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## 2021 MTV EMAs Celebrates Music For All Around The World.

**Hosted By Rap Superstar Saweetie, The Global Music Event Featured Show Stopping Performances By Ed Sheeran, Imagine Dragons, Maluma, Maneskin, Yungblud & Kim Petras.**

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The 2021 **MTV EMAs** returned live from the Papp László Budapest Sportaréna in Hungary with a global celebration of music for all. The epic event, which aired on MTV in 180 countries, featured electrifying performances from today's hottest stars and honoured some of the world's biggest artists while also celebrating music, love and equality.

Ed Sheeran took "Best Artist" and "Best Song" for "Bad Habits." Lil Nas X was awarded "Best Video" for "MONTERO (Call Me By Your Name)," and BTS snagged the most awards with four including "Best Pop," "Best K-Pop," "Best Group," and "Biggest Fans."

First-time **EMA** winners Måneskin took home "Best Rock," while show host and performer Saweetie won "Best New." Nicki Minaj earned a top award with "Best Hip-Hop," Olivia Rodrigo was awarded "Best Push," Maluma won "Best Latin," and YUNGBLUD snagged the award for "Best Alternative."

The "Best Collaboration" award went to Doja Cat ft. SZA for "Kiss Me More," while David Guetta nabbed "Best Electronic," and Billie Eilish was honored with "Video for Good."

Deriving inspiration from the host city's popular thermal spas and the Danube River, which runs through Budapest, the show was surrounded by water with stages that appeared to be floating.



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Grammy Award-winning global superstar Ed Sheeran, who earned top awards for “Best Artist,” and “Best Song,” opened the night surrounded by neon graffiti to perform a lively rendition of his latest single, “Overpass Graffiti.” Later in the show, the British singer-songwriter performed his chart-topping hit “Shivers.”

“Best New” award recipient and **EMA** host Saweetie brought the fashion and the funny with unforgettable show moments including basking by a pool with champagne in a palm tree-lined oasis, interacting with Squid Games-inspired soldiers in hot pink suits and MTV-branded masks, chatting virtually with friend and Brazilian singer Anitta, and riding a skateboard. Descending from the sky in a glittery snowflake, she also performed a medley of her hits “Best Friend,” “Tap In” and “OUT OUT.”

Global Latin superstar Maluma and “Best Latin” winner brought the heat for the world premiere performance of his new single “MAMA TETEMA.” Tanzanian singer Rayvanny and a team of dancers joined him on stage for the high-energy performance set in a club and featuring rain.

Imagine Dragons returned to the **EMAs** for the debut of their new single “Enemy.” Immersed in a flood of laser lights, the best-selling rock band rocked the stage alongside Grammy-nominated rapper and artist J.I.D and a squad of dancers.

With a giant “MAMMAMIA” sign shooting off pyrotechnics, first-time **EMA** performers and “Best Rock” winners Måneskin lit up the stage with a rousing rendition of their hit single “MAMMAMIA.” The Italian rock band was donned in black and gold with lead singer Damiano David sporting a glittery pair of leather briefs.

Kim Petras made her **EMAs** debut and **EMAs** history as the first trans artist to perform at the show. With a giant coconut on the stage and clad in a green latex dress with a black bodysuit underneath, the international pop star brought the sexy and the camp with a medley of two new unreleased songs, “Coconuts,” and “Hit It From The Back.”

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British rising star Griff made her **EMA** debut performing “One Night” with a shadow dancer and dancer dressed in a mirror ensemble.

Norwegian, indie pop musician, and MTV PUSH artist, girl in red made her **EMA** debut performing her hit single “Serotonin” from her internationally charting debut album, *if i could make it go quiet*. Initially performing inside a grey house, the beanie-wearing artist went out to get closer to the crowd before the house lifted into the air off the stage.

World Stage headliners OneRepublic performed a lively rendition of their single “Run” in front of a sold-out crowd at Heroes Square in Budapest complete with a fireworks finale.

Multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, and “Best Alternative” award winner YUNGBLUD closed the night with a high-octane, pyrotechnics-filled performance of his latest single “fleabag.” During the electrifying show, people fell from the sky, and the stage was trashed by the performer who at one point kissed his bass player.

The show also featured special appearances by international pop star Rita Ora, supermodel Winnie Harlow, international musician and producer Ryan Tedder of OneRepublic, WWE Superstar Drew McIntyre, international singer-songwriter and actor Olly Alexander (Years & Years), international DJ and producer Joel Corry, and Brazilian star and singer Manu Gavassi.

For the first time, the “MTV EMA Generation Change Award” winners were recognized during the **EMAs** main show. This year’s honourees are five young changemakers who are furthering equality and love while fighting against anti-LGBTQ+ policies.

