



ZIMAA NSW

2nd Annual Gala

Award Finalists

Biographies



AWARD CATEGORY

JOSSY JOVIAL



ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Jossy Jovial started music last year in September as a passionate way of connecting to her motherland through music. She is deep rooted in preserving the Zimbabwean culture and heritage and that is evident in her music. She has so far released one gospel album and 5 Afro Zimbabwe fusion songs. Her latest single Amai Ndaneta has become popular with Zimbabweans in the diaspora as it is dedicated to them and talks about the challenges of life in the diaspora. Jossy Jovial continues to improve in the music industry.



SIMBA MASHETE



Simba Mushete & Echoes of African Music who have been playing for over 10 years now. They have performed around Australia alongside Zimbabwean artists such as the late Legendary Dr. Oliver Mutukudzi, Legendary Alick Macheso, Jah Prayzah and Jah Signal.



THANDO SIKWILA



Thando is a classy role model and inspires others to pursue their dreams like she did as a finalist on the Voice Australia. She outstandingly represents the community and creates space for other like her in the arts and creative industry.



NIASHA



NIASHA truly personifies the saying that dynamites coming in small packages. The Zimbabwean born singer, songwriter and spoken word artist based in Melbourne, Australia, attributes her upbringing in Zimbabwe as paramount to her sound and development as a creative artist. Her creativity and talent have given her the ability to explore multiple genres and you can never tell what to expect which she believes is her superpower. A lover of psychology, community, and love; NIASHA delves into these themes through her music and visual conceptualisation.



CHELLE TAMIKA



The saying 'big things come in small packages' rings especially true when we're talking about Zimbabwean born artist Chelle Tamika. She may be small in size, but she is an absolute vocal powerhouse! Chelle is a seasoned vocalist who has performed on various stages from local Sydney venues to television series 'Young Talent Time' and 'The Voice AU' as part of Team Kelly. The R&B/Soul songstress takes influence from artists such as Solange, Jorja Smith & SZA and hopes to move people with her lush melodies and overall invigorating sound.



AWARD CATEGORY

DR SITHEMBINKOSI DUBE



COMMUNITY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

Dr. Dube is passionate and committed to motivating Zimbabwean youth to maintain their identity through learning their heritage languages. Dr Dube has been very instrumental in the establishment of a language School – Teaching our Zimbabwean heritage languages Shona and Ndebele. This is a very essential project which is instilling pride in our children as they learn about their origins and culture.

Dr Dube has demonstrated unwavering passion and commitment to improving the future of Zimbabwean/Australian children through engaging them in fun language and cultural activities. She is a great role model for our children and for that she deserves to be acknowledged. Dr Dube is one of the founders to a language school that's not only teaching our kids and young adults their language but giving them an opportunity to find their roots and identity. She has done a lot of work in the community through ZIMAA



SIMBA ZIMBUDZANA



Simba is an altruistic Zimbabwean-Australian who dedicates himself to giving to others. Simba is a Liverpool Youth Councillor, Headspace Youth Representative and has done a lot to engage young kids and students in high school and university. He works with an organisation called Kickstart to help young people in their pursuit of knowledge and careers in science. Simba has been in innumerable amount of initiatives, campaigns and other such opportunities run by the government and not-for-profit organisations.

**Also nominated for Young Person of the Year*



MR BERNARD MUCHEMWA



Bernard has been instrumental in nurturing talent of young Zimbabwean Australians through soccer for almost 2 decades. His great work has led to some getting opportunities for overseas trials. He was also one of the founders of Masters, the social soccer for older man in an attempt to keep them fit and afford them an opportunity to meet and continue socialising as Zimbabweans in a foreign country. He is involved in Africans in Australia soccer including organising tournaments as well as matches with the wider Australian Community



HELEN MANZINI



Helen has been outstanding in her NDIS business. She started her business last year and she has managed to help over 10 other businesses to set up and also grow their businesses. She provides supports to clients across Australia and is an international recognised women changing the world champion. She has also been very active in the disability sector educating other providers on how to align with the NDIS requirements and has held her integrity throughout. She is also active in running training programs for new NDIS starter businesses and is very active within her local community to raise awareness on equality when it comes to people living with disabilities in the CALD community

Also nominated for Entrepreneur of the Year



RUTH PASI



Ruth Pasi has great community interaction with the community and people of the land. She established the Ruth Pasi Foundation in 2013 to conduct health and educational programs at Zimbabwe schools and farms.



DUMEZWENI NCUBE



Dumie has an impressive grasp of the NDIS Scheme in Australia, extensive experience running a NDIS business, and working as an occupational therapist, he exemplifies a profound understanding of the system. Moreover, he has adeptly served as a mentor, guiding fellow business counterparts and occupational therapists in their professional growth.

Notably, his business has gone beyond just profitability, making a positive impact by offering employment opportunities to Zimbabweans in Australia within the disability and aged care sector. By providing diverse roles in disability and aged care, his enterprise has contributed to creating a more inclusive and caring community. His multifaceted expertise and commitment to empowering others make him a valuable asset to both the NDIS industry and the broader healthcare community.



