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**VODAFONE NZ MUSIC AWARDS FINALISTS 2016**

**VNZMA 2016 Finalists (by category)**
**1. Godfrey Hirst Album of the Year**
Aaradhna – ‘Brown Girl’
Broods – ‘Conscious’
Fat Freddy’s Drop – ‘BAYS’
Hollie Smith – ‘Water Or Gold’
Tami Neilson – ‘Don’t Be Afraid’
The Phoenix Foundation – ‘Give Up Your Dreams’

**2. Vodafone Single of the Year**
Aaradhna – ‘Brown Girl’
Broods – ‘Free’
KINGS – 'Don't Worry Bout' It'
MAALA – ‘Kind of Love’
The Naked and Famous – ‘Higher’
Shapeshifter – ‘Stars’

**3. Best Group**
Broods – ‘Conscious’
Fat Freddy’s Drop – ‘BAYS’
The Phoenix Foundation – ‘Give Up Your Dreams’
Sol3Mio – ‘On Another Note’

**4. Best Male Solo Artist**
Avalanche City – ‘We Are For The Wild Places’
Dave Dobbyn – ‘Harmony House’
Lawrence Arabia – ‘Absolute Truth’
MAALA – ‘Composure’

**5. Fiji Airways Best Female Solo Artist**
Aaradhna – ‘Brown Girl’
Hollie Smith – ‘Water Or Gold’
Ladyhawke – ‘Wild Things’
Tami Neilson – ‘Don’t Be Afraid’

**6. Breakthrough Artist of the Year**
KINGS – 'Don't Worry Bout' It'
Leisure – All Over You’
nomad – ‘Oh My My’
SACHI – ‘Lunch with Bianca’

**7. Best Rock Album**
Beastwars – ‘The Death Of All Things’
Jordan Luck Band – ‘Not Only… But Also’
Villainy – ‘Dead Sight’

**8. The Edge Best Pop Album**
Avalanche City – ‘We Are For The Wild Places’
Broods – ‘Conscious’
MAALA – ‘Kind of Love’

**9. Best Alternative Album**
Lawrence Arabia – ‘Absolute Truth’
The Phoenix Foundation – ‘Give Up Your Dreams’
Silicon – ‘Personal Computer’
 **10. Best Urban/Hip Hop Album**
Aaradhna – ‘Brown Girl’
PNC – The Luke Vailima EP
SWIDT – ‘SmokeyGotBeatz Presents SWIDT vs EVERYBODY’

**11. Best Roots Album**
Fat Freddy’s Drop – ‘BAYS’
Rob Ruha – ‘Pūmau’
Unity Pacific – ‘Blackbirder Dread’

**12. Best Electronic Album**
Electric Wire Hustle – ‘Aeons’
Opiuo – ‘Omniversal’
Pacific Heights – ‘The Stillness’

**13. Te Mangai Paho Best Maori Album**
Dennis Marsh – ‘Maori Songbook 2’
Kirsten Te Rito – ‘Āiotanga’
Rob Ruha – ‘Pūmau’

**14. Best Worship Album**
Edge Kingsland – ‘Edge Vol. 3: The Common Good’
Grace Vineyard Music – ‘Seek You’
LIFE Worship – ‘By My Spirit’

**15. Best Classical Album**
Anthony Ritchie and Ross Harris – ‘Fjarran’
Kenneth Young – ‘Shadows and Light’
Zephyr – ‘Zephyr’

**Artisan Awards**

**16. NZ On Air Best Music Video**
Chris Lane – ‘Inside Out’ (Avalanche City)
Sam Peacocke – ‘Buried By The Burden’ (Pacific Heights Ft. Louis Baker)
Simon Oliver – ‘Secret Lives of Furniture’ (Ha the Unclear)

**17. Best Album Cover**
Anns Taylor – ‘Absolute Truth’ (Lawrence Arabia)
Henrietta Harris – ‘I'll Forget 17’ (Lontalius)
Simon Faisandier – ‘Road To You’ (ARISE)

**18. Massey University Best Producer**
Devin Abrams – ‘The Stillness’ (Pacific Heights)
Joel Little – ‘Conscious’ (Broods)
Josh Fountain – ‘Composure’ (MAALA)

**19. Best Engineer**
Joel Little – ‘Conscious’ (Broods)
Miller & Phil Yule – ‘Shoot Me In The Heart’ (Miller Yule)
Samuel Flynn Scott & Lee Prebble –‘Harmony House’ (Dave Dobbyn)

**Other awards**

**20. Vodafone People’s Choice Award**
Broods
Fat Freddy’s Drop
KINGS
MAALA
Sol3Mio

**21. NZ Herald Legacy Award**
Bic Runga

**22. NZ On Air Critics’ Choice Prize Shortlisted Artists**Kane Strang
Scuba Diva
Spycc & INF

**23. Vodafone Highest Selling Single**

**24. Three Highest Selling Album**

**25. NZ On Air Radio Airplay Record of the Year**

**26. International Achievement**

**Additional Tuis presented in 2016**

**27. Best Pacific Album**
**Winner:** Te Vaka – ‘Amataga’
Annie Grace – ‘The Journey’
Sol3Mio – ‘On Another Note’

**28. Best Country Album**
**Winner:** The Warratahs – ‘Runaway Days’
Eb & Sparrow – ‘Sun/Son’
Jody Direen – ‘Break Out’
 **29. Best Folk Album
Winner:** Holly Arrowsmith – ‘For The Weary Traveller’
Amiria Grenell – ‘Autumn’
Nadia Reid – ‘Listen to Formations, Look for the Signs’

**30. Best Jazz Album**
**Winner:** Phil Broadhurst – ‘Panacea’
Kevin Field – ‘The A List’
Michael Houston & The Rodger Fox Big Band – ‘Concerti’

**31. Best Children’s Album**
**Winner:** Itty Bitty Beats – ‘Lay Your Head Down’
Anna Van Riel – ‘Cooking Up A Song’
Peter Weatherall – ‘Lollipop Man’