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The 2019 MTN Hip Hop Awards date, nominees announced.

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Kampala – The third edition of the MTN Hip Hop Awards has been announced, revealing the list of nominees and an awards gala date set. The awards are set out to celebrate the best hip hop music released in 2018 and are organized by The Tribe UG. According to The Tribe UG, the aim is to recognise the hip hop musicians that made 2018 a good year for the industry.

"We delighted to be back for the third edition of the hip hop awards. 2018 was a competitive year as we saw some household names go all out in the industry. Additionally, we saw some fresh and underground talent come up to express themselves with some good vibes," explains Felix Byaruhanga, the PR and Marketing Manager at The Tribe UG.

The announcement was made via video link on MTN Uganda's official Facebook page.

There are 20 categories in the 3rd edition of the Awards, including 'Song of the year', 'Album of the year' and 'Video of the year' among others.

According to Byaruhanga, there is an opportunity for the public to vote for the best by send a message to 7197. Each musician has been given a code and for voting to take place, they'll have to dial "UGHHA<space> Artist Code to 7197."

In partnership with MTN Pulse, the awards ceremony will be held on 8th February 2018 at the MTN TIDAL Warehouse located at the MTN Headquarters on Jinja Road. Tickets to attend the awards ceremony are Shs20,000 ordinary and Shs50,000 for VIP.

"MTN Uganda is once again delighted to be part of the hip hop awards as we appreciate what 2018 was like for this music genre. On top of sponsoring the awards, we are encouraging the public to participate in the fun MTN Cypher competition, an opportunity for them to showcase their rap skills; to win the top prize at stake: UShs1,000,000," says Hellen Kirungi, the Youth Segment Manager, MTN Uganda.

To participate in the MTN Cypher, one is required to download the MTN Cypher pre-recorded instrumental available on the MTN social media platforms. They then record a 1-minute video on the track mentioning MTN Pulse. Participants will then share the video with friends with the hashtag #MTNCypher on social media (Facebook and Twitter - tagging @mtnug) to attract likes/retweets.

MTN Uganda shall be rewarding the person with the most likes/retweets with UGX 1,000,000. The 1st runner-up wins UGX 500,000 and 2nd runner-up UGX 250,000.

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MTN UG HIP-HOP Awards NOMINEES 2018

1. Male Rapper of the Year

Mun*G
Fik Fameica
Fefe Bussi
JK Lubanto
Jim Nola MC

2. Female Rapper of the Year

MC Yallah
Recho Rey
Tushi Polo
Fasie
Race T

3. Album of the Year

OMUNGi Attibwa - Mun*G
On My Own - J-Wats
African Reality - AJO
Affropucino - Blixxack
Labongo & Gipir - Judas Rap Knowledge

4. Song of the Year

Yenze Aliko - Flex D'Paper
Terikuzikiza - Recho Rey
Iddi Amin Dada - Fefe Bussi
Firimu - JK
Lubanto Wubila Hater - KSL

5. Producer of the Year

Mio Made
Dagg Mizzo
Baru
Nase Avatar
Yung Jey Basalesale

6. Collaboration of the year

Paper - Navio, Ice Prince, The Mith
Red Cypher - Josh SB, Ginsu, Ruyonga, Barna, Wake & DJ Stef
Holla Remix - J-Wats, Pryce Teeba, Flex D'Paper, DelBoy, Play01, Byg Ben
Emisana N'Ekiro - Blixxack & Tucker HD
Gangasta - DJ Crim, T-Bro & Lyrical G

7. Inspirational song of the Year

Believe - Emmix
Brokeness - Jesse10s
Ngenze - Bawanguzi Of Souls
Press On - Barna
Life is Beautiful - Lyrical Mycheal & Anthony Faulkner

8. Video of the Year

Paper - Navio, Ice Prince & The Mith
Firimu - JK Lubanto
Sconto - Fik Fameica
Terikuzikiza - Recho Rey
Iddi Amin Dada - Fefe Bussi

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9. Lyricist of the Year

AJO - Transcend

St. Nellysade - Rap Up 2017

Blixxack - The Proem

Recho Rey - Terikuzikiza

Tushi Polo - Ke'Kaseera

10. Rookie of the Year

Mootownoh

DelBoy

Keinoh

Recho Rey

Tushi Polo

11. Sweet 16 (Verse of the year)

Slavery - Suspekt

Paper - The Mith

Mpambana - MC Yallah

The Proem - Blixxack

Snapbacks - KSL

12. Mixtape of The year

Kingdome Come - Dagg Mizzo

Broken Master Piece - A1 Fresh

The Intro - Larry

Trap House Memoirs - Sliq Teq

November Came Late - Ledra & MAFB

13. Deejay of the Year

Deejay Crim

Tha DropOut

DJ Slaughter Elly

Deejay Lolah

14. Personality of the Year

The Mith & J Crim - Double Trouble (Urban TV)

Toobi S.M.O.L.Z - Radio King 90.2FM

Byg Kahuna - Hot 100

Meester Deejay & Slaughter Elly - SNMS (Radio City)

Calvin Da Entertainer - UBC TV

15. Rap Fusion of the Year

Nielewe - Navio, Vanessa Mdee

Tubikole - Fik Fameica & Vinka

Karamu - Amani Amaniga

Habiba - St. Nellysade & AB Kale

Gukubila - Lyrical Mychael

16. Diaspora Act of the Year

Blixxack

Jesse 10S

LI

Kleo Namiiro

17. Western Rapper of the Year

Amani Amaniga

Crazie Wispa

T-Bro The King Kiga

Sagio Mhza Xamion't

18. Northern Rapper of The Year

Gbaraspoken Emcee

O.P.U KobokoBoy

Toobi S.M.O.L.Z

Ken Lee

Judas Rapknowledge

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19. Central Rapper of the year

JK Lubanto
Fefe Bussi
Jim Nola MC
Gravity Omutuju
Recho Rey

20. Eastern Rapper of the year

Leumas Owabajaja
HID 16TH
Gibbon MC
MamRe Snares

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