AWARD CATEGORY

BISHOP STANELY TABUDIRIRA MASAKA



COMMUNITY ELDER OF THE YEAR

Bishop Masaka is a great leader of the ZAOGA/ FIF. He has good interpersonal skills. He is actively engaging with the community ensuring members of his congregation participate in Zimbabwean Australians initiatives. He is promoting unity amongst his congregates and other Zimbabweans in NSW.



PASTOR INNOCENT SHONE



Great pastoral work within NSW and Australia



PASTOR MUTSERIWA



Pastor Mutseriwa is a pastor and a husband of one wife and three children 20(Nashe) 17(Washe) and 12(Anashe). He is nominated for being great community and Pastorial Work



AWARD CATEGORY

RONALD MPOFU



ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

Ronald Mpofu started Zimtransit Freight Services in 2007 and Modalspree Solar Agency in February 2019. Both businesses are trading and have been grown significantly since inception. As the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Zimtransit, Ronald plays leading role in the overall company administrative functions that include, overseas shipping compliance, legal functions, and customer satisfaction. He is the key to developing strategies that ensure administrative efficiency, proper procedure, implementation of policies, compliance, and legal structures. He has strong administration background with 20 years' experience in the highly competitive IT and freight forwarding industry.

As the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), on Modalspree Solar Agency, Ronald is responsible for leading and managing the development, maintenance, and implementation of the company's clean energy strategies, in conjunction with all internal and external stakeholders, and for the sales and delivery of PV Installation systems and ensuring that systems work efficiently, effectively and meets the customer requirements.

Ronald studied the Master's Degree of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Adelaide University), Master's Degree of Business and Technology (UNSW), Bachelor of Technology (University of Zimbabwe), Certificate Telecommunications Technician (Bulawayo Polytech College, Zimbabwe) and Diploma User Centred Design (UCD) (RMIT University, Melbourne)



DONALD GAHADZA



"Born in Zimbabwe, Donald is the Director of ISO-Certified Care Metaz Global a NDIS Provider based in Sydney and the Central Coast. Headquartered in Yennora, Western Sydney, and with a workforce of over 300 staff, Care Metaz Global is a very dynamic, multifaceted, and multicultural organization with employees from all different cultures getting an opportunity to work at different organizational levels.

Donald has interests in local and international businesses. He has experience in mining, fintech, and agriculture in Australia and overseas. His entrepreneurial background informs his mindful but innovative approach. Donald has used his influence and networks to be part of philanthropic works in Aboriginal communities. He has also over the years extended his benevolent hand to orphans, widows, and vulnerable students in higher and tertiary institutions in Zimbabwe.

Donald holds an Advanced Honors Degree in Civil Engineering and is currently studying toward a Master's in Business Administration. He has an Advanced Diploma in Community Sector Management and several diplomas in community services, disability, and engineering.

As a director of Care Metaz Global, Donald brings a plethora of leadership skills and expertise. He considers himself a ""forever student,"" eager to build on his academic foundations and stay in tune with the latest business strategies through continued coursework. His work has been recognised by a few different organisations over the past few years. As such Donald has provided mentorship and has helped over 20 NDIS providers and provided consultancy services to several entrepreneurs."



EMBRACE FOR EVERY CURL



Cynthia Simango has always been aware of how haircuts close when it comes to identity, self-expression and beyond that self-love.

A Zimbabwean nurse, educator, and mum, Cynthia lived in Texas before moving to Australia to seek a better life. In Australia, she wanted hair care products that suited her kind of curly hair but whether it was in stores or salons, she couldn't find any.

In talking to women of all curl types, she discovered that her hair story wasn't unique.

In 2017, she launched Embrace For Every Curl, one of the first Australian-made product ranges made especially for curly hair.



MACDONALD MAKIWA



Mac is the Founding Director of Prodigy Health Solutions, which he co-founded with his wife Kim. As co-founder and Managing Director, Mac is responsible for the operations, strategic initiatives, and client services for Prodigy Health Solutions whilst Kim looks after administration and human resources. Prodigy Health provides labour hire Nurses and Carers in Aged Care homes, across five states, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Queensland.

The business operates 2 offices, the Head Office in Southbank, Melbourne, and Human Resources office is based in Wyong on the Central coast of NSW. Across the 2 offices an Admin team of 6 people supporting the 160 plus Nurses and Carers registered on our books with currently just under 80 staff members working on the floor in Aged Care facilities across the 5 states. Prodigy Health is a corporate member of the The Recruitment, Consulting & Staffing Association (RCSA) of Australia and New Zealand. As a background, Mac has worked as a Senior executive for Deloitte Managed Solutions, Australia and also a few years with National Australia Bank.



SANDERS MULEYA



Sanders Muleya (Director, Founder of Msisa Property and Consulting, Msisa Property Developments).

