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Native American Style Flute Awards (NASFA) Announcement of 2020 Awards Winners!

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The world's first global music initiative dedicated to players/teachers/makers of the Native American Style Flute. The heart of NASFA reflects this incredible diversity and recognizes that music is the universal language that we all share.

“Every Native American Style Flute player, maker, and instructor deserves to be recognized for sharing the gift of this beautiful instrument. Congratulations to Everyone! Our Breath, Hearts, and Flutes join together in UNITY.”

Jan Michael Looking Wolf, NASFA Director

The *award categories* include recognition for professional type flute recording artists/performers (defined by having released music commercially for sale) and also for those players who perform at flute circles and events, made amateur videos/recordings but have not sold their music commercially.

All award categories are open to people of all ethnicities except the “North American Indigenous Flute Player” Award which requires a membership affiliation with a Tribe within North America.

We are honored to announce the WINNERS for the 2020 NASFA! We received nearly 200 entries that literally spanned mother earth including from the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Argentina, Nigeria Africa, Japan, Austria, Germany, France and Switzerland!

The field of professional recording artists Finalists includes many renowned multiple award winners from other major awards programs with up and coming performers as well. This is a powerful moment for the Native American Style Flute Global Community as the first time in history that it has a dedicated music recognition initiative dedicated solely to its genre!

The full list of winners and recipients is below. To listen to the awards show that was broadcast on One World Music Radio visit their website - <https://www.oneworldmusic.co.uk>

Special Award Recipients

The **Legacy Award** is the highest honor of recognition from NASFA. This award is reserved for those who make a global impact with the Native American Style Flute and leave footprints that generations to come will follow. It is with gratitude we share that **R. Carlos Nakai** is the first recipient. Moving forward the award shall be named the “R. Carlos Nakai Legacy Award” which he will select future recipients. Visit the NASFA site to read more about Mr. Nakai and his incredible legacy.

The NASFA **Lifetime Achievement Award** recognizes players/instructors/flutemakers who by dedicating much of their life to the path of the Native American Style Flute have made a notable positive impact to the genre. In addition to the award itself, recipients are permanently posted on the NASFA site to honor their remarkable contributions. We are pleased to share that **Randy McGinnis** is the first recipient of this honor.

NASFA **One Heart Award** is a special recognition for an outstanding contribution to the Native American Style Flute Community that has made a broad, lasting positive impact. It is an honor to share that Dr. **Kathleen Joyce-Grendahl**, Executive Director of the World Flute Society is the first recipient of the One Heart Award. To learn more about her and WFS, visit <https://www.worldflutesociety.org/>

The Announcement of Winners!

PROFESSIONAL FLUTE PLAYER CATEGORIES

These categories are created for Native American Style Flute Players who have released music or media commercially for sale that is available during the entry period. Meaning, no restrictions of original release dates (prior years releases are also eligible).

Flutist of the Year – Over-all award for Best Native American Style Flute recording artist of the year.

- **WINNER - Jonny Lipford**

- Bearheart Kokopelli
- Douglas Blue Feather
- Holly Red Feather Harris (Painted Raven)
- Jack Flute Holland (Crazy Flute)
- Joseph L Young
- Ryan “Little Eagle” Molina
- Scott “Golana” Cunningham
- Suzanne Teng
- Timothy J.P. Gomez

Album of the Year - Best full length commercially released recording (must have a minimum of 10 tracks or 35 minutes of content).

- **WINNER - Autumn Monsoon by Suzanne Teng and Gilbert Levy**

- Breath of Life by Ken McGarity
- Ethereum by Joseph L. Young
- Flutin Around by Thomas Green
- Good Medicine by Dail Dragonfly Martin
- Home by Chris Gurniak
- Migration by Jonny Lipford
- Native Earth by Ron Korb
- Shoot for the Moon by Rona Yellow Robe
- Wonders Of The World Before Civilization by Bob Wild Deer

Duo/Group of the Year – Best NASF commercial recording group with two or more artists.

