

23 LPS NOMINATED AHEAD OF EVENT INCLUDING MERCURY WINNERS

European Indie Album Of The Year nominations revealed

AWARDS

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IMPALA has revealed its shortlist of nominees for the fifth edition of the European Independent Album Of The Year Award.

Dubbed as a European 'Mercury-style' prize, voting is currently taking place on the 23-album shortlist, which includes the likes of alt-J (pictured), Young Fathers, Aphex Twin and FKA Twigs.

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2014. It's now up to the jury to decide which one of these albums is the most exceptional of 2014," said IMPALA executive chair Helen Smith.

The European Independent Album Of The Year award

was launched in 2011, together with the annual Outstanding Contribution To European Music award, to mark the 10th anniversary of IMPALA. This year's nominations list contains acts representing a total of 16

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countries across the continent.

Last year's winner was Spanish band Guadalupe Plata's self-titled album, released via the Madrid-based label, Everlasting Records. British acts The xx and Adele have also previously won, in 2013 and 2012 respectively.

1. ALT-J - This Is All Yours (Infectious Records)
2. APHEX TWIN - Syro (Warp)
3. BATIDA - Dois (Soundway Records)
4. BROKEN TWIN - May (ANTI/Epitaph)
5. CARIBOU - Our Love (City Slang)
6. DANS DANS - 3 (Unday Records)
7. THE DØ - Shake Shook Shaken (Wagram Music)
8. EMIS KILLA - Mercurio (Carosello Records)
9. FAI BABA - Savage Dreamer (A Tree In A Field Records/Irascible)
10. FKA TWIGS - LP1 (Young Turks)
11. FRANKIE CHAVEZ - Heart And Spine (Search Records)
12. HIGHASAKITE - Silent Treatment (Propeller Recordings)
13. ICEAGE - Plowing Into The Field of Love (Escho)
14. JENNIE ABRAHAMSON - Gemini Gemini (How Sweet The Sound)
15. NINA ROMIC - Stablo (Aquarius Records)
16. THE NOTWIST - Close To The Glass (City Slang)
17. OCHO MACHO - De Puta Madre (CLS)
18. PEPE WILLBERG - Pepe & Saimaa (KHY Suomen Musiikki)
19. SLEAFORD MODS - Divide And Exit (Harbinger Sound)
20. TREMENDA TREMENTINA - Sangre Pop (Everlasting Records)
21. TWIN ATLANTIC - Great Divide (Red Bull Records)
22. WITHIN TEMPTATION - Hydra (BMG)
23. YOUNG FATHERS - Dead (Big Dada/Anticon)