

# Channel O Award nominees released

Topping the nominations for the 2006 Channel O African Music Video Awards with four nods each are Didge and Lizha James from Kenya and Mozambique respectively. Hot on their heels are Nigeria's Dare and 2Face, alongside South Africans Freshlyground and Simphiwe Dana, with three nominations each.

Channel O general mManager Yolisa Phahle is certain that the nominations reflect the diverse and growing music industry in the continent. "We are seeing videos of increasingly high quality and this is a direct reflection of the industry's growth", she says.

"At Channel O we look to strike a balance between promoting the up and coming big names of tomorrow alongside established artists. This year some of the newer names are also producing outstanding music and high quality videos".

A total of 70 artists from 10 different countries have produced this year's nominees in the 18 categories.

Now in its third year, the videos are voted for by viewers, giving fans complete control over who receives an award. Criteria used for short-listing are technical quality, frequency of requests for a video on the different Channel O shows and overall creativity. The videos need to have been released between January 2005 and May 2006 and should have received airplay on Channel O.

Viewers and fans will be able to vote for their favourite artists by smsing or voting online. Voting starts on Friday 25 August until Friday 6 October. Viewers can vote in each category by logging on to [www.channelo.co.za](http://www.channelo.co.za) or sms +27 (0)83 920 8400. To vote via sms, enter the category name, a space and then the artist's name. Nigerian viewers will be able to vote locally via sms on 33351. All sms are charged at international call rates.

The complete list of nominees is:

## 1. Best male video

Dare - Escalade -Nigeria  
Didge - Saa Zingine - Kenya  
HHP - Jabba - South Africa  
Lagbaja - Never Far Away - Nigeria  
Ntando - Nguwe - South Africa

## 2. Best female video

Lizha James - For All Ya - Mozambique  
Nikki Ft Colo - Hii Ngoma - Kenya  
Simphiwe Dana - Ndiredi - South Africa  
Yola Araújo - Deix Estar - Angola  
Zamajobe - Ndawo Yami - South Africa

### **3. Best new comer**

D'Banj - Tongolo - Nigeria  
Gal Level - Go Back to Her - Namibia  
Ike Chuku - Ike Chuku - Nigeria  
Lizha James - For All Ya - Mozambique  
Tuks - 525600 Minutes - South Africa

### **4. Best duo or group**

Black Jack - Amajekejeke - South Africa  
Bongo Maffin - Kura Vone - South Africa  
Freshlyground - Nomvula - South Africa  
Malaika - 2Bob - South Africa  
Question Mark All Stars - Street Life - Nigeria

### **5. Best urban jazz video**

Don Laka - Makoti - South Africa  
Judith Sephuma - New Beginnings- South Africa  
Simphiwe Dana - Ndiredi - South Africa  
Wanda - I'm Falling for You - South Africa  
Zamajobe - Ndawo Yami - South Africa

### **6. Best dance video**

Black Coffee - Stimela Remix - South Africa  
DJ Cleo - Goodbye - South Africa  
DJ Vetkuk vs Mahoota - Nezi za KwaZulu - South Africa  
Revolution ft Maduvha - Light of my Life - South Africa  
T'zozo & Professor - Woza Durban - South Africa

### **7. Best reggae video**

Benz Man - Mama Joe - Nigeria  
Jonny Ragga - Abeshawee - Ethiopia  
Lucky Dube - Respect - South Africa  
Necessary Noize - Kenyan Boy, Kenyan Girl - Kenya  
Street Monks - I Salute - Nigeria

### **8. Best R&B video**

2 Face Idibia - Ole - Nigeria  
Anselmo Ralph - Super Hemem - Angola  
Dare - Escalade - Nigeria  
Didge - Saa Zingine - Kenya

Wyre - Chuki - Kenya

## 9. Best kwaito video

Alaska - Fokol - South Africa

Black Jack - Good Life - South Africa

Brickz - Tjoviŋjo - South Africa

Mzekezeke - Ubani U'mzekezeke - South Africa

Spikiri - Current - South Africa

## 10. Best collaboration video

Danny K & Mandoza - Music - South Africa

Mina Nawe ft Lady Jay Dee - Njalo - South Africa/Tanzania

My Man & Lebo - Siyavuma - South Africa

Slikour ft Zulu Mobb & Hidden Force - Izinja - South Africa

Young Nations & Ray Phiri - Zwakala Emzantsi - South Africa

## 11. Best Afro-pop

2Face - Ole - Nigeria

Gal Level - Go Back to H- Namibia

Freshlyground - Doo Bee Doo - South Africa

MXO - Tonight - South Africa

Wyre - Chuki - Namibia

## 12. Best African Southern

Bob Mabege - Chiwamila Galu Zambia

Brickz - Sweetie My Baby - South Africa

Lizha James - For All Ya - Mozambique

Mista Doe - Hot to Death - Botswana

Yola Araújo - Deix Estar - Angola

## 13. Best African West

2Face Idibia - Ole - Nigeria

Dare - Escalade - Nigeria

D'Banj - Tongolo - Nigeria

Mba Abesolo - Make Mayawa - Nigeria

Silver Saddih - LA LA LA - Nigeria

## 14. Best African East

Blue 3 - Frisky - Kenya

Didge - Saa Zingine - Kenya

Johnny Ragga - Give Me the K- Ethiopia

Mr Lenny & Nameless - Juju - Kenya

Nikki ft Colo - Hii Ngoma - Kenya

## 15. Best hip hop video

K'naan - Soobax - Ethiopia  
Mode 9 ft Nnena - Cry - Nigeria  
Prokid - Woz'bona - South Africa  
Sauce Kid ft Mike Okri - Omoge wa Jo - Nigeria  
Tuks - 525600 Years - South Africa

## **16. Best special effects**

Andrew Wessels for Ndiredi by Simphiwe Dana - South Africa  
Justin Campos for Good Life by Black Jack - South Africa  
Larissa Hollis for Ndawo Yami by Zamajobe - South Africa  
Neil Simpson for I'd Like by Freshlyground - South Africa  
Weird MC - Ijoya - Nigeria

## **17. Best director**

Andrew Wessels for Ndiredi by Simphiwe Dana - South Africa  
Neil Simpson for I'd Like by Freshlyground - South Africa  
Nelson Manguera for Superhemem by Anselmo Ralph - Angola  
Mode 9 ft Nnena - Cry - Nigeria  
Lumko Dukashe for Zwakala Emzantsi by Young Nations & Ray Phiri - South Africa

## **18. Video of the year**

Didge - Saa Zingine - Kenya  
Freshlyground - I'd Like - South Africa  
Lizha James - For All Ya - Mozambique  
Mode 9 ft Nnena - Cry - Nigeria  
Simphiwe Dana - Ndiredi - South Africa

The Awards ceremony will be held at Gallagher Estate in Johannesburg on Saturday 14 October. The event will be recorded 'live' and broadcast on Channel O on 21 October at 8pm CAT. Channel O is available on DStv on channel 87.

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