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## Dua Lipa wins Public Choice Award

**The winners of the 2017 European Border Breakers Awards (the 'EBBA'), the European music awards for emerging artists, were honoured this evening at the Eurosonic Noorderslag festival in the Dutch city of Groningen. Dua Lipa came out as the big winner of the evening, taking away the 'Public Choice Award' by an overwhelming amount of online voters.**

Dua Lipa is a cool singer-songwriter from London, who writes love songs with a grand sound and a twist: strings, melancholic lyrics, electronic beats and dark, sensuous vocals. Hits include Be The One, Last Dance and Hotter Than Hell, proving that Dua Lipa is a mature artist in her own right, with a bright future ahead of her. Over the last year, she performed at a multitude of European festivals, including Lowlands, Frequency, Pukkelpop and Way Out West and charted in countries such as Denmark, The Netherlands, Germany and Austria.

The EBBA show also featured outstanding performances by all 2017 winners: Alan Walker (no), Jaakko Eino Kalevi (fi), Namika (de), Hinds (es), Filous (at), Jain (fr), Dua Lipa (gb), Natalie La Rose (nl) and Walking on Cars (ie). Also, EBBA was awarded to Era Istrefi (al). In the upcoming year the EBBA TV show will be broadcasted by several European public channels.

Parts of the show can be watched through the [EBBA's Youtube channel](#).

The EBBA are funded under the European Union's (EU) Creative Europe programme. With the EBBA, the European Union wishes to highlight the success of 10 emerging European artists in selling albums and touring outside their home territory.

### **The EBBA**

EBBA celebrate new and border-breaking artists who create today and tomorrow's music. From Adele (United Kingdom) to Christine & the Queens (France), the EBBA winners represent some of the standout European sounds of recent years. Other previous winners include Stromae, Gabriel Rios, Hozier, Of Monsters and Men, Mumford & Sons, Aurora, Disclosure, John Newman, C2C, Tokio Hotel, The Script, Years and Years, Robin Schulz, Carnival Youth, MØ and Selah Sue.

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From the group of enthusiastic gig-goers out on the weekend to the industry dedicated to

making the music you love, Music Moves Europe. EBBA are one of the EU's ways of celebrating European popular and contemporary music by bringing the artists, the industry and the fans together to celebrate European music.

Every year, 10 European artists receive an EBBA to recognise their success in countries other than their own.

**This success is measured by:**

- Airplay
- Sales
- Live performances in Europe
- position in the [European Border Breakers Charts](#)

The European Border Breakers Charts, launched earlier this year and compiled by Radiomonitor, rank tracks from around Europe based on airplay abroad.

To be eligible for the 2017 awards, the artists must have achieved border-breaking success with their first international release in Europe between 1 August 2015 and 31 July 2016 and come from a country participating in the [EU's Creative Europe programme](#).

The EBBA, now in their 14th year, are an EU Prize, organised by Eurosonic Noorderslag in partnership with the European Commission (Creative Europe) and the European Broadcasting Union, with support from Buma Cultuur, the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Province of Groningen, the City of Groningen and Music Week.

**Public choice**

One of the winners will receive a Public Choice Award based on votes cast on the EBBA website from the end of November 2016 to Christmas. Up to ten voters, chosen at random from different countries, will be invited to the award ceremony: each will be able to bring a friend and the flight and hotel costs will be taken care of.

**EBBA ceremony**

The winners will receive their award in a ceremony hosted by TV personality and musician Jools Holland at the Eurosonic Noorderslag festival in Groningen, Netherlands, on January 11, 2017. The ceremony will feature performances by the winning acts.

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**More information and downloads:**

- **Download:** [A photo of Dua Lipa winning the award will be available via link very soon.](#)
- **Download:** [Press photo Dua Lipa](#)
- **Download:** [EBBA logo](#)
- **Download:** [Copyright free photos of previous EBBA editions](#)

**For more information and questions:**

- [EBBA website](#)
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The announcement of the 2017 EBBA winners can be followed through social media:

Facebook: [EBBA.Awards](#), [CreativeEuropeEU](#)

Twitter: @ebba\_awards, @europe\_creative

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#### **Previous EBBA 2017 press releases:**

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  - [ERA ISTREFI announced as winner of 2017 European Border Breakers Awards \(EBBA\)](#)
  - [DUA LIPA announced as winner of 2017 European Border Breakers Awards \(EBBA\)](#)
  - [NATALIE LA ROSE announced as winner of 2017 European Border Breakers Awards \(EBBA\)](#)
  - [JAIN announced as winner of 2017 European Border Breakers Awards \(EBBA\)](#)
  - [FILOUS announced as winner of 2017 European Border Breakers Awards \(EBBA\)](#)
  - [HINDS announced as winner of 2017 European Border Breakers Awards \(EBBA\)](#)
  - [WALKING ON CARS announced as winner of 2017 European Border Breakers Awards \(EBBA\)](#)
  - [NAMIKA announced as winner of 2017 European Border Breakers Awards \(EBBA\)](#)
  - [JAAKKO EINO KALEVI announced as winner of 2017 European Border Breakers Awards \(EBBA\)](#)
  - [ALAN WALKER announced as first winner of 2017 European Border Breakers Awards \(EBBA\)](#)
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