- **WINNER - Painted Raven (Annette Abbondanza and Holly Red Feather Harris) -**

- Bernard Wolfsheart and Robert Horak
- Crazy Flute (Jack Flute Holland and Keith Professor Talley)
- Frank Ravenwolf Henninger and Lou Boden
- Heartwood Band (Celine Daly, Julie Harris, Al Harris, Maxwell Kofi Donkor, Chuck Trella, Theresa Trella)

- Huron River Flute Circle (Harold Chambers, John and Karen Keane, Karen Burr Kawennano':ron, Linda Osgood, Randy French, Seth Gore, Steve Nelson, Susan Forgie)
- Rona Yellow Robe and Bruce Witham
- Sherrie Davis and Tony Garcia
- Suzanne Teng and Gilbert Levy
- Windwalker and the MCW

Best Producer - For a full length commercial recording with the NASF as the primary instrument.

- **WINNER - Bruce Turgon, Freedoms Hope (Randy McGinnis)**
- Bernhard Mikuskovics, Vision Quest (Bearheart Kokopelli)
- Bruce Witham and Rona Yellow Robe, Shoot for the Moon (Rona Yellow Robe)
- Ken McGarity, Breath of Life (Ken McGarity)
- Omani Nagi and Allen Burns, Native! (Omani Nagi)
- Philip Mantoine and Joanne Lazarro, Under the Stars (Joanne Lazarro)
- Randy Granger, A Place Called Peace (Randy Granger)
- Sherrie Davis, The Journey Home (Sherrie Davis)
- Suzanne Teng and Gilbert Levy, Autumn Monsoon (Suzanne Teng)
- Timothy J.P. Gomez, The Silence Between (Timothy J.P. Gomez)

Music Video of the Year – A music video with music (live performance or pre-corded) that centers on the Native American Style Flute.

- **WINNER - Timothy J.P. Gomez**
A New Dawn - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXuHvwCIs8s&t=16s>
- Chris Gurniak
Home - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9VLL841cNs&feature=emb_logo
- Douglas Blue Feather
Ascension - https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=fs_TuWBjwlc&feature=emb_logo
- Jonny Lipford
"Hello" - <https://youtu.be/yQ8BKcSrLk>
- Joseph L Young
Midnight Wanderer - <https://youtu.be/SltYbUJPMdc>
- Mark Akixa
The Romantic Exchange Song In The Woods - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EShuONtkfMs>
- Painted Raven
Lady of the Lake - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-tolj8tbj4>

- Randy Granger
Ghost Dancers - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vB7XegOQwSA&t=10s>
- Renaud Schmitt
Believe in Yourself - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Ch6yNnWqmg>
- Thomas Green
A Cry for the Ancients - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dmTk7YPsZo>
- Tommy Graven
Thunder Rolling Down the Mountain - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WILc-tTrftA>

New Age Recording - Best full length commercially released recording that includes ambient music that primarily features the Native American Style Flute.

- **WINNER - Ascension by Douglas Blue Feather**
 - All My Relations by Mark Akixa
 - Bird in the Sun by Peggy Braun (Chilaili Wachiwa)
 - C.H.A.D. by TerryLee WHETSTONE
 - Goin Home by Michael Searching Bear
 - Star Brite by Crazy Flute (Jack Flute Holland and Keith Professor Talley)
 - Open Sky by Ancient Voices (David Rose and Dan Kennedy)
 - Ravenwolf 2 by Frank Ravenwolf Henninger
 - Vision Quest by Bearheart Kokopelli
 - Watopeka Lapremiere Ascension by Patrick Therrien (Nia Skweda Sibosimis)

Best Song Solo Flute – For a song recorded and commercially released with the NASF as the only musical instrument.

- **WINNER - Evenings Lullaby by Jack “Flute” Holland of Crazy Flute**
 - Condor by Joanne Lazzaro
 - Days in the Sun by Zach Farley
 - God’s Glory by Russ Jones
 - Heart to Heart by Susan Forgie and Karen Burr
 - My Soul Takes Eagle Wings by Ken Noland
 - Peggy’s Cove by Jamie Empert
 - Farewell by Twinfeathers
 - The Silence Between by Timothy J.P. Gomez
 - Thunder Sky by Sherrie Davis

Best Song Contemporary Flute – For a single recorded and commercially released that contains accompaniment such as guitar, piano, drums, etc.

- **WINNER - Blue Lizard by Joseph L Young**
 - 3 Horses by Matthew J Thoma
 - Creation Winds by Julie Harris and Celine Daly
 - Lands of Spirits by Renaud Schmitt
 - Magic Arrow by Ron Korb
 - Masked Abis by Jonny Lipford

- Medicine of the Shaman by Steven Newton
- Naked Coffee by Rae Flute Lady Dent
- Windwalker by Stephen Twohawks Reed
- Willow's Breath by Omani Nagi

Spiritual/Inspirational Recording – A commercially released recording (album or single) that's style and purpose reflect the healing/spiritual aspects of the NASF. Can be any musical style.

