

Finalists for 2018 Liberty Radio Awards announced

The judging process for the 2018 Liberty Radio Awards has been concluded and the finalists for the competition have been decided.



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“The total audio of the entries, if played continuously, would amount to more than one week of non-stop listening,” says Lance Rothschild, CEO of the Liberty Radio Awards. “We are really grateful to the panel of adjudicators who gave their time and expertise freely towards this process of determining who is making the best radio in South Africa.

“I am confident that the results emanating from the adjudication process will show that the best of the entries rose to the top in each of the categories. It is my fervent hope that these awards continue to motivate and inspire the radio industry to continue raising the bar, setting ever higher standards that will keep listeners fulfilled through compelling programming. This, in turn, will secure the future of radio as a vital source of entertainment, education and information for years to come.”

Amongst the very positive feedback from members of the panel, was the following:

“Thanks for the opportunity. Judging Liberty Radio awards is a great honour, knowing the fact that these awards are well-recognised throughout the country.”

Best-of-the-best

“We wish to congratulate all the category finalists,” says Rothschild. “Achieving finalist status earmarks you amongst the best-of-the-best. We’re grateful to all those who submitted entries into this year’s program and we encourage those who didn’t make it to finalist status to strive to raise the standard of radio to ensure a bright future for the industry.”

Killy Bacela, divisional director of group brand and marketing at Liberty, says: “We congratulate the finalists and look forward to celebrating those who strive to make compelling radio; those who keep knowledge at close reach and those who continue to elevate the standards on what real, credible news and stories should be. Through our commitment to the Liberty Radio Awards, we hope to meaningfully contribute to the

progression of the industry by applauding and rewarding those who continue to raise the bar through storytelling and entertainment.”

Station of the Year finalists, Bright Stars and Hall of Fame inductees

Following the announcement of the finalists in the various categories of the 2018 Liberty Radio Awards, the finalists for the coveted Station of the Year title have now been selected and the final adjudication to determine the Station of the Year is now in progress. In addition, the inductees for the Bright Star and Hall of Fame have also been announced.

“The announcement of the category finalists has met with a fantastically positive response,” says Rothschild. “The adjudication panel who select the winning stations of the year are going to have their work cut out for them, particularly considering the overall standard of the entries for this year’s awards. It will be very exciting to see who the panel determines as the station that continues to raise the bar in terms of compelling content quality. After all, the Station of the Year title gives the winning station- and all who work there- bragging rights for the next year.”

Bacela says: “The Station of the Year is indeed the Grand Prix of the Liberty Radio Awards and we look forward to revealing the winning station and celebrating with the industry on 14 April. Acknowledging excellence and recognising the commitment it takes to not only be the best but to create a legacy for the future is one of the core values of Liberty. We congratulate the finalists, who can be secure in the knowledge that they are being recognised for their dedication and their passion for storytelling and entertainment.”

The Station of the Year finalists

Campus

MFM 92.6

Puk FM 93.6

Tuks FM 107.2

UCT FM

Vow FM

Community

Alex FM

Groot FM 90.5

Hot 91.9

Mix 93.8FM

Radio Islam

Radio Pulpit

Commercial

Algoa FM

East Coast Radio

Jacaranda FM

Kaya FM

Metro FM

OFM

Power 98.7

The Bright Star Award

The Bright Star Award goes to candidates 35 years or younger – either on-air, or behind-the-scenes, who making his/her mark in the industry. The award is aimed at recognising a person who has an intrinsic understanding and love for radio, respects its past and also has great ideas for its future.

This year, the Liberty Radio Awards Bright Stars are:

- Aganang FM: Nthabiseng Motlhodi
- ECR: Jason McCall
- ECR: Simon Carter
- Gagasi FM: Langaletu Cele
- KFM: Carl Wastie
- Magic 828 AM: Byron McDonald
- OFM: Lerato Lelia
- Tru FM: Simamkele Mguga
- Tuks FM: Quintus Potgieter
- Tuks FM: Layla Welch
- Umhlobo Wenene FM: Zukiswa Mqumbisa

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame recognises persons who have been in the industry for over 15 years, who are either still the business, or who have retired. The inductees need to have made an indelible mark in the industry and who will leave a positive legacy – either on air, or in management. Ideally this is someone who is revered & talked about fondly by the industry as a strong inspiration and mentor.

