



# These are the winners of the 2023 MME Awards!

Schmyt (Germany), July Jones (Slovenia), Oska (Austria), Kids Return (France), and Queralt Lahoz (Spain) are the winners of the Music Moves Europe Awards 2023. The prestigious Grand Jury Prize was awarded to Sans Soucis (Italy) and the Public Choice award was won by Jerry Heil (Ukraine).

**The annual EU prize for popular and contemporary music (co-funded by the Creative Europe programme) celebrates emerging artists who represent the European sound of today and tomorrow. The Music Moves Europe Awards ceremony was organised on 19 January in Groningen (NL) at the ESNS showcase festival and conference. Previous winners of the awards include Rosalía, Dua Lipa, Stromae, Hozier, Meskerem Mees, Blanks, Pale Waves and Christine and the Queens.**

The Music Moves Europe Awards are organised by ESNS and Reeperbahn Festival, supported by Liveurope, Yourope, Live DMA, IMPALA, Digital Music Europe, ICMP-CIEM, International Music Managers Forum (IMMF) and European Music Exporters Exchange (EMEE).

## Quotes from the jury report:

“**Sans Soucis** is an unique artist with a unique sound and something to say. Really love this artist. Something really special here. She wins the MME Grand Jury Prize”

“**Schmyt** is putting himself right in the mix with his emotional, down tempo electro pop. I was impressed with his talent.”

“**July Jones** is about as “fresh and current” as you can get, mixing pop, hip-hop beats, polished production and songs that are statements about personal identity.”

“The international potential is there, **Oska** has a lovely voice, something very sweet about it.”

“I love soft, soulful, psychedelic rock sound of **Kids Return**. It is timeless and new at the same time! Fresh!

“Great international potential! **Queralt Lahoz**’ vocals are slick. Cool vibe in general. Love her attitude and energy that’s being brought in each track.”

## Prize package

**Out of 15 nominees**, five Music Moves Europe Award winners will receive €10,000 each. The winner of the Grand Jury Award will receive €10,000 and a green touring voucher worth €5,000. The winner of the Public Choice Award will receive €5,000, and a Deezer session. All fifteen nominees were invited for the education programme, with best practices in the music industry to strengthen their knowledge for their careers.

## ESNS showcases and artist education

After the awards ceremony, all 15 nominees perform in front of music professionals and enthusiasts at ESNS, the world's largest showcase event for European music. Alongside the 2023 nominees, ESNS will feature performances by 2022 winners Blanks (NL), Francis of Delirium (LU) and Alina Pash (UA). Furthermore, an education and professionalisation event was organised for the 2022 and 2023 MME Awards nominees and their representatives. In this programme the attendees will receive training to improve their daily business. The topics include sustainability (how to organise a CO2 friendly show or tour).

## Jury Members

The jury of the 2023 Music Moves Europe Awards consists of five people that earned their stripes in the music industry. Each year the Public Choice winner of the previous year joins the MME Awards jury. This year this seat is taken by Jacqueline Baghdasaryan, the singer of Armenian artist Ladaniva who won the MME Public Choice Award last year. The other jury members are: Cindy Castillo (MadCool festival), Gemma Bradley (BBC radio), Bryan Johnson (Spotify) and Kevin Cole (KEXP).

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