

OFFICIAL NOMINEES MISSISSIPPI GOSPEL MUSIC AWARDS 2016

“A Journey Through Soul” All recordings and Best categories are based on activities performed between July 2015 and the time of nominations. All Radio Playlists, National and Regional Charts should be used as references. The Gospel Music Awards will be held on Sunday, July 31st.

1. FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Chrishon Smith
Hattie Kaiser
Azell Smith
Shanda Gray-Steele
Carrie Parker Small
Rochell Demby

2. GROUP OF THE YEAR (P)

The Sons of God
The Wilson Singers (of Tchula)
The Dewdrop Singers
The Southern Stars
The Hobbs Brothers
Joe Robinson and Faithful



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3. SONG OF THE YEAR BY A NATIONAL SINGLE ARTIST

“Worth Fighting For” Brian Courtney Wilson
“You Can’t Give Up” Paul Porter
“All of Me” Doug Williams
“Move Forward” Troy Sneed
“I Won’t Be Defeated” Damon Little
“By Myself” Alvin Garrett

4. JACKSON GOSPEL RADIO ANNOUNCER OF THE YEAR (P)

Larry Armstrong
Joe A. Washington
Val Blue
Percy Davis

5. NATIONAL MALE LEAD SINGER OF A GROUP (P)

Darrel Pettis
Tim Rodgers
Lil Roy
Martin Luther Wardlaw
Anthony Brown

6. MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR (P)

Jimmy Weary
Marcus Powell
Justin Gray
Fred Demby
Cornelius Moore

7. MALE LEAD SINGER OF THE YEAR (The Jimmie Ray Lewis Award)

Manuel Johnson
Eric Knapp
Brandon Mitchell
Pastor Douglas Noel
Joe Washington
Jerry Kelly



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8. DANCE MINISTRY OF THE YEAR

Selection

9. SPOKEN WORD

Selection

10. MISSISSIPPI GOSPEL ANNOUNCER OF THE YEAR (P)

Henry "Gospel Slim" Davis– WTYJ – Natchez, MS
Doc Shanklin – WBAD/WESY Greenville, MS
Recardo Thomas – WNLA / AM- Indianola, MS
Dr. Tyrone Lindsey –WAGR-Yazoo City, MS

11. MALE CHORUS OF THE YEAR (P)

Mt. Nebo Male Chorus
Lynch Street C.M.E. Male Chorus
Morning Star Male Chorus
Hope Springs Male Chorus
St. Thomas Male Chorus

12. ALBUMS OF THE YEAR RECORDED BY AN UPCOMING ARTIST (P)

“The Showers” The Showers
“Forever Family” The Wilson Singers
“He Worked It Out For Me” The Anointed Brown Sisters
“Fresh Wind Volume 1” Darryl Pettis and Take 2
“3rd Generation” 3rd Generation

13. BEST SONG RECORDED BY A NATIONAL GROUP

“Miracle” Virtue
“Come Through” The Wardlaw Brothers
“Thank You” Roy and The Revelation

14. ALBUM OF THE YEAR RECORDED BY A NATIONAL GROUP (P)

“Fearless” Virtue
“Memphis Gospel Live” Lee Williams and The Spiritual QC’s
“Come Through” The Wardlaw Brothers
“Thank You” Roy and The Revelation

**15. NATIONAL GROUP OF THE YEAR (P)
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Virtue
Lee Williams and the Spiritual Q C’s
Roy and The Revelation
Darrell Pettis and Take 2
The Wardlaw Brothers
The Williams Singers

16. CHURCH CHOIR OF THE YEAR (P)

Pearlie Grove M.B. Church
Greater Fairview M.B. Church
Lynch Street C.M.E.
Church Triumphant

17. THE FRANK WILLIAMS MEMORIAL AWARD (P)

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Special Selection

18. COMMUNITY CHOIR (P)

Crystal Springs Community Youth Choir
The Children of Christ Community Choir
Anointed Bodies of Christ

19. BEST ENGINEERED RECORDING (P)

“All of Me” Doug Williams
“You Can’t Give Up” Paul Porter” Brian Courtney Williams
“Move Forward” Troy Sneed
“By Myself” Alvin Garrett
“ I Won’t Be Defeated” Damon Little
“So Good” Melvin Williams and Dottie Peoples

20. THE LINZY “DON” DIXON MEMORIAL AWARD (P)

Tyrone Lindsey
Gregg Ervin
Lannie Spann McBride
Larry Armstrong

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