This year the Liberty Radio Awards Hall of Fame inducts the following:

- Dave Tiltmann
- Dudu "Lady D" Khoza
- Haider Ali Dhorat
- Kevin Savage
- Lloyd Madurai
- Mel Gahler
- Phumzile Mnci
- Thuso Motaung
- Wilson B Nkosi
- Zweli Nokhatywa

Congratulations to all the finalists, the winners will be announced and celebrated at the Sandton Conventio Centre on Saturday, 14 April 2018.

Here is a comprehensive list of the finalists in order of category, and sorted in alphabetical order by station name:

Finalists

Afternoon Drive Presenter

Afternoon Drive Presenter – Campus

Station	Presenter
Puk FM93.6	Niel Koegelenberg
Tshwane FM	Katlego Mbonama
Tuks FM107.2	Sila Odhuno
UCT Radio	Naushaad Maharaj
Voice of Wits	DJ Keyez

Afternoon Drive Presenter – Community

Station	Presenter
Hot 91.9	Simon Parkinson
Link FM	Gary Gerber
Mkhondo Community Radio	Blessing Mhlope
Pretoria FM	Sarina Frauenstein
Radio Pulpit	Johann Els

Afternoon Drive Presenter – Commercial

Station	Presenter
East Coast Radio	Bongani Mlolo
Gagasi FM	Sphesihle (SPHectacula) Ngwenya
KFM94.5	Carl Wastie
OFM	Darren Scott
Power 98.7	Thabo Mdluli

Afternoon Drive Show

Afternoon Drive Show – Campus

Station	Title
Puk FM93.6	PUKFM Drive
Tuks FM107.2	The Drive Way
UCT Radio	The Society
UJFM	The UJFM Drive
Voice of Wits	The Lift Club

Afternoon Drive Show – Community

Station	Title
Hot 91.9	The Big Joburg Drive
Link FM	Buffalo Toyota Afternoon Drive
Radio Helderberg 93.6FM	The Homerun/Hol Huistoe
Radio Pulpit	Spektrum
Radio Pulpit	Something Els

Afternoon Drive Show – Commercial

Station	Title
Cape Talk	Afternoon Drive with John Maytham
East Coast Radio	East Coast Drive with Bongani and Mags
Gagasi FM	The Kings Drive
Metro FM	The Drive
OFM	Just Plain Drive with Darren Scott on OFM

Breakfast Presenter

Breakfast Presenter – Campus

Station	Presenter
Tshwane FM	Lerato Maila
Tuks FM107.2	Nicholas Lawrence
Tuks FM107.2	Nathi Dlamini
UCT Radio	Sole Mberane
UJFM	Nick Explicit

Breakfast Presenter – Community

Station	Presenter
Hot 91.9	Sasha Martinengo
Mx93.8	Tony Blewitt
Radio Cape Pulpit	Brad Kirsten
Radio Islam	Sulaimaan Ravat
Radio Today	Tom London

Breakfast Presenter – Commercial

STATION	PRESENTER
Algoa FM	Daron Mann
Cape Talk	Kieno Kammies
East Coast Radio	Darren Maule
Jacaranda FM	Martin Bester and Tumi Morake
Kaya FM	David O'Sullivan
Radio 2000	Just Ice Ramohlola
Thobela FM	Sebasa Mogale

Breakfast Show

Breakfast Show – Campus

Station	Title
Kovsie FM	Breakfast Run
Puk FM93.6	Big Bang Breakfast
Rhodes Music Radio	Wake Up Call
Tuks FM107.2	The Wake-Up
UJFM	UJFMBreakfast

Breakfast Show – Community

Station	Title
East Rand Stereo 93.9 FM	Mars Music Morning Drive
Emalahleni FM	The Urban Rush
Hot 91.9	Joburg's Hottest Breakfast Show
Nqubeko Community Radio	Hlalanathi Breakfast Show
Radio Pulpit	Daybreak
Radio Today	Tom London Breakfast

