.
Please select song from current compact disc.
Choose the song according to the above-
mentioned criteria.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR
GROUP)

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Male soloist or member of a musical group.
This song will be judged on your vocal ability.
You may submit one song which most
demonstrates your vocal ability. Popularity of
song will be considered.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (Name of Vocalist)

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Female soloist or member of a musical group.
This song will be judged on your vocal ability.
You may submit one song, which most
demonstrates your vocal ability. Popularity of
song will be considered.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (Name of Vocalist)

VOCAL DUO OF THE YEAR

Two individual artists with each contributing a
noticeable and substantial amount of vocal
effort. This **should not** be a song where both
singers simply do **harmony** or a singer backing
herself/himself up. This category will be judged
on your vocal ability and popularity of song.
You may submit one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (Provide names of
both Artists)

BILINGUAL SONG OF THE YEAR

Song which incorporates both Spanish and English lyrics. Spanish as the primary language is required. The composition must contain a significant amount of Spanish lyrics

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

GOSPEL SONG OF THE YEAR

Song must be a composition which was written to express either a personal or communal belief regarding spiritual life with a common theme of praise, worship or thanks to God.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

ORIGINAL SONG OF THE YEAR

Song must be an original song. The song's popularity will be considered during the judging process. Please list the composer (s). You must also submit lyrics for this song

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

Written By: _____

SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR

Musical Arrangement and lyrics must be original. Please list the song individually and list the composer(s). You must also submit lyrics for this song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

Written By: _____

INSTRUMENTAL SONG OF THE YEAR

The song cannot contain any lyrics. Song does not have to be original. You may submit one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

CD OF THE YEAR

The number of songs which receive airplay from the CD will be considered in the judging process. Compilation CDs are not eligible for this category. Sales will play a major role in the judging process of this category.

CD TITLE

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

PRODUCER OF THE YEAR

You may enter one CD for this category. Please list the CD and producer.

CD/Cassette Title

PRODUCED BY (Name of Producer (s))

CONJUNTO/NORTENO SONG OF THE YEAR

Use of traditional conjunto instrumentation including bajo sexto, accordion, drums, and bass. You may submit one song. Synthesized music arrangements are not eligible.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

MARIACHI SONG OF THE YEAR

Conforming to traditional mariachi instrumentation and execution. Synthesized mariachi arrangements are not eligible. You may enter one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

RISING STAR/ARTIST/GROUP OF THE YEAR

For this category you may enter one group or artist. Recording does not have to be your first recording, but you must have no more than three (3) years of professional recording/performance experience. Please enter one song from current CD.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

HISPANO LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nominee must have made a significant contribution to the New Mexico Hispano music Industry. Person nominated can be living or deceased. Candidates cannot receive this award more than once. Information will be verified. **Please do not skip this category.** Surely you know someone who should be nominated.

NAME OF PERSON:

CROSSOVER SONG OF THE YEAR

Song style can be Latino Pop, Country or Crossover Genre. Songs eligible for this category may come from an artist or group whose primary performance/productions are that of traditional New Mexico Hispano Style and have also submitted materials in other NMHMA Music Categories. You may submit one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

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CORRIDO OF THE YEAR

Song's lyrics must tell a story in the traditional style of a Corrido. Song does not have to be an original song. Musical composition and arrangement will be considered during the judging process as well. You may enter one song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

TRADITIONAL RANCHERA SONG OF THE YEAR

Song must express the sound of a ranchera utilizing traditional instrumentation and rhythms. You may enter one song. Does not have to be an original song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

MARK IPIOTIS AWARD

Recipient cannot be a musician. The nominee must have made considerable contributions to the New Mexico Hispano music industry and entertainment scene. Suggested nominees are Radio Owner's, DJ's or Program Directors along with Promoters and individuals whose work promotes NM Music.

PERSONS NAME: _____

BAND OF THE YEAR

Any band may be considered for this category. A current CD release is not required. The band should be a popular band throughout the various regions of the state. The band must be significantly popular and recognized throughout the New Mexico music scene.

NAME OF BAND:

SALSA/TROPICAL SONG OF THE YEAR

Music must be directly related to these types. You may enter one song. Please note that a cumbia song is not necessarily a Salsa or Tropical song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

CUMBIA SONG OF THE YEAR

Song must express the sound of a cumbia utilizing traditional instrumentation and rhythms. You may enter one song. Does not have to be an original song.