Actress and talk show host Drew Barrymore honoured the recipients via a taped piece where she spoke about equality. The winners are [Amir Ashour](#) (Iraq), founder and chair of the board of [IraQueer](#); [Matthew Blaise](#) (Nigeria) a non-binary and openly gay activist and founder of [The Oasis Project](#), which supports queer people in Nigeria; [Sage Dolan-Sandrino](#) (United States) an Afro-Cuban queer and trans woman and the founder of a creative studio and digital magazine, the [TEAM Mag](#); [Erika Hilton](#) (Brazil) the first Black trans

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woman ever elected in São Paulo, Brazil, and Viktória Radványi (Hungary) a board member of Budapest Pride, Hungary's first feminist and anti-racist LGBTQ+ NGO, who appeared on stage to accept the award on behalf of the winners, creating a powerful moment of solidarity with the global LGBTQ+ community.

The "MTV EMA Generation Change Award" is a part of an expanded partnership between MTV Entertainment (MTVE), a division of ViacomCBS, and All Out, the leading global LGBTQ+ advocacy group, and part of ViacomCBS' Content for Change initiative.

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Additionally, MTV celebrated all the local EMA winners from different regions around the globe with Ruel taking home the award for Australia and Teeks for New Zealand.

#### FULL LIST OF "2021 MTV EMA" WINNERS

\*indicates winner

##### **Best Local Act Australia**

The Kid Laroi

**Ruel\***

Tones And I

Amy Shark & Keith Urban

Masked Wolf

##### **Best Local Act New Zealand**

Lorde

**Teeks\***

Six60

Broods

Jolyon Petch



**Best Artist**

Doja Cat

**Ed Sheeran\***

Justin Bieber

Lady Gaga

Lil Nas X

The Weeknd

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**Best Pop**

**BTS\***

Doja Cat

Dua Lipa

Ed Sheeran

Justin Bieber

Olivia Rodrigo

**Best Song**

Doja Cat ft. SZA - Kiss Me More

**Ed Sheeran - Bad Habits\***

Justin Bieber - Peaches ft. Daniel Caesar, Giveon

Lil Nas X - MONTERO (Call Me By Your Name)

Olivia Rodrigo – drivers license

The Kid LAROI, Justin Bieber – STAY

**Best Video**

Doja Cat ft. SZA - Kiss Me More

Ed Sheeran - Bad Habits

Justin Bieber - Peaches ft. Daniel Caesar, Giveon

**Lil Nas X - MONTERO (Call Me By Your Name)\***



Normani ft. Cardi B - Wild Side

Taylor Swift – willow

**Best Collaboration**

Black Eyed Peas, Shakira - GIRL LIKE ME

Bruno Mars, Anderson .Paak, Silk Sonic - Leave the Door Open

**Doja Cat ft. SZA - Kiss Me More\***

Lil Nas X, Jack Harlow - INDUSTRY BABY

The Kid LAROI, Justin Bieber – STAY

The Weeknd & Ariana Grande - Save Your Tears (Remix)

**Best New**

Giveon Griff

Olivia Rodrigo

Rauw Alejandro

**Saweetie\***

The Kid LAROI

**Best Electronic**

Calvin Harris

**David Guetta\***

Joel Corry

Marshmello

Skrillex

Swedish House Mafia

**Best Rock**

Coldplay

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Foo Fighters

Imagine Dragons

Kings Of Leon

**Måneskin\***

The Killers

### **Best Alternative**

Halsey

Lorde

Machine Gun Kelly

Twenty One Pilots

WILLOW

**YUNGBLUD\***

### **Best Latin**

Bad Bunny

J. Balvin

**Maluma\***

Rauw Alejandro

Rosalía

Shakira

### **Best Hip Hop**

Cardi B

DJ Khaled

Drake

Kanye West

Megan Thee Stallion

**Nicki Minaj\***

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**Best K-Pop**

**BTS\***

LISA Monsta X

NCT 127

ROSÉ TWICE

**Best Group**

**BTS\***

Imagine Dragons

Jonas Brothers

Little Mix

Måneskin

Silk Sonic

**Best Push**

24KGoldn

Fousheé

girl in red

Griff

JC Stewart

JXDN Latto

Madison Beer

**Olivia Rodrigo\***

Remi Wolf

SAINT JHN

The Kid LAROI

**Biggest Fans**

Ariana Grande

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BLACKPINK

**BTS\***

Justin Bieber

Lady Gaga

Taylor Swift

**Video for Good**

**Billie Eilish - Your Power\***

Demi Lovato - Dancing With The Devil

girl in red – Serotonin

H.E.R. - Fight For You

Harry Styles - Treat People With Kindness

Lil Nas X - MONTERO (Call Me By Your Name)

**MTV EMA Generation Change Award**

Amir Ashour

Matthew Blaise

Sage Dolan-Sandrino

Erika Hilton

Viktória Radványi

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