Breakfast Show – Commercial

Station	Title
Algoa FM	The Daron Mann Breakfast
Jacaranda FM	Breakfast with Martin Bester and Tumi Morake
Kaya FM	Breakfast with David
KFM94.5	KFM Mornings with Darren, Sherlin and Sibs
Magic 828 AM	Magic Breakfast

Vuma FM	Good to Go Morning Drive
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Business and Finance Show

Business and Finance Show

Station	Presenter	Title
702 and Cape Talk	Bruce Whitfield	The Money Show
Kaya FM	Gugulethu Cele	Kaya Biz
Kaya FM	Thuli Magubane	My Money and Me with Thuli Magubane
Mx93.8 FM	Tumisang Ndlovu	Money Talk with Tumisang Ndlovu
Power 98.7	Ayabanga Cawe	Power Hour
Voice of Wits	Mudiwa Gavaza and Onke Seremo	The Business Buzz

Community Project

Community Project – Campus, Community Combined

Station	Title
Hot 91.9	Hot Cares
Impact Radio 103 FM	My World Needs You
Mx93.8 FM	One Wingz of Change
Pretoria FM	Oggendkuier
Pulpit Media Group	Bags of Hope

Community Project – Commercial

Station	Title
947	Lydia's Matric Dance
Algoa FM	Big Walk for Cancer
Algoa FM	Youth Run the Station
East Coast Radio	East Coast Breakfast
Jacaranda FM	Good Morning Angels

Content Producer

Content Producer – Campus Community Combined

Station	Producer	Show Title
Alex FM	Juju Senyatsi	The Real Deal
Alex FM	Moribego Madubanya	The Kingsway
Hot 91.9	William Scott	Joburgs Hottest Breakfast
Hot 91.9	John Walland	Hot Sport
Radio Pulpit	Steven Botes	Something Els
Voice of Wits	DJ Keyez	The Lift Club

Content Producer – Commercial

Station	Producer	Show Title
Cape Talk	Elliott Sylvester	Weekend Breakfast with Africa Melane
Gagasi FM	Mfundo Mbaso	Indaba
Gagasi FM	Sbongiseni "Keys" Mkhize	The Kings Drive
Power 98.7	Bongekile Skosana	Power Perspective
Umhlobo Wenene FM	Nomond Vakalisa	Lelika Yehova Ihlbathi
Umhlobo Wenene FM	Elvis Mali	Usagoduka Na?

Daytime Show

Daytime Show – Campus

Station	Title
MFM92.6	Lunch on MFM
MFM92.6	AM2PM
Puk FM93.6	PukFMLunch
Puk FM93.6	International Top 40
UJFM	Ego Trip

Daytime Show – Community

Station	Title
Aganang FM	Itsoseng
Alex FM	The Real Deal
Alex FM	Mdday Cruise
Groot FM90.5	#SuanEnSoAan
Groot FM90.5	Kom ons praat daaroor
Hot 91.9	Mark Pilgrim Show
Radio Cape Pulpit	Leefstyl

Daytime Show – Commercial

Station	Title
Algoa FM	The Algoa FM Top 30
Cape Talk	The Pippa Hudson Show
SAFM	Intune
SAFM	SAFM Overnight
Vuma 103 FM	Till Noon

Documentary

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Station	Title
East Coast Radio	#Get Real – With Vanessa Goosen
Kaya FM	Marikana – 5 Years on
Power 98.7	A Different Country
RSG	Monitor – Vroue Tronk
TruFM	Music in the time of struggle

Drama Programme

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Station	Title
Motsweding FM (Creatrix)	Bua Le Mmino – Makarapa City
Munghana Lonene FM	Mna hi Mna
Radio Islam	Heartbreak
TruFM	Uhambo Lwethu
Ukhozi FM (Creatrix)	Ndiza Nathi - Absaville
Umhlobo Wenene FM	Ithini Na Lento?

