



## UK MUSIC VIDEO AWARDS 2021: NOMINATIONS REVEALED

### AHEAD OF RETURN OF LIVE SHOW ON NOVEMBER 4th

**Little Simz**, Dua Lipa, Celeste, Joy Crookes, James Blake, Kano, Berwyn, Pa Salieu, Bicep and Wolf Alice are among the artists notching up multiple nominations for their music videos and film projects at this year's UK Music Video Awards, in the shortlists announced on 29<sup>th</sup> September. International artists Lil Nas X, Megan Thee Stallion, Beyoncé, The Weeknd, Doja Cat, Skrillex, Duck Sauce and Salvatore Ganacci also feature with multiple nominations in this year's list.

The UK Music Video Awards, the premier global awards programme for music video creativity, returns to London's Roundhouse on November 4<sup>th</sup> for a fully live celebration of the past year's crop of music videos and music films in what promises to be a big night for the music filmmaking industry.

Little Simz leads the nominations with 5 nods for her videos, 3 for *Introvert* and 2 for *Woman*. The collaboration of Skrillex, Starrah and Four Tet wins 4 nominations for their video for *Butterflies*, followed closely, in a strong year for electronic artists, by Bicep, Duck Sauce and Salvatore Ganacci with 3 nominations apiece.

More UK success comes in the form of Dua Lipa with 3 nominations - for her videos *Love Again*, and *Fever* (with Angele), as well as the Studio 2054 livestream – alongside Kano's triple-nominated *Teardrops* and Joy Crookes' 3 mentions for *Feet Don't Fail Me Now*. Wolf Alice notch up their 3 nominations for both live and narrative music videos. Their tallies are matched by the boundary-pushing Lil Nas X (*Montero (Call Me By Your Name)* and *Industry Baby*) and Megan Thee Stallion for *Thot Shit*.

As the pandemic continued to pose challenges for artists and production, filmmakers demonstrated their resilience and creativity with this year's bounty of music videos, and the 2021 shortlists see a plethora of burgeoning directing talent making their debut among the nominations, as well as honouring the skills displayed in numerous film departments, including Cinematography, Production Design, Editing and VFX.

French director Aube Perrie, leads the pack with 5 nominations overall, for videos for Megan Thee Stallion, MK, and a place on the Best New Director shortlist. US director Christian Breslauer, makes his first appearance in the shortlists with 4 nominations. British directors Ben Strebel (Skrillex) and Brock Neal-Roberts (Sam Fender, Jeshi, Eli Brown) also have 4 nominations apiece.

Brock Neal-Roberts is also nominated for the first time in the Best Director shortlist, joining KID. Studio, also nominated for videos for Disclosure and Bryon Tiller, Arnaud Bresson (Beabadoobee), Dave Meyers (Ed Sheeran) and Tanu Muino (Lil Nas X, Normani ft Cardi B), as well as prolific British director KC Locke who wins additional nominations for his videos for Aitch and Little Mix.

UK-based filmmaking talent with multiple nominations includes previous Pop Newcomer Video winner Lucrecia Taormina (Bree Runway, Stephen Wilson ft Elton John) who this year wins a nomination for Best New Director. Joining her on the New Director list is British Nigerian director Femi Ladi, double-nominated for Pa Salieu ft Backroad Gee's *My Family*, and Jordan Hemingway who is recognised for a suite of films for Wolf Alice. They vie for the title against British duo bedroom, Spanish-born Nono, and Perrie.

For the first time at the UKMVAs, a new award for the Best Performance in a Video is designed to spotlight outstanding on-camera performances by artists, actors and dancers in music videos. The shortlist features hard-hitting performances by Kano and Berwyn, alongside comedic turns by Salvatore Ganacci, James Blake and Jerome Farrah – and celebrated actor Michael Sheen in his debut music video appearance for Kelly Lee Owens.

