Tennessee Music Awards Hits Jackson for 2022

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The annual Tennessee Music Awards will be held Feb. 28, 7 o’ clock, at the University of Memphis Lambuth’s Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music building located in Jackson, Tennessee.

The event will showcase 200-250 independent artists and producers of diverse backgrounds and genres, with various performances.

  “This year there is a new set of characters, cast and everything. Different performers, which is actually the biggest part of what is new this year,” said Dr. Jeremy Tubbs, co-founder of the Tennessee Music Awards.

The Tennessee Music Awards was first produced by Tubbs and Nathan Hunnicut in 2017 to honor the talents and hard work of Tennessee musicians and artists to allow for recognition from peers and the community to inspire the future of Tennessee music.

“Somebody gave me the idea in 2014,” said Tubbs “The proponent of it was the idea was given, and then we started with another fella named Nathan Hunnicut, and 2017 was the first year we were actually able to do it. Since then, there have been difficulties due to Covid, but we are back and on schedule for this year.”

People from all over Tennessee come out, spanning from Memphis to Knoxville, said Tubbs.

“One thing we don’t do is, that musicians aren't able to do, is that we are not sometimes able to talk to each other in person...’ ‘But we are going to be in the same building talking, hanging out, congregating, having discussions and meeting for the first time. So, it is important that we all connect. I think that brings a sense of community and achievement,’” said Tubbs “People feel like ‘Oh I have been nominated!’ That feels good. The people that are considered the award winners, they also have a sense that their peers voted them.”

The Tennessee Music Awards has an expected attendance of 250 people, including the music students of the University of Memphis Lambuth.

The students will be aiding in production and getting the ability to form connections.

“The Tennesse Music Awards creates an amazing opportunity for up-and-coming artists and known artists in the Tennessee area of any age to get recognized for their talents and hard work. It also allows locals to be in a room full of musicians and artistry. It has been an honor to get to work it for two consecutive years while being a music student,” said Bailey Jackson, a 20-year-old music major at the University of Memphis Lambuth.