

2022 AWARDS 2022

16 categories with 12 nominees each. Out of 429 releases, 286 performances, 42 music videos, 39 cover artworks, these nominees have been thoroughly selected in a process of internal voting by our staff located all over the world. The categories and nominees aim to comprise a diverse selection of genres and styles, representing a good selection of progressive rock, metal and related subgenres.

1 Album of the Year: Progressive Metal

Avandra - Prodigal
Avatarium - Death, Where Is Your Sting
David Maxim Micic - Bilo IV
Feather Mountain - To Exit A Maelstrom
Michael Romeo - War of the Worlds: Part II
Parius - The Signal Heard Throughout Space
Playgrounded - The death of Death
Soledad - XIII
Soulsplitter - Connection
Star One - Revel In Time
Threshold - Dividing Lines
Wilderun - Epigone

2 Album of the Year: Progressive Rock

A.A. Williams - As The Moon Rests
Big Big Train - Welcome to the Planet
Karcus - Grey, White, Silver, Yellow and Gold
Lalu - Paint the Sky
Major Parkinson - Valesa - Chapter 1: Velvet Prison
Maraton - Unseen Color
Oceans of Slumber - Starlight and Ash
Porcupine Tree - Closure / Continuation
PreHistoric Animals - The Magical Mystery Machine (Chapter 2)
Toehider - I Have Little To No Memory Of These Memories
Verbal Delirium - Conundrum
Von Herten Brothers - Red Alert in the Blue Forest

3 Album of the Year: Extreme Prog

Allegaeon - Damnum
An Abstract Illusion - Woe
Ashbreather - Hivemind
Ashenspire - Hostile Architecture
Conjurer - Pathos
Cult of Luna - The Long Road North
Darkane - Inhuman Spirits
Disillusion - Ayam
Fallujah - Empyrean
Persefone - metanoia
Psychonaut - Violate Consensus Reality
SYK - Pyramiden

4 Album of the Year: Instrumental

Andy Gillion - Arcade Metal
Animals As Leaders - Parrhesia
The Aristocrats - The Aristocrats With Primuz
Chamber Orchestra
behind closed doors - caged in helices
Cydemind - The Descent
Étrange - Enigme
Ghost Toast - Shade Without Color
Mono - My Story, The Buraku Story (OST)
Poly-Math - Zenith
Polyphia - Remember That You Will Die
Russian Circles - Gnosis
Tundra - Hex

5 Album of the Year: Experimental

Carpenter Brut - Leather Terror
E-L-R - Vexier
Heilung - Drif
Jessica O'Donoghue - Rise Up
Jo Quail - The Cartographer
Johan Reinholdz - Weightless and Numb
Karl Sanders - Saurian Apocalypse
Messa - Close
Tranzat - Ouh La La
Tuhaf - Mere Guld
Vitam Aeternam - Revelations of the Mother Harlot
Zeal & Ardor - Zeal & Ardor

6 EP of the Year

Être - I: Human
Framing Skeletons - The Rightful Heir to Acrelot
Geminii - Geminii
Iotunn - Access All Worlds - An Acoustic Voyage
Jambinai - Apparition
Mimesis - Trilogy
Morgan Wick - The Great Stereopticon
Mother of Millions - Orbit
Prehistoria – Cursed Lands
Reliqa - I Don't Know What I Am
RO1 - Errorist
Wheel - Ruminaton

7 Debut of the Year

!GeRald! - The Lost Tapes
Apeiron Bound - Multiplicity
Aquaefurtivae - Road to Square One
Charlie Griffiths - Tiktaalika
Ckraft - Epic Discordant Vision
The Devils of Loudun - Escaping Eternity
The Gerald Peter Project - Incremental Changes Pt. 2
Inhalo - Sever
Obsidious - Iconic
Pristine Kids - Leave No Trace
Rioghan - Different Kinds Of Losses
YAWN - Materialism

8 Live Release of the Year

Anna von Hausswolff - Live at Montreux Jazz Festival
Evergrey - Before the Aftermath - Live in Gothenburg
Ihlo - Live Sessions From Pirate Studios
In Mourning - Live In Valley Sound Studio
Lost in Kiev - Live Sessions: Midilive
Major Parkinson - A Night at the Library
Ross Jennings - Acoustic Shadows
Soen - Atlantis
Thy Catafalque - Mezolit (Live at Fekete Zaj)
Vanden Plas - Live & Immortal
VOLA - Live from the Pool
Voyager - A Voyage Through Time

9 Cover Artworks of the Year

An Abstract Illusion - Woe (Adam Burke)
Ardarith - Home (Colin Winkler)
Dreadnought - The Endless (Reza Afshar)
Enma - Apathy Awakened (Maarten Donders/Arno Frericks)
Guranfoe - Gumbo Gumbo (Micha Huigen)
Hei'An - Imago (Marc "Xenoyr" Campbell)
Ingested - Ashes Lie Still (David Seidman)
Jade - The Pacification of Death (Adam Burke)
Maladie - Wound of Gods (Giannis Nakos / Remedy Art Design)
Moon Tooth - Phototroph (Caroline Harrison)
Mountainscape - Atoms Unfurling (Erskine Designs)
Stabbing Westward - Chasing Ghosts (David Seidman)

