

Zone Music Reporter to Host the 13TH ANNUAL ZMR MUSIC AWARDS at Loyola University's ROUSSEL HALL on May 13th 2017

The music event on May 13th attracts top Ambient, New Age, World, Electronic, and Piano artists and their fans to New Orleans for the weekend-long celebration.

NEW ORLEANS, LA, USA, April 28, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In mid-May, like the quiet after the storm that is JazzFest, fans of electronic, acoustic, ambient, new age, world and contemporary piano music will flow into The Crescent City to celebrate the greatest artists in alternative instrumental music at the 13th Annual ZMR Music Awards, a live concert event that is open to the public. The show will be held at

Loyola University's Roussel Hall, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118; doors open at 7 p.m., showtime is 7:30 p.m. The show is preceded by an all-star artist Meet-and-Greet on Friday night at The Vacherie; details on the weekend's events, [award nominees](#) and presenters can be found



Artists performing at the ZMR Awards on May 13th in New Orleans.

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Daryl Portier, ZMR Awards

at

http://www.zonemusicreporter.com/admin/Awards_welcome.asp

An impressive lineup of presenters and performers are confirmed for the weekend concert event, including Sarah Copus, Vin Downes, Amy Faithe, Jill Haley, Al Jewer & Andy Mitran, Michele McLaughlin, Seay, and Michael Whalen; radio personality, Rene' Blanche, the host of "Night Tides" on KCUR, will reprise her role as Master of Ceremonies. Dozens of top artists are expected to attend, including Fiona Joy, Byron Metcalf, Pete Calandra, Tom Moore, Neil Tatar, Josie

Quick, Tom Carleno, Anaya, 2002, Jennifer DeFrayne, and many more.

Radio Programmers and DJs vote on The ZMR Awards across thirteen categories including Album of the Year, Best New Artist, Best Piano Solo, Best Acoustic, Best Ambient, Best Contemporary Instrumental Album, Best Chill/Groove Album, Best Electronic Album, Best World Album, and many more. For a complete list of categories and nominees, go to http://www.zonemusicreporter.com/admin/nominees_site.asp.

Zone Music Reporter (ZMR) (www.zonemusicreporter.com), is a New Orleans-based service

company that reports global music airplay and publishes monthly charts covering various genres and sub-genres of alternative music unaccounted for on other major music charts. Nominations for the genre-specific awards were announced on Sunday February 26, and voting for category finalists opened on Monday, March 13, 2017.

The Awards have become the heart and soul of this niche music community, with artists traveling from across the globe to attend the weekend's festivities. This year, the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award will be particularly poignant, as it will honor one of the industry's beloved music writers, Michael Diamond of Music & Media Focus. Michael Diamond was a San Francisco Bay Area music and video producer, recording artist and music journalist. He released five albums under his own name, including *Atlantis Rising* and *Indigo Moon*, and co-produced *Ambient Alchemy* with New Age music icon Steven Halpern. Michael had over 30 years of experience writing music and video reviews for nationally-published magazines. In May 2017, he will posthumously receive the Zone Music Reporter Lifetime Achievement Award for his many contributions. In the days before his passing, Michael celebrated receiving over 100,000 hits from over 100 countries on his website, <https://musicandmediafocus.wordpress.com/>.

"We are proud of the many musical styles that ZMR represents," says ZMR's co-owner Daryl Portier. "At just \$50 a ticket, our ZMR Music Awards is truly a unique, exciting and elegant red carpet event. The last few years have been an overwhelming success; our community has become a tribe, and our single concert event has grown into a four-day celebration of music and networking between artists, executives, managers and programmers. This year promises to be bigger and brighter than ever, as we expand to Roussel Hall at Loyola University."

The ZMR Music Awards are a hugely popular event amongst music industry professionals. A great many recording artists, performers, radio promoters, producers and a slew of industry executives



Guitarist Vin Downes to perform at the ZMR Awards on May 13th.



Duo Al Jewer and Andy Mitran are highly-anticipated performers at this year's ZMR Awards Concert.

travel from all corners of the globe to attend the weekend-long celebration, which has joined with InterContinental New Orleans as its official hotel partner again this year.

Sponsors of the ZMR Awards have included Stella Artois and others; for information about this year's sponsorship opportunities, please contact Daryl Portier or Ben Dugas at ZoneMusicReporter.com, 504-237-6368 (Daryl), 504-237-6367 (Ben), or email [zonemusicreporter\(at\)yahoo\(dot\)com](mailto:zonemusicreporter(at)yahoo(dot)com).

A sampling of performances from recent ZMR Award Shows can be viewed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqm1YYmYI9tN8U3JvxXS68w>

Follow the ZMR Awards on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ZMRAwards>; the awards are also Tweeted live @ZoneMusicAwards.

Media passes and artist interview requests may be directed to show publicist Beth Ann Hilton, The B Company, [bethhilton\(at\)thebcompany\(dot\)com](mailto:bethhilton(at)thebcompany(dot)com), mobile: 310-560-8390, or @The_B_Company on Twitter.

About ZMR:

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