Field News Reporter

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Station	Reporter
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702 and 947	Ma Lindeque
Kaya FM	Tunicia Phillips
Kaya FM	Nompumelelo Ngubeni
Power 98.7	Tshegohaco Mbagi
Rise FM	Zandile Ngubeni
Voice of Wits	Amogelang Maledu

Internet/Online Radio Show

Internet/Online Radio Show

Station	Presenter	Show Title
Gay SA Radio	Marinette Coertzen	Rainbow Talk
Pulpit Media Group	Vicus Kruger, Marius de Randt and Ryno Turketti	I AM YOUTH
The Eye	John Savage and Catherine Grenfell	The Eye Presents ...
TransAfricaRadio.Net	Shaun Lukhele	Kizosada
TransAfricaRadio.Net	Keabetswe Ncube	Utopia

Multi-Channel Promotion

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Station	Title
Algoa FM	Youth Day
Algoa FM	Finders Keepers
Jacaranda FM	Singing Billboard
Kaya FM	The Jazzuary Masterclass
OFM	Kom Ons Fees
Pulpit Media Group	Bags of Hope

Music Show

Music Show – Campus

Station	Title
MFM92.6	World Wide Top 40
MFM92.6	MFM Top 40
Puk FM	Rooiwyn Sondag
Tshwane FM	The Night Pulse
Tuks FM 107.2	The SA Music Show
UCT Radio	Top 30 Hitlist

Music Show – Community

Station	Title
Groot FM 90.5	Gister se Grottes
Hot 91.9	Club Classics with Lloyd
Hot 91.9	The Sound of SA
Hot 91.9	The Classic Countdown
Khwezi FM	Classic Music
Radio Khwezi	Night Time Crew
Zibonele FM	Uhadi Lwakho

Music Show – Commercial

Station	Title
Heart FM	HEART Top 40

Jacaranda FM	The Chamberlains Top 20
Kaya FM	The World Show
Metro FM	Absolute Hip Hop
Vuma 103 FM	Sunday Gospel Show
YFM	#ThePlayersClub

News and Actuality Show

News and Actuality Show – Campus, Community Combined

Station	Title
Groot FM90.5	Kom ons praat daaroor
Kangala Community Radio	13h00 – 14h00
Radio Islam	Sabahuul Muslim
Radio Islam	The Daily Round Up
Radio Today	Tom London Breakfast

News and Actuality Show – Commercial

Station	Title
Kaya FM	The Law Report
Kaya FM	Today with John Perlman
Power 98.7	Power Update
Rise FM	#RiseFMIn60Mnutes
SAFM	Media@SAfm
Smile 90.4 FM	The Honest Truth on Smile 90.4 FM
TruFM	Incoko

News Bulletin Reader

News Bulletin Reader – Campus

Station	News Reader
Cut FM	Elizabeth Moleboheng
MFM92.6	Monique de Villiers
Tshwane FM	Lerato Maile
Tuks FM107.2	Marelize Wolmarans
Tuks FM107.2	Dimpho Lekgeu
UCT Radio	Naushaad Maharaj
UJFM	Bolele Polisa

News Bulletin Reader – Community

Station	Presenter
Hot 91.9	Kwanele Kunene
Hot 91.9	Gladys Sithole
Kumkani FM	Lihle Dlova
Kumkani FM	Vuyolwethu Ngcofe
Mx93.8 FM	Helen Desbois
Pretoria FM	Pienaar Lochner
Radio Islam	Mohammed Ameen Dabhella

News Bulletin Reader – Commercial

Station	Presenter
702	Tara Penny

702	Aurelie Kalenga
Kaya FM	Nompumelelo Ngubeni
Power 98.7	Mpho Sithole
Rise FM	Zingisa Chirwa

Night Time Show

Night Time Show – Campus

Station	Title
MFM92.6	The Hitlist
Puk FM93.6	RooiwynSondag
Tuks FM107.2	The News Platform
UCT Radio	Reserve Sound
Voice of Wits	Love Shack
Voice of Wits	Breaking Ground