10 Music Videos of the Year

Dirt Poor Robins - Queen of the Night (A Silent Fantasy) https://youtu.be/Y_1fVFNUOfs
Feather Mountain - Sincere <https://youtu.be/MvZmM4-Cr3w>
Lesoir - Babel (Crystal Spotlight) <https://youtu.be/mVSA3AX47F0>
Ne Obliviscaris - Equus https://youtu.be/Bftqq_BqQHI
Nordic Giants feat. Alex Hedley - Faceless: <https://youtu.be/t1ocmxMYI94>
Playgrounded - The death of Death <https://youtu.be/ZEHC1EbBjD8>
PreHistoric Animals - Ghostfires https://youtu.be/3E1B_jWBqeU
Soulsplitter - Disconnected <https://youtu.be/7bXHXtZyfoY>
Soulsplitter - Reconnected <https://youtu.be/Z9yBtHExyvA>
Toehider - The Hoarder https://youtu.be/k2_ek78702M
Tundra - El Odio (La Película/Full Movie) <https://youtu.be/iihRpmrpzik>
Voyager - Submarine <https://youtu.be/BWrcdYp7W-0>

11 Performance of the Year: Vocals

Andy Robison (Ihlo)
Anna von Hauswolff
Cammie Beverly (Oceans of Slumber)
Damian Wilson (Lalu)
Danny Estrin (Voyager)
Davidavi Dolev (Seventh Station)
Devin Townsend
Fredrik Bergersen Klemp (Maraton)
George Prokopiou (Mother of Millions)
Jargon (Verbal Delirium)
Joel Ekelöf (Soen)
Mike Mills (Toehider)

12 Performance of the Year: Guitars

Arjen Anthony Lucassen (Star One)
Carlos Lozano (Persefone)
Charlie Griffiths
Daniel Magdic (PreHistoric Animals)
David Maxim Micic
Filipe Baldaia (Persefone)
Guthrie Govan (The Aristocrats)
Kurt Valencia (Exist Immortal)

Michael Romeo
Morgan Reid
Rafael Trujillo (Obsidious)
Tosin Abasi (Animals As Leaders)

13 Performance of the Year: Keyboard

Antoine Flipo (Glass Museum)
Camille Delage (Cydemind)
Gerald Peter
Gleb Kolyadin
Lars Christian Bjørknes (Major Parkinson)
Lewin Krumpschmid (Soulsplitter)
Miguel "Moe" Espinosa (Persefone)
Richard Barbieri (Porcupine Tree)
Richard West (Threshold)
Robert Stenvall (An Abstract Illusion)
Rohan Sharma (RO1)
Vikram Shankar (Silent Skies/Threads of Fate/Avandra)

14 Performance of the Year: Bass

Antoine Duffour (Hypnagone)
Bryan Beller (The Aristocrats)
Clay Gober (Polyphia)
Dave Meros (Pattern-Seeking Animals)
Ilja John Lappin (The Hirsch Effekt)
Joe Leigh Branton (Poly-Math)
Jonas Reingold (The Flower Kings/Steve Hackett)
Joost van der Graaf (Choreomaniac)
Linus Klausenitzer (Obsidious)
Noah Magnusson (PreHistoric Animals)
Pete Trewavas (Marillion)
Sylvain Auclair (Karcus)

15 Performance of the Year: Drums

Anika Nilles
Clark McMenemy (Ihlo)
Gavin Harrison (Porcupine Tree)
John Macaluso (Michael Romeo)
Leith Ajob (An Abstract Illusion)
Marco Minnemann (The Aristocrats)
Matt Garstka (Animals As Leaders)
Peter Wildoer (Darkane)
Samuel Granath (PreHistoric Animals)
Sebastian Lanser (Obsidious)
Sergi Verdeguer (Persefone)
Thomas Haake (Meshuggah)

16 Performance of the Year: Non-Traditional Rock Instrument

Charles Kieny, augmented Accordion (Ckraft)

Chris Olsen, Saxophones (Poly-Math)

Claudia "Peri Winkle" Cox, Violin (Major Parkinson)

János Pusker, Cello (Ghost Toast)

Jason Blake, Warr Guitar

Jo Quail, Cello

Nerissa Schwarz, Electric Harp

Olivier Allard, Violin (Cydemind)

Stian Carstensen, Accordion (High Castle

Teleorkestra)

Théo Nguyen Duc Long, Tenor Saxophone (Ckraft)

Tomáš Štěpánek, Violin (End of Scream)

Yan Vedaman, tenor & soprano saxophones

(Karfagen)