- **WINNER - All Life Springs from Water by Bernard Wolfsheart**
- Caterpillar & Butterfly by Rona Yellow Robe
- C.H.A.D. by TerryLee WHETSTONE
- Heart Space by Twinfeathers
- Go Tell it on the Mountain by Stephen Twohawks Reed
- Lost Warrior by Douglas Thunder Horse Goldsmith
- Phoenix Rising by Omani Nagi
- Standing Circles by Steven Newton
- Stones of Transformation by Frank Ravenwolf Henninger
- Underwater Secret by Renaud Schmitt

Shinning Star – Outstanding NASF Performance on a full-length album, single or music video commercially released.

AND THE WINNERS ARE THE FOLLOWING ARTISTS -

- Ancient Voices (David Rose and Dan Kennedy) for Open Sky
- Bearheart Kokopelli for Vision Quest
- Dail Dragonfly Martin for Good Medicine
- Huron River Flute Circle for Strengthening the Circle (Harold Chambers, John and Karen Keane, Karen Burr Kawennano':ron, Linda Osgood, Randy French, Seth Gore, Steve Nelson, Susan Forgie)
- Twinfeathers for The Nature of Love
- Randy Granger for A Place Called Peace
- Scott "Golana" Cunningham for Moon of First Snow
- Sherrie Davis for The Journey Home
- TerryLee WHETSTONE for C.H.A.D.
- Tommy Graven for Thunder Rolling Down the Mountain

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS FLUTE PLAYER CATEGORY

Indigenous Flute Player of the Year that is a member/descendent of a Tribe within North America.

- **WINNER - Rona Yellow Robe, First Nation Cree/Chippewa Cree/Rocky Boy, Montana**
- Arnold Richardson (Tsa'ne Do'se), Saponi/Tuscarora/Iroquois
- Gaby Nagel, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Karen Burr (Kawennano':ron), Mohawks Bay of Quinte
- Matthew J. Thoma, Seneca Nation
- Michael Searching Bear, Eastern Cherokee Wolf Clan
- Patrick Therrien (Nia Skweda Sibosimis), Communauté Autochtone Sherbrooke Kitné 081
- Sherrie Davis, Cherokee

- Terry Filer, Osage Nation
- Travis Terry, Gila River Pima Nation
- Windwalker Dorn, Mic Mac, Cherokee, Lenape

FLUTE INSTRUCTION

This category recognizes excellence in the area of Native American Style Flute instruction.

Instructor of the Year – For over-all outstanding NASF Instructor.

- **WINNER - Jonny Lipford - <https://youtu.be/eP83oInmQIs>**
- Bevani - <https://www.youtube.com/user/bevaniflute>
- Carolin Nobles - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TW2NHa2PeE0&t=26s>
- Helen’s Willow Wind - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVKY5ilmZJBa3UFTsFqj0sg> Jonah Mulski - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh7L956bTX7YYMV2Ov8_pnUEGNrbuYivW
- Kalani Das - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZZ0gW1i8FQEwown2_ebhs8Hmisf33K9m
- Keith Davis “Old Man Yow” - <https://www.youtube.com/user/oldmanyow>
- Randy Granger - <https://youtu.be/9ZBe2i46O1w>
- William “Bill” Hughes – <https://www.deseret.com/2002/3/29/19645921/the-magic-of-flutes>

NON-PROFESSIONAL FLUTE PLAYER CATEGORIES

These award categories are for flute players who have not released Native American Style Flute music commercially for sale.

Male Flute Player – Outstanding male player who has not commercially released recordings.

- **WINNER - George “Screaming Eagle” Torres, United States**
- Alan Fox, United States
- Carlos Garcia, Argentina
- Eric Hart, United States
- Dave Merrick, United Kingdom
- Elvis Odemerejo, Nigeria
- Khalid Abdul Qadir, Saudi Arabia
- Guatibiri Aianhura Escudero, Puerto Rico
- Klaus Schimmer, Germany
- Raven Wolf, United States

Female Flute Player – Outstanding female player who has not commercially released recordings.