The UK Music Video Awards also recognises work in shortform live video, special video projects and longform music film. In the Live Video category, performances by Fontaines DC, Michael Kiwanuka, Pa Salieu and Wolf Alice go head-to-head with turns by Lous and the Yakuzas and last year's winner, The Weeknd. The Best Music Film shortlist features livestreamed concerts for Andrea Bocelli, Dua Lipa, Glass Animals and Liam Gallagher alongside a theatrical collaboration between Rone and La(Horde) and the touching documentary *Imogen*.

Since its inception in 2008, the UKMVAs has grown into the leading global awards programme for music video creativity, the most important annual event in the calendar for the world of music video production. The global reach of the competition once again saw entries from over 30 different territories. Tickets for the awards show at London's Roundhouse on November 4<sup>th</sup> are on sale now at [www.ukmva.com](http://www.ukmva.com).

**The nominations are:**

**Best Pop Video – UK**

Joy Crookes - Feet Don't Fail Me Now  
Arlo Parks - Hope  
Mabel - Let Them Know  
Dua Lipa - Love Again  
Maisie Peters - Psycho  
Little Mix - Sweet Melody

**Best R&B/Soul Video - UK**

Samm Henshaw - All Good  
Disclosure - Birthday  
Jorja Smith ft Shaybo - Busstown  
Tendai - Not Around  
Wesley Joseph ft Jorja Smith - Patience  
Celeste - Tonight Tonight

**Best Dance/Electronic Video – UK**

Good Boys & Imanbek - Goodbye  
Jungle - Keep Moving  
Public Service Broadcasting ft EERA - People, Let's Dance  
Rudimental x Skream - So Sorry  
Hot Chip, Jarvis Cocker - Straight To The Morning  
Eli Brown – Trouble

**Best Rock Video – UK**

Sam Fender - 17 Going Under  
Doves - Broken Eyes  
Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes ft Lynks - Go Get A Tattoo  
Wolf Alice - How Can I Make It OK  
Beebadoobee - Last Day On Earth  
Shame - Nigel Hitter

**Best Alternative Video – UK**

Kelly Lee Owens ft John Cale - Corner of My Sky  
Paul McCartney ft Beck - Find My Way  
Texas ft Wu Tang - Hi  
Bakar - Noun  
Steven Wilson ft Elton John - Personal Shopper  
James Blake - Say What You Will

**Best Hip Hop / Grime / Rap Video – UK**

Bree Runway ft Missy Elliott - ATM  
slowthai ft James Blake & Mount Kimbie - feel away  
Little Simz - Introvert  
Aitch - Learning Curve  
Pa Salieu ft Backroad Gee - My Family  
Kano – Teardrops

**Best Pop Video - International**

Saweetie - (Fast) Motion  
 Selena Gomez, Rauw Alejandro - Baila Conmigo  
 Bella Poarch - Build a B\*tch  
 Lolo Zouaï - Galipette  
 Lil Nas X ft Jack Harlow - Industry Baby  
 Lil Nas X - Montero (Call Me By Your Name)

**Best R&B/Soul Video – International**

Bryson Tiller - Always Forever  
 Beyoncé, Blue Ivy, SAINT JHN, WizKid - Brown Skin Girl  
 Doja Cat - Streets  
 The Weeknd - Take My Breath  
 Witch Prophet - Tesfay  
 Normani x Cardi B - Wild Side

**Best Dance/Electronic Video – International**

Skrillex, Starrah & Four Tet - Butterflies  
 MK - Chemical  
 Salvatore Ganacci - Fight Dirty  
 Rysy - Kilo  
 Duck Sauce - Mesmerize  
 Salvatore Ganacci - Step-Grandma

**Best Rock Video – International**

Hedgehog - Bat  
 Biting Elbows - Boy Is Dead  
 The Academic - Kids (Don't End Up Like Me)  
 The Parrots, C Tangana - Maldito  
 Space Chaser - Remnants of Technology  
 Trash Talk - Something Wicked

**Best Alternative Video – International**

Eels - Are We Alright Again  
 BadBadNotGood - Beside April  
 Cuco - Forevermore  
 Phoebe Bridgers - I Know The End  
 MCHT - Unknown World  
 Sansara - We will become better