Successful property investor, property developer, property mentor, Buyer's Advocate.

Author of - The 10x property system- How to Amass 10 properties in 10 years and retire comfortably.

Originally from Zimbabwe, and moved to Australia in 2004, working as a Registered Nurse. Has managed to acquire 18 positive cashflow properties in different states of Australia. Has won multiple business awards.

Has replaced his income through positive cashflow property investments. A retired nurse whose mission is helping everyday Australian investor to create wealth through property for a better future and retirement. Married to Sikhumbuzo and have 3 children.



AWARD CATEGORY

BRENDON ISHE MANDIZVIDZA



SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Brendon Ishe Mandizvidza is a young man doing very well in soccer. A champion coming up and he's dreams is to be recognised around the globe. He is very devoted and amazing at soccer who is making a difference in young players in the community. He has had an outstanding season playing in the 3rd league and being the talisman for his team



MELIWETHU RICHARD NKOMO



Richard Nkomo born in June 2007 is a rising star in the Sydney FC Academy, has made waves on the international stage as he recently played in the Australian U17's squad for the U17 AFC Asian Cup. Known for his power, athleticism, and versatility, Nkomo has quickly established himself as a force to be reckoned with on the field.

While this is Nkomo's first season with Sydney FC, he has already made a significant impact. Although primarily featuring in the U18s and U20s squads, he trains with the U16s, showcasing his commitment to continuous improvement and his willingness to challenge himself against older and more experienced players. Since joining the academy, he has impressed coaches and teammates alike with his work ethic and determination to succeed.

Off the pitch, Nkomo remains humble and grounded, he is a very kind young man always willing to advocate and become a role model for the young African soccer stars. His focus on continuous improvement and his dedication to his craft sets him apart as a true professional in the making. His journey as a footballer has only just begun, and there is no doubt that he will continue to make strides in his career. With his dynamic playing style and determination to succeed, he is a player destined for great things in the world of football



AWARD CATEGORY

ZULU MUHANGO



YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR

Zulu is a 5th year university student studying a double degree in Mathematics and Business. Zulu is a driven man with a desire to explore an entrepreneurial pathway. He is currently working as an analyst for PWC whilst forklift driving at IKEA and assisting with the launch of his parents NDIS business.

Zulu is an enthusiastic man of God, who has had the honour of being named a Deacon for Forward In Faith as well as a chance to lead as Sydney Youth Chairman and NSW vice youth-chairman. Zulu has been assisting in many various departments such as hosting, stewardship, logistics and more. He has a passion in the mentorship of the younger Zimbabwean generation and host group meetings and fellowship, driving lessons, and high school tutoring as a way to give back and help the youth grow and learn from someone of similar background.



ARTHUR MUSHAMBI



Arthur Mushambi is a Quantity Surveyor with up to 10 years of experience in the construction industry where he has delivered high-end large projects including hospitals, roads, rail, airports, car parks, residential apartments, and schools within Australia. He is the Founder and Director of Mush QS Consulting PVT LTD, and he currently holds a bachelor's degree in Quantity Surveying from N.U.S.T Zimbabwe. Throughout his career, Arthur has been working closely with private Clients and NSW government agencies (Transport for NSW, Property NSW, Health Infrastructure NSW as well as ARTC Inland Rail in QLD delivering large infrastructure projects. His most recent projects include the \$31bn rail project across VIC, NSW, and QLD, \$2bn Westmead Children's Hospital redevelopment and Parramatta Square etc. He has also successfully delivered 2500 car park spaces in 2022 for TfNSW at Warwick Farm, Emu Plains and Schofields Train Stations.

In addition to his technical skills, Arthur is also a part time Lecturer at Queensland University of Technology as an industry expert where he leverages his experience, skills, and knowledge to contribute to the growth of future young leaders. He has successfully mentored young African students and other minority groups graduates, fostering a culture of continuous learning and growth in the community. His commitment to staying up to date with the latest industry trends and technologies reflects his dedication to continuous improvement and delivering high-quality solutions to the built environment. Outside of work, Arthur enjoys participating in community organized networking events, teaching children at church and volunteer work.

With a proven track record of delivering successful projects and a passion for leveraging technology to drive business success, Arthur is always eager to take on new challenges and make a positive impact in the construction industry



LYNETTE MOYO



Lynette Moyo professionally known as Lynette, Zimbabwean born, Australian based singer, songwriter, and worship leader, serving in this capacity for over 10 years. She released her first studio song in 2020, inspired by the best seller book "All that I am." She released her Debut album "The Author and The Finisher" earlier this year. Her passion for Christ and Music has opened opportunities for her to sing in various avenues such backing vocals on "The Voice Australia", Christmas Carol's at the Australian Royal Theatre and many more. She looks forward to releasing more music and representing her community in the music industry.



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Saturday 26 August 2023



Business expo: 2- 5.40 pm

Gala dinner: 6 - 10.50pm



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