

2019 Music Awards



The nominees are out!

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[Vote here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/j/729xk86)

Attend the [2019 Award Show](#) on Monday, March 25 (chosen as the day of the week musicians are most likely to have off. But also, come on, where else can you party like a rock star on a Monday night?) at Pawtucket's The MET.

And of course, pick up the latest edition of Motif Magazine wherever you usually find us! Can you name the guy on the cover?



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Jess Powers (Cowboy and Lady)
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Tish Adams
Tracee Potoczniak (Cardboard Co)

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Superchief Trio
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Wolfie & the Jam Daddies

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Chorus of Westerly
Providence Gay Men's Chorus
Providence Singers
Sine Nomine

FOLK ACT

The Horse Eyed Men
Ken Bryant
Mark Cutler and
Men of Great Courage
Mighty Good Boys
O.B. Howard
Quahogs
The Swamp Birds

JAZZ ACT

Baba Yaga
Doug Woolverton
Greg Abate
Joe Potenza Trio
Larry Brown
Swinglane Orchestra
Leland Baker Quartet
Take It to the Bridge

R&B ACT

Boo City
Kickin Brass Band
Mac Odom Band
Steve Smith and the Naked
The Autocrats
World Premier Band
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Atwater Donnelly

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BEST ALBUM RELEASE

"Blackout Deluxe"

(Ravi Shavi)

"Cassetting Son"

(Greg Lato)

"Give Up" (The Callouts)

"Life, Love & Loss" (Jay

Berndt & The Orphans)

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Goth Dance Party at the
White Rabbit @ Thee Red Fez
Nokturnal @ Dusk
Phantasm @ Alchemy
Providence Emo Night
@ FMH

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Dusk 4th of July Fest
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