Night time show – Community

Station	Title
Hot 91.9 FM	Late Night with Treasure
Kingfisher FM	Masabelane with Tasco
Radio Alansaar	Medical Files
Radio Khwezi	Sakha Isizwe
Radio Pulpit	Intimate Moment
Zlibonele FM	Ingcambu Zevangeli

Night Time Show – Commercial

Station	Title
Jacaranda FM	The House Party with DJ Jazzy D
Kaya FM	The Law Report
Loyus FM	The Night Café Radio Show
OFM	A Touch of Thabang
Power 98.7	Power Perspective

Podcast

Podcast

East Coast Radio	#GetReal – With Vanessa Goosen
Gagasi FM	The Kings Drive - Proposal
Power 98.7	Ahmed Kathrada
Quintessential SA	Quintessential Engineering
Wits Journalism/SAFM	Alibi

Promotions Stunt/Event

Promotions Stunt/Event – Campus, Community Combined

Station	Title
Groot FM90.5	#JouMenseMyMense
Inanda FM	Inanda FM
Puk FM93.6	Can you Woman?
Pulpit Media Group	Bags of Hope
Tygerberg 104 FM	#Vreesloos2017

Promotions Stunt/Event – Commercial

Station	Title
Algoa FM	Algoa FM Blig Walk For Cancer
Algoa FM	Finders Keepers
East Coast Radio	East Coast Breakfast Water Well
Jacaranda FM	Jacaranda Billboard
OFM	The Big Breakfast with Martin van der Merwe

Radio Innovation

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Algoa FM	Finders Keepers
Jacaranda FM	Billboard
Power 98.7	Power 98.7 #POWERWoman
Smile 90.4 FM	Amplifying the Good News in the Mother City
The Eye	The World's First Portable Radio Station in a Case
Tuks FM107.2	1072 Countdown

Sports Presenter

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Ligwalagwala FM	Senzo'S
OFM	Darren Scott
Phalaphala FM	Thina "Chittagong" Ramantswana
Power 98.7	Thabiso Mosisa
Umhlobo Wenene FM	Sthembiso Stherra Ngqezana

Sports Show

Sports Show – Campus, Community Combined

Station	Title
Groot FM90.5	#SlatDieSport
Hot 91.9	Hot Sport with John Walland
MFM92.6	Half Time
MFM92.6	Halftime
Puk FM93.6	Pukfm Sport

Sports Show – Commercial

Station	Title
Heart FM	Feinberg on Football
Ligwalagwala FM	Inkundzi Tsematfolweni and Lasuka Lahala
Metro FM	The Ultimate Sports Show
OFM	Extra Time with Darren Scott
Power 98.7	Power Sports Extra

Station Imaging

Station Imaging – Campus, Community Combined

Station
Groot FM90.5
Hot 91.9

Puk FM93.6
Radio Islam
Tuks FM107.2

Station Imaging – Commercial

Station
Jacaranda FM
East Coast Radio
Capricorn FM
OFM
KFM94.5
Power 98.7
947

Traffic Presenter

Traffic Presenter

Station	Presenter
702	Aki Anastassiou
Kaya FM	Mangeli Nzuza
KFM95.4	Zoe Brown
Metro FM	Rob Byrne
Phalaphala FM	Rendy S
Power 98.7	Lebohang Phokela
Power 98.7	Jadene Tager

Weekend Radio Show

Weekend Radio Show – Campus

Station	Title
Puk FM93.6	International Top 40
Puk FM93.6	Rooiwyn Sondag
Puk FM93.6	The Ultimate Turnup
Tuks FM107.2	Retro Riffs
UCT Radio	Top30 Hitlist
Voice of Wits	Kwaitokooler box

Weekend Radio Show – Community

Station	Title
Hot 91.9	The Tony Murrell Show
Hot 91.9	The Mark Pilgrim Show
Hot 91.9	Classic Countdown
PE FM87.6	The Breakfast Hub
Radio Helderberg	Laid Back Sunday

Weekend Radio Show – Commercial

Station	Title
Metro FM	Sunday Soul Therapy
Munghana Lonene	Switshongo – Top 30
OFM	Saturday Express with WR van der Merwe
OFM	The Absolute 80's Radio Show

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