

Funky Awards 2025 is once again looking for the most popular soulful Finnish music!

Funky Amigos starts the new year with the Funky Awards 2025 poll which brings together the most thrilling soulful Finnish releases and artists of the past year. There are 69 nominees! Artists, music and radio in nine categories. The public vote is open throughout January and the winners will be announced on February 5th.

Funky Awards categories bring together the Finnish artists, bands and newcomers of the year. Those who in 2025 offered new music, creativity, diversity and new directions. The albums of the year are divided into three different categories. Rytmi brings together music that grows from soul, funk and jazz traditions. Rap is rap! Finnish rap in different languages and styles and finally the Rajojen Ylittäjä category compiles albums that are difficult to explain or put into any known genre.

In addition to these the Funky Awards are looking for the song of the year and the music video of the year and this year also the radio show of the year.

The nominees can be found below and more information about the poll as well as the links to the websites and music, can be found at <https://funkyamigos.fi/funky-awards-2025-ehdokkaat/>. You can also vote for your own favorites there.

Funky Awards 2025 - Nominees

Artist of the Year

Eero Savela
Emilia Sisco
Hannibal
Ina Forsman
Jimi Tenor
Misha
Ville Valavuo

Band of the Year

Good Boys
Helsinki-Cotonou Ensemble
JätkäJätkät
The Northern Lights (Emilia Siscon live-bändi)
Punomo
Rosettes
Vodou Fusion

Newcomer of the Year

Ani Harmi
B!rthday

Heili
J.EM
Kalabaliikki
Kraiden
Mimosa

Album of the Year - Rytmi

Ina Forsman – After Dark Hour
Jimi Tenor - Selenites, Selenites!
Joska Josafat – Pystyn Mihin Vaan
JätkäJätkät – Norsun Selässä
Misha & cocabona - JOMO
Nössö Nova - Pitäis ja Pitäis
Punomo – Kahdeksan Kertaa
Rosettes – Lifestylea
Sami Saari ja Jazzpojat – Nyt Tai Ei Koskaan
Syskofrenia – Vapaa

Album of the Year – Rap

Are - In Memoriam
Bentality - regular life, volume two
ceebrolistics - blue byroads
Ex Tuuttiz - Venlafaxin Cowboy
FYRK – Lama
good boys - Hittaa
Hannibal – Uutisia Ei Mistään
Mactopias - UNRELEASED-UNRELEASABLE-SESSIONS
Matriarkaatti - Rikosrekisteri
Petos - Petos
Yeboyah – Emotional Gangsta

Album of the Year – Rajojen Ylittäjä

Flinga – Hum
Ilkka Arola Sound Tagine – Adventures in the Now
Kalabaliikki – Leijonan Kääntöpiiri
Mikko Pettinen Why Not - Patient Patient
Paleface & Laulava Unioni - Hoopon Elämän Mysteerit
RAMSES - Espiritus
Rinneradio - 4/4
Sonja Selene – Pimeä Pää
Stiletti-Ana - Stiletti City Tape Archives
Zangoma – Faka Mulilo

Song of the Year

Dashing Waves - Rivière
Dub Vallila – Ruffneck Bizness feat. Paleface
Eternal Erection - Not So Pretty (Emperor's New Clothes)
Halme Prospekt Present Queen Djenny Djella - Bon Bon Bon
Jimi Tenor – Release Me!
Muscular - Day 2 (Tokyo)
Nea Neuroosi – Helsinki City Cowgirl feat. Valma
Ricky-Tick Big Band & Julkinen Sana - Konttori Auki
Stepa - Tärkeä Hetki Suomiräpille
Tuomo & Recluse Crew - Glorious feat. Dankery Harv

Musicvideo of the Year

Adeola - I Think Of You
Barbaro El Urbano Vargas - O.N.G LA BANDA
Grande Mahogany - Salford Softie
Ilkka Arola Sound Tagine - Surrender
Kaisa's Machine - Origin's Story feat. Melissa Aldana
Kolmiyo - Kukat feat. DJ Massimo
Koneveljet - Gone
Laineen Kasper - Taikahattu feat. Ronda
Mimosa - Helyi, Laukkui jne.
SUAD - Morning
Yona & Saimaa - Laula Mulle Laulu

Radio Show of the Year

20HZ - IDA Radio
De Rääp Radio Show - Radio Helsinki
Jazz Kiinnostaa - Radio Helsinki
Klaus Wing Sessions - Totally Wired Radio
Lux med DJ Bunuel - YLE Vega
Ritmo - IDA Radio
Tuuli Saksalan Keidas - YLE Radio 1

Funky Amigos is a cultural association that produces various events and promotes various subcultures that are connected to different genres of black music in Finland. The focus of the activities is to highlight soulful Finnish music and artists and to promote cultural diversity and tolerance in Finland.

In addition Funky Amigos have produced various types of activities from radio programs to DJ workshops and maintain the FunkyFinland.fi website in addition to promoting the internationalization of Finnish artists and bands. The parties started with the Funky Elephant festival held in Tavastia in 1994.

More info:

<https://funkyamigos.fi/en/funky-awards-2025-nominees/>

Images and visual presentation:

<https://funkyamigos.fi/en/press-2/>

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