SONG:

RECORDED BY (ARTIST OR GROUP)

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2015 NMHMA AWARDS SHOW GUIDELINES-Please Read
thoroughly before submitting your entry!

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ENTRIES: December 11, 2015

1. Artist/musician wishing to submit their materials must be a current member of the New Mexico Hispano Music Association and a present or past resident of the state of New Mexico. The yearly membership fee is \$75.00 and may be paid at the time of music entry, or check/money order may be sent separately. Checks or money orders must be made payable to New Mexico Hispano Music Association. If for any reason your check should be returned, this will be grounds for immediate disqualification. There will be no refunds of membership or entry fee, even if disqualification should occur.
2. All materials submitted for the 2015 NMHMA Awards Ceremony must have been released to the public in compact disc format, iTunes or digital format between October 1, 2014 and December 6, 2015 to be eligible. All submitted materials must contain significant Spanish lyrics. Nominees are required to submit six (6) non-returnable compact discs for judging review. Five will be given to judges for review and one will be kept by the Association to produce nominations and video sound bytes and Winners Compact Disc.
3. Entries in last year's NMHMA awards ceremony or any other NMHMA Award Show ceremony are not eligible this year. Songs entered can be remakes and/or originals. All materials must be professionally studio recorded and original materials should be copyrighted. Any original materials submitted **without copyright**, will be disqualified. Please provide us a copy of your Copywriter Certificate.
4. Please submit five copies of typed lyric sheets with each entry(s). Lyrics are required if you are submitting for the "Original Song" and "Songwriter" of the year categories! Failure to submit typewritten lyric sheets for at least these two categories will be grounds for disqualification. NOTE: Please verify all required information before submitting.
5. Please submit six copies of biography of artist and/or group, so that the judges will have some background about the artist or group.
6. The solo artist or leader of each group must submit a signed affidavit. By signing the affidavit, the signer verifies that all information is true and correct. The signer will be responsible for any discrepancies that may be found by the NMHMA.

7. Band/Artist(s) must submit entries. It is up to you as a Band/Artist to submit your entries. NOTE: Please verify all required information before submitting.
8. Digital high resolution jpeg files on CD or emailed to us of your current photos are required. In the event that you do not have digital photos, please include two current color professional, glossy photos of the artist or group. There must not be any lettering on the photographs. Should you be one of the nominees, this picture will be used in the NMHMA Awards Ceremony program and for the nomination video. Your photographs will not be returned. No computer print outs of photos and No Cd Covers should be submitted. We need original photos & we prefer digital photos.
9. Five (5) unbiased judges will be selected to review each category. The judges will not have any affiliation with the board or with the contestants. An independent accountant will be appointed by the president of the NMHMA to tabulate the final scores.
10. You may enter a song in more than one category. Please consider the category criteria and make the appropriate selection. It is entirely at your discretion which category you would like the panel of judges to rate your entry. The entries will be reviewed and if any changes in the category are required, the musician or band will be notified of any category changes and will not be disqualified. If any of your entries are disqualified you will be provided with a letter stipulating the reason for disqualification. Please note that we may call you during the judging process if our judges have any questions regarding any entry. We will call the telephone number that you provide on your entry form. Please provide us with a cell number. The Judging process will take place on December 19th and 20th 2015. We may call you during this time if Judges have any questions. **The Association reserves the right to exclude categories if the category does not receive at least 3 entries.**
11. Send your entry package including all required materials and documentation to NMHMA, P.O. Box 1785, Espanola, New Mexico, 87532
12. If you would prefer to drop off your entry, you may do so at KDCE Radio Station in Espanola, New Mexico.

NOTICE: **WE MUST have** your entry form **in our possession** by **December 11th, 2015.** If you are going to mail them, make sure that you allow enough time for us to receive them by **December 11th, 2015.** You may also send your entries FED Ex, UPS or any other overnight courier as long as we receive them by **December 11, 2015.** In case you decide to send your entry overnight, please send them to the following physical address since most couriers do not ship to P.O. Box numbers. **Our physical address is 403 West Pueblo Drive Espanola, New Mexico 87532.**

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NMHMA Performance Criteria

The primary goal of the NMHMA is to promote New Mexico Music and its talented musicians and performers. Each year the annual awards show provides an opportunity for our members to showcase their talent in front of an audience of over 1500 New Mexico Music fans.

