

142 RELEASES IN BIGGEST EVER NUMBER OF IMPALA SALES AWARDS

Indie acts surge to EU success

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The latest IMPALA Sales Awards announcement is the biggest ever, with no less than 142 registrations or awards upgrades from independent artists including Arctic Monkeys (UK), Moderat (Germany), M83 (France), Racoon (Netherlands), Tarja (Finland), Fazil Say (Turkey), Melanie De Biasio (Belgium) and Civil War (Sweden).

The IMPALA Sales Awards are the only pan-European awards devoted to independent artists. They recognise 'that success on a pan-European basis



needs to be acknowledged on different levels' and 'celebrate the fact that achievement and success begins well before 1 million'. Therefore a platinum award is achieved at 400,000 EU sales, a diamond at 200,000, a gold at 75,000 and a silver at 20,000.

Arctic Monkeys have reached double-platinum EU sales of their AM album, while French electronic music act M83 and Danish singer/songwriter Agnes Obel both land a diamond award with Hurry Up, We're Dreaming

and Aventine respectively. US indie rock band The National pocket a double gold award for Trouble Will Find Me. There are also gold awards for French singer Benjamin Biolay, British rock group Django Django and Dutch outfit Racoon.

IMPALA executive chair Helen Smith said: "It's great to see so many current and former nominees for the IMPALA Album of the Year Award in this list, as it shows that the quality of these albums is also endorsed by music fans all over Europe."

Below you can see a list of the artists who have reached platinum, diamond and gold awards in the latest update.

AWARD	ARTIST	ALBUM	Label	Country of Artist	Country of Label
Double Platinum	Arctic Monkeys	AM	Domino Records	UK	UK
Platinum	Xavier Naidoo	Danke fürs Zuhören	Naidoo Records	Germany	Germany
Platinum	The xx	Coexist	XL Recordings	UK	UK
Platinum	Armin van Buuren	This Is What It Feels Like	Armada	Netherlands	Netherlands
Platinum	Pink Martini	Hang on little tomato	Naïve	USA	France
Diamond	Agnes Obel	Aventine	PIAS	Denmark	Belgium
Diamond	Pink Martini	Hey Eugene	Naïve	USA	France
Diamond	Fedde Le Grand	Put Your Hands Up For Detroit	Cr2 Records	Netherlands	UK
Diamond	Deep Purple	Now What?! (incl. Gold + Live Tapes)	Edel	UK	Germany
Diamond	Queens Of The Stone Age	Like Clockwork	Matador Records	USA	USA
Diamond	XAVAS	Gespaltene Persönlichkeit	Naidoo Records	Germany	Germany
Diamond	M83	Hurry Up We're Dreaming	Naïve	France	France
Diamond	Omara Portuondo	Buena Vista Social Club Presents Omara Portuondo	World Circuit	Cuba	UK
Diamond	Ruben Gonzalez	Introducing Ruben Gonzalez	World Circuit	Cuba	UK
Diamond	Vampire Weekend	Modern Vampires Of The City	XL Recordings	USA	UK
Double Gold	ASA	ASA	Naïve	Nigeria/France	France
Double Gold	Editors	The Weight of Your Love	[PIAS] Recordings	UK	Belgium
Double Gold	Pierre Perret	Le Plaisir des Dieux	Naïve	France	France
Double Gold	Dead Can Dance	Anastasis	[PIAS] Recordings	UK/Australia	Belgium
Double Gold	The National	Trouble Will Find Me	4AD	USA	UK
Double Gold	Kollegah & Farid Bang	Jung, brutal, gutauseehend 2	Selfmade Records	Germany	Germany
Double Gold	Ali Farka Toure Toumani Diabate	In The Heart Of The Moon	World Circuit	Mali	UK
Double Gold	Jack White	Lazaretto	XL Recordings	USA	UK
Double Gold	Ali Farka Toure with Ry Cooder	Talking Timbuktu	World Circuit	Mali	UK
Gold	Psy 4 de la rime	Enfants de la lune	Naïve	France	France
Gold	Marianne Faithfull	Easy Come, Easy Go	Naïve	UK	France
Gold	Marianne Faithfull	Before the poison	Naïve	UK	France
Gold	Benjamin Biolay	Vengeance	Naïve	France	France
Gold	Pixies	Indie Cindy	Play It Again Sam	USA	UK/Belgium
Gold	Racoon	Liverpool Rain	[PIAS] Recordings Holland	The Netherlands	Netherlands
Gold	Sandra van Nieuwland	More	8Ball	Netherlands	Netherlands
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Gold	Django Django	Django Django	Because Music	UK	France
Gold	Major Lazer	Free The Universe	Because Music	USA	France
Gold	Metronomy	Love Letters	Because Music	UK	France
Gold	Tarja	Colours In The Dark	Edel	Finland	Germany
Gold	Caro Emerald	The Shocking Miss Emerald	Grand Mono	Netherlands	Netherlands
Gold	Vivaldi	Nisi Dominus	Naïve	Italy	France
Gold	Accentus	Transcriptions	Naïve	France	France
Gold	Blank & Jones	DJ Culture	Soundcolours	Germany	Germany
Gold	Afro Cuban All Stars	Distinto Diferente	World Circuit	Cuba	UK