**Best Hip Hop / Grime / Rap Video – International**

Vladimir Cauchemar - Brrr  
 Tyler, The Creator - Corso  
 Pharrell ft Jay-Z - Entrepreneur (Official Video)  
 Travis Scott ft Young Thug & MIA - Franchise  
 Tommy Cash - Racked  
 Megan Thee Stallion - Thot Shit

**Best Pop Video – Newcomer**

Drew Sycamore - 45 Fahrenheit Girl  
 Elsa y Elmar - Corazones Negros  
 Nick Wilson - Lead Me To The Water  
 Between Friends - Lonely  
 Terno Rei - Medo  
 YMA - White Peacock

**Best R&B/Soul Video – Newcomer**

Odeal - 24/48  
 Preditah ft WTSRN - Distant Memory  
 Mykki Blanco - Free Ride  
 Bamao Yendé & Le Diouck - Marvin Gueye  
 Mansur Brown - My Prayer  
 Eddy Luna - Still Breathing

**Best Dance/Electronic Video – Newcomer**

Welshy - All For You  
Fred Again.. - Dermot (See Yourself In My Eyes)  
Jimothy Lacoste - Describe My Life  
Not Waving ft Marie Davidson - Hold on  
Modeselektor - Mean Friend  
Elderbrook - Why Do We Shake In The Cold

**Best Rock Video – Newcomer**

The Bluestocking - Never Ready  
TV Priest - Press Gang  
Middle Kids - R U 4 Me?  
Dry Cleaning - Scratchcard Lanyard  
El Columpio Asesino - Sirenas de Mediodía  
Jeremy Ivey - Someone Else's Problem

**Best Alternative Video – Newcomer**

Tiberius B - Big Deal  
Tycho Jones - Don't Be Afraid  
Califato ¾ - Fandangô de carmen porter  
Memorial - Hero's Death (cover)  
Audio Books - Lalala It's The Good Life  
Lava La Rue – Magpie

**Best Hip Hop / Grime / Rap Video – Newcomer**

KAM-BU x Knucks - Call Me Back  
Kaydy Cain - Hollywood  
Jeshi - Look Like Trouble  
Ichon ft Yseult - Mélange  
Homeboy Sandman - Monument  
ENNY ft Amia Brave - Peng Black Girls

**Best Performance in a Video**

Jerome Farah - Concrete Jungle Fever  
Kelly Lee Owens ft John Cale - Corner of My Sky  
Berwyn - I'd Rather Die Than Be Deported  
James Blake - Say What You Will  
Salvatore Ganacci - Step-Grandma  
Kano - Teardrops

**Best Production Design in a Video**

Rag N Bone Man - All You Ever Wanted  
Disclosure, Kehlani, Syd - Birthday  
London Grammar - Lose Your Head  
DJ Snake & Selena Gomez - Selfish Love  
Celeste - Tonight Tonight  
Loyle Carner - Yesterday

**Best Choreography in a Video**

FKA twigs, Headie One, Fred again.. - Don't Judge Me  
Purple Disco Machine ft Moss Kena & The Knocks - Fireworks  
Lil Nas X ft Jack Harlow - Industry Baby  
Little Simz - introvert  
Black Midi - John L  
S+C+A+R+R - Never Give Up

**Best Wardrobe Styling in a Video in association with i-D**

Beyoncé, Blue Ivy, SAINT JHN, WizKid - Brown Skin Girl  
Priya Ragu - Chicken Lemon Rice  
Joy Crookes - Feet Don't Fail Me Now  
Trouble Wanted - Lonely Cowgirl  
Tommy Cash - Racked  
Little Simz ft Cleo Sol – Woman

**Best Hair & Make-up in a Video in association with Loop Talent**

Biting Elbows - Boy Is Dead  
 Anais ft Topaz Jones - Chuu  
 Ashnikko - Deal With It  
 Joy Crookes - Feet Don't Fail Me Now  
 Rachel Chinouriri - Plain Jane  
 Little Simz ft Cleo Sol - Woman

