

Nominees announced for Feather Awards 2021

The list of colourful nominees have been announced for the 13th annual Feather Awards, set to take place on 11 November 2021 at the Market Theatre in Johannesburg.



Thami Kotlolo, Feather Awards cofounder

This year, the nominee list comprises personalities and individuals from various industry sectors including entertainment, politics, lifestyle, sport and business. Each nominated individual or organisation, in one way or the other, has either represented, inspired, or celebrated the LGBTIQ community with excellence and distinction over the past twelve months.

Category finalists and later winners are selected and adjudicated by a panel consisting of members of the media and entertainment industry, who are firmly in touch with what's hot and not on the South African social circuit.

The 2021 edition is aptly themed 'Queer Lives Matter', in line with the global conversation that seeks to address the array of LGBTI issues, which includes violent crimes against the LGBTIQ community.

In addition, the Feather Awards aims to do the following:

- Amplify the plight of the community during the build-up to the awards.
- Uplifting the names of the LGBTIQ activists who are doing impactful work in various communities across the country.
- Pay homage to supportive media bodies, LGBTIQ student movements and selected role models who enrich and back the community.

- Celebrate the lives of those lost over the past 12 months.



Feather Awards announces 2020 winners

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Now in its 13th year, the awards have evolved from solely an award celebration back in 2008 to a full array LGBTQ advocacy activations taking place throughout the year. Done in partnership with the Thami Dish Foundation, these programmes include the LGBTQ+ dialogues, workshop and trainings done in communities across South Africa.

The actual Feather Awards will take place on 11 November at a private ceremony in Johannesburg.

And the nominees are...

Best Styled Individual:

Leroy Marc
Rich Mnisi
Zozibini Tunzi

Hunk of the Year:

Siya Khumalo
Wiseman Zithar
Rich Mnisi

Diva Extraordinaire of the Year:

Johanna Mukoki
Ayanda Ncwane
Amanda Dambuza

Sports Personality of the Year:

Phuti 'Minaj' Lekoloane
Protea Pumas
Palesa Manaleng

Role model of the Year:

Phuthi 'Minaj' Lekoloane
Roché Kester
Thebe Magugu

Cutest Couple:

Musa and Liesel Mthombeni
Sylvester Chauke and Tumelo Mmusi
Latoya and Lebo Keswa

Hot Chick of the Year:

Kamo Mphela
Shudufadzo Musida
Ama Qamatha

Media Award of the Year:

Becoming
ShakeDown YFM
The River

Fag hag of the Year:

Lady Du
Zoe Modiga
Nokuthula Mavuso

Musician:

Lady Du
Makhadzi
Langa Mavuso

Socialite:

Johanna Mukoki
Lelo WhatGood
Bobby Blanco

Drama Queen:

Nonku Williams and her Mom
Thabo Smalls & KeJile keJile
Khanyi Mbau

Social Media Personality of the Year:

The Funny Chef
Coachella Randy
Tumi Powerhouse

Best LGBTIQ Initiative:

Levis X Langa Mavuso
Ernest & Young
Tshepo Jeans

Best LGBTIQ Initiative: Public Sector:

Gauteng Department of Education
Department of Education Western Cape
National Youth Development Agency

Best LGBTIQ Youth Movement:

Vaal LGBT
Vogue Nights
Queer Lives Matter

Best Rainbow Parenting:

House of Diamond (Original Hunty)
Bongani Sibeko and Ndumiso Ngidi
Virginia Magwaza

The 2021 Simon Nkoli Award:

David Tlale



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Feather Awards comes of age

"It's been an interest 13 years building these awards as a community. From starting out as a small celebration at a nightclub in Rosebank, the Feathers is now a whole teenager, a fully operational powerhouse of programmes. Through the awards we have showcased, celebrated and shared the South African LGBTIQ community with not only the African continent but also the world at large. They have also helped empower the country through dialogues and workshops, making their voice heard in communities in the public and private sector," said Thami Kotlolo, cofounder of the Feather Awards.

"This year we are celebrating the entire community with the Queer Lives Matter theme. It's been thirteen years in the making, so here's to the next milestone, onward to adulthood."

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