## Latin Music Awards Kentucky - 7th Edition, 2025 Rules for Participation:

- 1. Participants must be Hispanic/Latino.
- 2. Participants must reside in the state of Kentucky, Kentuckiana, or Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati.
- 3. Artists must have released/will release new music between September 2024 and September 2025.
- 4. Artists must have been performing/will perform live in different venues from September 2024 to September 2025.
- 5. Artists can nominate themselves, be nominated by others, or nominate other artists.

## Note: Nomination and participation are entirely free.

## Rules for Winning in All Categories - 2025:

The committee and judges will evaluate artists based on official music, videos, collaborations, gigs, etc., recorded or performed from September 2024 to September 2025.

# **General Evaluation Criteria:**

- 1. The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
- 2. The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
- 3. The number of tours (if any).
- 4. The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
- 5. The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
- 6. Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

# 16 Categories (All artists will be evaluated for the music work done from September 2024 until September 2025):

#### 1- Best Latin Artist

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
  - The number of tours (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
  - Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

#### 2- Best Latin Urban Artist

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
  - The number of tours (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
  - Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

#### 3- Best Female Latin Artist

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
  - The number of tours (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
  - Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

#### 4 - Best Latin Jazz Artist

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
  - The number of tours (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
  - Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

## 5 - Best Latin Christian Artist

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - $\circ~$  The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
  - The number of tours (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
  - Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

## 6 - Best Norteño/Regional Artist

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
  - The number of tours (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
  - Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

## 7 - Best Tropical Band

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)

- The number of tours (if any).
- The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
- The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
- Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

#### 8 - Best Salsa Band

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
  - The number of tours (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
  - Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

#### 9 - Best New Latin Artist

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
  - The number of tours (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
  - Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

## 10 - Best Mariachi Band

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
  - The number of tours (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
  - Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

#### 11- Best Latin Classical Music Artist

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances in different venues (25%)
  - The number and quality of music singles, music videos, albums recorded, etc (25%)
  - The number of tours (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (30%).
  - Social media presence, website, YouTube channel, etc. (15%)

## 12- Best Latin Producer/Composer

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The quantity and music quality of singles, music videos, albums, etc., produced by the composer exclusively between September 2023 to September 2024.
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists, producers, etc.
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official website (30%).
  - All producers are required to submit a comprehensive list of their music works completed between September 2023 to September 2024.
  - $\circ~$  The list needs to be sent to president@latinmusicawardsky.com

## 13- Best Latin Music Video

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - $\circ~$  The quality of photography.
  - Storytelling, plot, themes, tone, acting, and characters.
  - The interplay between music, lyrics, video, images, and sound.
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official website (weighted at 30%).

#### 14- Best Latin Song

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The music quality of the song (e.g., harmony, melody, rhythm) 40%.
  - The quality of the lyrics (25%)
  - The music style (5%)
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official site (weighted at 30%).

## 15- Best Latin DJ

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The number of live performances.
  - The quantity and music quality of singles, music videos, albums recorded, mixes, etc.
  - The number of residencies (if any).
  - The number of music collaborations with other artists.
  - The popular vote on the LMAKY official website (weighted at 30%).
  - Social media presence, website, media mentions, YouTube channel, etc.
  - All DJs need to submit one original mix (max 30 minutes). Send the link to president@latinmusicawardsky.com by July 31st

## 16- Best Latin Album

- Evaluation Criteria:
  - The music quality of the songs.
  - The effective use of harmony, melodies, and rhythms in each song.
  - The quality of the lyrics.
  - $\circ~$  The music style and execution.
  - The popular vote on the official website (weighted at 30%).