



# NEWS

## NEWS IN BRIEF

■ **BBC:** The Beeb's Sound Of poll for 2013 longlist has been revealed. The winner will be announced on January 4. The nominees are: AlunaGeorge, A\*M\*M\*, Angel Haze, Arlissa, Chvrches, HAIM, King Krule, Kodialine, Laura Mvula, Little Green Cars, Palma Violets, Peace, Savages, The Weeknd and Tom Odell.

■ **VEVO:** YouTube's long-standing contract with VEVO appears to have come to an end as both sides struggle to renegotiate their deal. Online video platform VEVO is reportedly keen to increase the ad revenue share it is given by Google-owned YouTube.



■ **EMINEM:** The rapper has been announced as the first headliner for 2013's Reading & Leeds Festivals' Main Stage. He will grace the event 11 years since his last bill-topping performance at Reading & Leeds.

■ **CAPITAL FM:** Capital FM's programme director James Brownlow is leaving Global Radio after two years in charge at the London station. Brownlow has been with the company since before it took over Chrysalis in 2007.

■ **MUSICIANS UNION:** New research commissioned by the MU reveals that after years of training, more than half of professional musicians still get paid less than £20,000 per year and 60% have worked for free over the past year.

■ **X FACTOR:** James Arthur won last week's show, but the programme has lost six million viewers in just two years. The average audience in this ninth season of the television talent show was 8.9 million.

■ **NIELSEN:** Projected year-end Nielsen SoundScan figures suggest that albums sales in the US will only face a 4% dip compared to the same time in 2011.

■ **PANDORA:** Pandora has brought its internet radio service to Australia and New Zealand, expanding for the first time outside of its home territory in the United States.

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XX GOES DIAMOND IN EU AS BOCELLI HITS MULTIPLE DOUBLE-PLATINUM

# Indie artists in record-breaking IMPALA awards performance

## SALES

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The latest IMPALA Sales Awards announcement is the biggest ever, with 117 registrations from independent artists including Andrea Bocelli (Italy), Mogwai (UK), The Notwist (Germany), Vitalic (France), Els Amics de les Arts (Spain), Soap&Skin (Austria), Royksopp (Norway) and Sigur Ros (Iceland).

Bocelli registers five separate titles for this edition of the awards, all at double platinum, translating as over four million units sold, while Fabrizio de André further highlights Italian



success with seven registrations of his own. Catalan group Els Amics de les Arts also impress, receiving two awards, with their album *Bed & Breakfast* reaching Double Silver.

As for other European artists, Alt-J's 'An Awesome Wave' (UK) receives a Gold award, adding to the group's recent triumph in the Mercury Prize, while Mogwai (also UK) qualify for an impressive six awards. Tiesto (Netherlands) sees three of his titles reach Gold, whilst several Belgian artists, including Soulwax, Goyte, dEUS, and Scala & Kolacny Brothers, also enjoy success.

The list of awards is below.

## IMPALA SALES AWARDS December 2012 (Gold and Silver awards not shown)

AWARD	ARTIST	TITLE	LABEL	COUNTRY OF ARTIST	COUNTRY OF LABEL
Double Platinum	ANDREA BOCELLI	Concerto: One Night In Central Park	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Double Platinum	ANDREA BOCELLI	My Christmas	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Double Platinum	ANDREA BOCELLI	Vivere - The Best of Andrea Bocelli	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Double Platinum	ANDREA BOCELLI	Amore	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Double Platinum	ANDREA BOCELLI	Romanza	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Platinum	ELISA	Soundtrack '96-'06	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Platinum	DJ ANTOINE FEAT. THE BEAT SHAKERS	Ma Chérie	Kontor Records	Switzerland	Germany
Platinum (Upgrade)	SIGUR ROS	Agaetis Byrjun	Fat Cat/[PIAS] Recordings	Iceland	Belgium
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Platinum	FABRIZIO DE ANDRÉ	In Direzione Ostinata e Contraria	Nuvole Production	Italy	Italy
Diamond	FABRIZIO DE ANDRÉ	De André In Concerto (DVD)	Nuvole Production	Italy	Italy
Diamond	XX	Coexist	Young Turks	UK	UK
Diamond	DJ ANTOINE	Welcome To DJ Antoine	Kontor Records	Switzerland	Germany
Diamond	NEGRAMARO	La Finestra	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Diamond	TEMPER TRAP	Conditions	Infectious Recordings/[PIAS] Recordings	Australia	Belgium
Diamond	TOM WAITS	Bad As Me	Anti, Inc.	USA	Netherlands
Diamond	NEGRAMARO	Mentre Tutto Scorre	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Double Gold	EDITORS	The Back Room	[PIAS] Recordings	UK	Belgium
Double Gold (Upgrade)	ALABAMA SHAKES	Boys And Girls	Rough Trade	USA	UK
Double Gold	ELISA	Heart	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Double Gold	NEGRAMARO	San Siro Live	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Double Gold	NEGRAMARO	Casa 69	Sugar	Italy	Italy
Double Gold	RACoon	Another Day	[PIAS] Recordings Holland	Netherlands	Netherlands