**Best Cinematography in a Video in association with Panalux**

Skrillex, Starrah & Four Tet - Butterflies  
 Califato  $\frac{3}{4}$  - Fandangô de carmen porter  
 Simon Leoza - La Nuée  
 Pa Salieu ft Backroad Gee - My Family  
 Bicep ft Clara La San - Saku  
 MCHT - Unknown World

**Best Colour Grading in a Video in association with CHEAT**

Jerome Farah - Concrete Jungle Fever  
 Bastille - Distorted Light Beam  
 Dua Lipa ft Angele - Fever  
 Eli Brown - In Trouble Now  
 The Academic - Kids (Don't End Up Like Me)  
 Megan Thee Stallion - Thot Shit

**Best Editing in a Video in association with Homespun**

Skrillex, Starrah & Four Tet - Butterflies  
 Little Simz - Introvert  
 Duck Sauce - Mesmerize  
 Bicep ft Clara La San - Saku  
 Megan Thee Stallion - Thot Shit  
 Enfant Sauvage - Time to Fall

**Best Animation in a Video**

Easy Life - A Message To Myself  
 L'Impératrice - Hématome  
 Duck Sauce - Mesmerize  
 Squid - Pamphlets  
 Iron Maiden - The Writing on The Wall  
 Run The Jewels - Walking In The Snow

**Best Visual Effects in a Video**

Ed Sheeran - Bad Habits  
 Belly and The Weeknd and Young Thug - Better Believe  
 Skrillex ft Starrah and Four Tet - Butterflies  
 Darius ft Duñe - Feels Right  
 Fuel Fandango - Mi huella  
 Bicep ft Clara La San - Saku

**Best Live Video**

Lous And The Yakuza - Amigo (Live From The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon)  
 Pa Salieu - Frontline (live on Jimmy Fallon)  
 Fontaines DC - Hero's Death (Jimmy Fallon)  
 Wolf Alice - Lipstick On The Glass  
 The Weeknd - Save Your Tears  
 Michael Kiwanuka - Solid Ground (Live at the V&A)

**Best Special Video Project**

Berwyn - Berwyn Video Series  
 Wolf Alice - Blue Weekend  
 Topaz Jones - Don't Go Tellin' Your Momma  
 Sam Dew - Moonlit Fools  
 Olivia Rodrigo - Sour Prom  
 Kano - Teardrops

**Best Music Film**

Andrea Bocelli & Guests - Believe in Christmas  
Liam Gallagher - Down By The River Thames  
Glass Animals - Glass Animals: Live in the Internet  
Imogen  
Rone & (LA)HORDE - Room With a View  
Dua Lipa - Studio 2054

**Best Director in association with Electric Theatre Collective**

Arnaud Bresson  
Brock Neal-Roberts  
Dave Meyers  
KC Locke  
KID. Studio  
Tanu Muino

**Best New Director in association with Time Based Arts**

Aube Perrie  
bedroom  
Femi Ladi  
Jordan Hemingway  
Lucrecia Taormina  
Nono

**Best Producer in association with WPA UK**

Elizabeth Doonan  
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Mayling Wong  
Precious Mahaga

**Best Agent**

Alexa Haywood (Free Agent)  
Claire Stubbs (Mouthpiece)  
Estere Sulca (WPA)  
Lee Fairweather (COMPULSORY)  
Sam Davey (OB Management)  
Sarah Boardman (HANDS LDN)

**Best Commissioner**

Daniel Millar  
Elena Argiros  
Kat Cattaneo  
Kim Jarrett  
Marco Grey  
Sam Seager

**Best Production Company**

Agile Films  
CANADA  
London Alley  
Object & Animal  
Pulse Films  
Somesuch

**Best Post Production Company in association with Studio RM**

CHEAT  
Electric Theatre Collective  
Ingenuity Studios  
MPC  
Stitch/Homespun  
TRIM