



06.02.12 - SAMAs are back & nominees announced!

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The Scottish Alternative Music awards are to return for a third year, drawing necessary attention to the Scottish bands and artists that mainstream music tend to ignore.

After the success of last year, with artists such as The La Fontaines and Three Blind Wolves performing, as well as appearances from winners Indian Red Lopez, and nominees Bwani Junction, this year sets to provide a platform as well as well deserved recognition for the hard working and talented members of the Scottish music industry.

Our nominees are chosen by leading figure heads in the Scottish music industry, from across Scotland, ensuring a fair and justified list of relevant and deserved nominees. It is a hard job for our judges to choose from the vast list of talented artists we have across our nation, and we very much appreciate their informed decisions. Nominations are then put to a public vote.

SAMAs 2012 will run in association with retro clothing store **Vintage Guru**, located on 195 Byres Road in the West End of Glasgow. Roberto Coccozza (VG) states, "*Vintage Guru are pleased to be the Main Sponsor of SAMA 2012 following our tradition of supporting up and coming music in Scotland*"

Founder and Creative Director of the SAMAs, Richy Muirhead says:

"The diversity of the nominees this year are incredible. Its really warming to see artists from all over areas of Scotland involved, for example Skye, Aberdeen, Ayrshire and further afield. This really gives a sense of Scotland to the awards, which is what SAMAs is all about."

SAMAs has recently been supported by a Scottish Parliament motion. An MSP recently commented:

"The creativity of Richy Muirhead is important to the music scene across Scotland and I am sure he will continue to play his part, and encourage more young people to take part in music not only at schools, but outside too. It is important that recognising new, talented bands and artists will continue to help the great image that Scotland has in the music industry, and I hope the BBC will continue to air Introducing in Scotland to assist with that image."

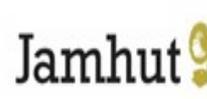
There will be a launch event on Wednesday 8th February at Bar Bloc Glasgow from 9pm.

The main event will take place at the Glasgow Garage, and is hosted from comedian Billy Kirkwood. Tickets are on sale for the main event now £10 via Tickets Scotland (In-store & Online) <http://tickets-scotland.co.uk/> or 0141 204 5151

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Best Rock/Alternative
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Aerials Up
Fatherson
Little Eye
Lady North
Iain McLaughlin & Outsiders
Johnny & The Giros

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Admiral Fallow
Song Of Return
We Were Promised Jetpacks
The Little Kicks
PAWS
Miniature Dinosaurs

Best Metal
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Constellations
The Recovery
Autumn In Disguise
A Fight You Can't Win
Ten Tonne Dozer
Lost In Echoes

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Rustie
Miaoux Miaoux
Fridge Magnets
Discopolis
Niteworks
Teklo

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Athos
Vukovi
Forest Fires
Bwani Junction
Oskar Empire
Davey Horne

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