



3RD ANNUAL IME AWARDS

HONORING RESILIENCE IN MUSIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

THE ICE HOUSE THEATER • 24 N. MENTOR AVE, PASADENA, CA

ABOUT IME

The IME Awards is an annual celebration dedicated to recognizing the achievements of independent artists and honoring visionary music executives who have made a lasting impact on the independent music industry. The 3rd Annual IME Awards brings artists, creatives, industry professionals, VIPs and media together for an elevated evening centered on recognition, resilience, creativity and impact in music and culture.

IME AWARDS MISSION

IME exists to shine a spotlight on the talent, perseverance and cultural impact shaping today's music landscape. Through meaningful recognition and a distinguished live experience, the IME Awards celebrates excellence while honoring the journeys and resilience behind the achievements.

THE AWARDS EXPERIENCE

6:00 PM

VIP RED CARPET

An elevated arrival experience for artists, VIPs, industry tastemakers, media and distinguished guests.

7:00 PM

AWARDS RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Award presentations, live performances, special recognitions, inspiring stories and memorable moments.

8:00 PM

POST-AWARDS CELEBRATION

Music, cocktails, conversation and continued celebration alongside artists, creatives, VIPs and the who's-who of the evening.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS • LIVE PERFORMANCES • MEDIA & RED CARPET • VIP GIFTING SUITE • COMMUNITY



2026 AWARDS & IME LEGACY

RECOGNIZING THE PEOPLE SHAPING MUSIC, CULTURE & IMPACT

2026 AWARD CATEGORIES

- ◆ The Voice of the Culture Award
- ◆ Sound Alchemist Award
- ◆ Community Award
- ◆ Songwriter of the Year Award
- ◆ Legendary Producer
- ◆ Emerging Songwriter
- ◆ Creative A&R
- ◆ Producer of the Year
- ◆ The Timeless Music Icon Award
- ◆ Legacy A&R Award
- ◆ Manager of the Year
- ◆ Legendary Songwriter
- ◆ Musical Visionary Award

A LEGACY OF RECOGNITION

2024

- ◆ **Legacy A&R Award** — DJ Wayne Williams
- ◆ **Visionary Executive Award** — Shawn Barron
- ◆ **Producer of the Year** — Killah B

2025

- ◆ **Sound Alchemist Award** — IRKO
- ◆ **Songwriter of the Year Award** — Blaq Tuxedo
- ◆ **Visionary Executive Award** — Saint Harraway
- ◆ **Legendary Producer** — Rance 1500
- ◆ **Legacy A&R Award** — Jeff Fenster

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