The selection process for each year's awards show is determined by the NMHMA board of directors. Stringent criteria have been set in place to insure that NMHMA members are well represented. Before each year's awards show, the NMHMA board meets to review and select the talent for our awards show in a fair and unbiased manner. Each band and/or performer is invited to participate in the awards show based on the following criteria:

- NMHMA membership, participation and support of the association and attendance at NMHMA Events such as our annual picnic, award show etc. are considered key.
- Bands and/or Artists with submissions for the current awards show receive priority in order to Promote their current CD release. Please note that we cannot accommodate everyone that has a new submission for the award show.
- Number of appearances in past shows is considered. The NMHMA strives to include and showcase ALL of its members as often as possible and allow opportunities for new and upcoming talent.
- Successful groups with a tremendous fan base and following are a must in order for the NMHMA to successfully promote the awards show and maintain its reputation as being New Mexico's Premier Awards Show.
- Cooperation with NMHMA staff and adhering to performance guidelines is critical. If the group and/or artist goes over the allotted time of 4-5 minutes, is unhappy with placement in line up or feels awards selection is biased, the NMHMA reserves the right to exclude groups/artists from future events.

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NMHMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2015

BAND/ARTIST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

WEBSITE _____

BAND LEADERS NAME _____ NUMBER OF BAND MEMBERS _____

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN PERFORMING AS ABOVE NAMED BAND OR ARTIST _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY RECORDINGS _____ IF YES, HOW MANY CD'S _____

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS **\$75.00** PER BAND/ARTIST AND THAT ENTITLES THE BANDLEADER TO ONE (1) VOTE. HOWEVER ALL MEMBERS IN THE BAND CAN REGISTER SEPARATELY FOR \$10.00 PER ADDITIONAL BAND MEMBERS AND EACH ADDITIONAL REGISTERED MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO AN ADDITIONAL VOTE. PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

_____ REGISTRATION FOR BANDLEADER OR SOLO ARTIST \$75.00

_____ REGISTRATION FOR ADDITIONAL BAND MEMBER(S) \$10.00 PER MEMBER

HOW MANY TOTAL MEMBER(S) ARE YOU REGISTERING INCLUDING YOURSELF _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

HOW MANY MEMBERS ARE THERE IN YOUR BAND INCLUDING YOURSELF, EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERING ADDITIONAL BAND MEMBERS _____

PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES OF YOUR BAND MEMBERS IN THE FOLLOWING SPACES:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE NEW MEXICO HISPANO MUSIC ASSOCIATION!

***Please note that membership dues are for **ONE Year** and must be **Renewed Annually**. Please make checks payable to the NMHMA. We Encourage You to Register all members of Your band. As registered Members they are allowed to vote for the Award Show Nominees and during any General Membership Meetings.

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NEW MEXICO HISPANIO MUSIC ASSOCIATION'S 2015 HISPANO MUSIC AWARDS SHOW

I, _____ hereby swear that all information and music entries are correct and true on
(Print Name Here)

behalf of _____ (Band Name/Artist Name).

I take full responsibility for any discrepancies that may be found by the New Mexico Hispano Music Association. I understand that if discrepancies are found in the information that I have submitted, the penalty will be disqualification. I understand that if disqualification occurs, the membership fee is non-refundable. However, I do have the right to request written documentation from the New Mexico Hispano Music Association as to the reason(s) for my disqualification, should it occur. I will not hold the association responsible and/or liable for my disqualification.

I, _____ hereby swear that all materials submitted by me to the New Mexico Hispano
(Print Name Here)

Music Association's Award Show have been released to the public in Cassette or Compact Disc format between the dates of October 1, 2014 and December 6, 2015 and have never before been submitted in a prior New Mexico Hispano Music Association's Award Show.

Disclosure Statement

I hereby acknowledge that materials in the form of recorded music which appears on my submitted Compact Disc, images in the form of promotional photos and all other materials submitted to the New Mexico Hispano Music Association will be used for the purpose of producing the NMHMA Annual Awards Show, Award Show Program Book and may be used for other fundraising activities. By signing this document I hereby grant permission to the NMHMA and its Board of Directors to use my materials. I also release the NMHMA and its Board of Directors of any and all claims of compensation which result from the sale of the Program Book, DVD/Videos and/or any other materials used for promotion by the NMHMA.

Signature

Date Signed

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2015

by _____
(Print or Type Your Full Name)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____