

Winners of the seventh Swiss Nightlife Awards

Award-winning nightlife

The seventh Swiss Nightlife Awards, presented by Carlsberg, took place today. As in the recent years, the highly coveted Golden Owls were presented to outstanding individuals and Swiss nightlife establishments at the Komplex 457 in Zurich. The lucky prize-winners included some familiar names, such as Remady from Zurich and the Montreux Jazz Festival, as well as some new faces in the Swiss nightlife scene. The Lifetime Award went to Mas Ricardo for his longstanding contribution to Swiss nightlife, spanning several decades. The White Owl went to Seigi & Steli Sterkoudis in honour of their many years of exceptional hosting.

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The awards for the best locations all went to Zurich this year. The Owl for THE Nightlife Bar was awarded to Raygrodski, Best Club went to Frieda's Büxe and Best Big Club went to the Plaza, which also took home the same award last year.

The winners in the DJ category included a few of the usual suspects: Remady (Best EDM DJ) already has four Swiss Nightlife Awards under his belt; after four nominations, Ray Douglas (Best Open Format DJ) finally took home a Golden Owl for the first time; and Luciano (Best Electronica DJ) previously picked up a prize at the very first Swiss Nightlife Awards in 2010.

In the Events category, however, two newbies snapped up awards. Absolut Techno – on its first nomination – won Best Event Series, and Polaris, also a newcomer, won Best Big Event. The Golden Owl for Best Event went to People in the City, which won the same category last year.

Nordstern won another award following a change of location; the club venue moved to a boat in June 2016, and won the award for Best New Location. And the Montreux Jazz Festival won Best Festival for the second year running.

The two awards decided solely by the committee went to Seigi & Steli Sterkoudis and Mas Ricardo. The latter was honoured with a Lifetime Award for the significant impact he has had on Swiss nightlife – he was part of the team behind the first after hours events at OXA and the Grodoonia parties at Rümlang, to name just a few. Seigi & Steli Sterkoudis received the White Owl Award, which is presented to organisers who cannot be considered in any of the other 12 categories but have nevertheless made an important contribution.

The show took place on a Tuesday evening for the first time, and was hosted by a team of presenters lead by Fabienne Wernl and Marco Fritsche. A highlight of the evening was the performance by Jax Jones feat. RAYE, as well as the sets by YALL and Ofenbach at the after party, where winners and selected guests could celebrate in full swing.

An overview of the winners:

Best Event Series: Absolut Techno (Basel)

Best Event: People in the City (Vaud)

Best Big Event: Polaris (Valais)

Best Open Format DJ: Ray Douglas (Zurich)

Best EDM DJ: Remady (Zurich)

Best Electronica DJ: Luciano (Geneva)

THE Nightlife Bar: Raygrodski (Zurich)

Best Club: Frieda's Büxe (Zurich)

Best Big Club: Plaza (Zurich)

Best Festival: Montreux Jazz Festival (Vaud)

Best New Location: Nordstern (Basel)

White Owl Award: Seigi & Steli Sterkoudis

Lifetime Award: Mas Ricardo