- **WINNER - Gaby Nagel, United States**
- Catherine Ing, United States
- Helen’s Willow Wind, United States
- Ley Arka Weisse Feder (Sabine Blaser), Switzerland
- Lori Sandall, United States
- Patricia Bay, United States
- Payton Trimmer, United States
- Sara Marvin, United States
- Silvia Blaser, Switzerland
- Terry Filer, United States

Best Song – For songs that are not released commercially for sale.

- **WINNER - Slowly by Ley Arka Weisse Feder (Sabine Blaser), Switzerland**
- Breath of the Pines by Sara Marvin, United States
- Brother Wolf by Eric Hart, United States
- Canyon Call by Silvia Blaser, Switzerland
- Farewell to the River by Helen’s Willow Wind, United States
- Primal Serenity by Raven Wolf, United States
- Reach for the Sky by Catherine Ing, United States
- Red Star Woman by George “Screaming Eagle” Torres
- Terramadre, Silvia Blaser, Switzerland
- Wild Forest by Gaby Nagel

Best Amateur Video – Music Video from a non-commercial NASF player. Can be live or video with prerecorded music.

- **WINNER - Guatibiri Aianhura Escudero, Puerto Rico**
Sounds of Peace - <https://youtu.be/-0N8BiNdOWs>
- Nik Valmas, Scotland
Flute Meditation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVAhC3eh7s>
- Omar Ahmadzai, Costa Rica
Shamatic Meditation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GR3uSSrvigs>
- Payton Trimmer
“My Freedom” (FB Video)
<https://www.facebook.com/heather.l.trimmer/videos?lst=645558649%3A1782685513%3A1580753638>

Sacred Breath - For inspiring others and promoting healing with the Native American Style Flute.

AND THE FOLLOWING ARE THIS YEAR’S WINNERS -

- Alby Thoumsin, United States
- Catherine Ing, United States
- Dave Merrick, United Kingdom
- Elvis Odemerejo, Nigeria
- Omar Ahmadzai, Costa Rica
- Patricia Bay, United States
- Payton Trimmer, United States
- Raven Wolf, United States
- Silvia Blaser, Switzerland
- Stephanie Walen, United States
- Terry Filer, United States

SOARING EAGLE AWARD (COMMUNITY SERVICE)

This award category is open to *all players* of the flute, both professional and non-professional. Keeping with indigenous tradition, it is healing to honor those who share their hearts for others. The Soaring Eagle Award is a beautiful way to acknowledge players who volunteer to play their Native American Style Flute for non-profit type venues and events such as nursing homes, hospices, fundraisers for charities etc. Congratulations and Many thanks to this year's beautiful recipients!

The Recipients of the Soaring Eagle Award are....

Aka Sato, Japan
Alan Fox, USA
Arnold Richardson / Tsa'ne Do'se, USA
Bernhard Wolfsheart Weilguni, Austria
Catherine Ing, USA
Clint and Vera Goss, USA
Daphin'e Caron, France
Dave Merrick, USA
Ellen L. Saunders, USA
Eric Hart, USA
Elvis Odemerejo, Nigeria
George "Screaming Eagle" Torres, USA
Guatibiri Aianhura Escudero, Puerto Rico
Hawk Henries, USA
Helen's Willow Wind, USA
Jacinto Hernandez, Mexico
Jay Michael, USA
John Deboer, USA
Ken Noland, USA
Lena Smirnov, Russia
Lori Sandall, USA
Liz Brady, USA
Marcella Selwyn, USA
Michael Carreras, USA
Paulo Silva, Brazil
Mao Li Zhang, China
Michael Simons, USA
Patricia Bay, USA
Paul and Sharon Surhoff, USA
Peggy Brawn / Chilaili Wachiwa, USA
Randy Granger, USA
Randy "Windtalker" Motz, USA
Remon Mohammed Alimon, Saudi Arabia
Rona Yellow Robe, USA
Sara Trask Marvin, USA
Sherrie Davis, USA
Taziano Rosso, Italy
Terry Filer, USA
TerryLee WHETSTONE, USA
Tommy Graven, USA
Tom Brown, Canada

Twinfeathers, USA
William "Bill" Hughes, USA
Zach Farley, USA

FLUTEMAKER HALL OF HONORS

It is good to recognize those who contribute to the beautiful path of the Native American Style Flute. Without the makers sharing their gift, the music that we know today would not be possible. To visit the “Flutemaker Hall of Honors” with names and links for hundreds of flutemakers go to <https://nasfahonors.com/flutemaker/>