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Intro

EISA Awards 2017-18: Awarding performance and innovation in Consumer Electronics

EISA, the European Imaging & Sound Association (www.eisa.eu) reveals the winners of its 2017-2018 Awards. Technical experts from over 50 leading specialist magazines in 25 countries across the world have recognised and awarded no fewer than 66 products as the best in their categories. These include the EISA OLED TV, EISA FLOORSTANDING LOUDSPEAKER, EISA COMPACT CAMERA and EISA BEST BUY SMARTPHONE.

For 35 years EISA has been selecting the most innovative, cutting-edge products for its prestigious EISA Awards. The Awards are debated and voted upon by groups of specialist judging panels covering the full spectrum of consumer electronics and photographic products, including Hi-Fi, Home Theatre, In-Car Electronics, Photo, Video and Mobile Devices (the full list of awards follows at end of this press release). Key to the success and relevance of the annual EISA Awards lies in the evolution of its categories, always reflecting the changing trends and technologies of the consumer electronics world. Moreover, the Association itself continues to evolve, as 2017 was also the year that EISA announced its global expansion with a total of 5 new member magazines and websites from Australia and the USA.

To win an EISA award all products undergo a comprehensive multi-step judging process. Products are intensively tested at the facilities of individual EISA member magazines and are also presented at the Association's annual Convention in Antwerp in May. Products that pass this stage already rank among the best in the world. The final deliberations take place at EISA's annual General Meeting in June where a democratic voting process establishes a consensus of excellence and determines the winning products (see 'About EISA', below, for more details)

EISA Award-winning products can be promoted with an exclusive EISA Award logo and short video, design for social media channels, both providing a clear visual buying recommendation.

Paul Miller, President of EISA says, "The collaboration of some 53 specialist magazines and websites from across the greater European continent, Australia and the USA brings with it a unique pool of experience that informs each and every EISA Award. So whether consumers are looking to purchase a feature-rich Smartphone, a versatile camera solution or a pair of high-end floorstanding loudspeakers, the EISA Awards are their unequivocal guide to the cream of today's entertainment technologies."

The EISA Awards will be officially presented during IFA, the world's largest consumer electronics fair, held in Berlin 1-6 September 2017.

About EISA

What is EISA?

EISA is the world's largest independent collaboration of experts in multimedia technologies and offers a unique, global viewpoint of the consumer electronics market. For 35 years EISA's Awards have provided the ultimate independent consumer technology buying recommendations.

Who chooses the EISA Awards?

The EISA Awards are chosen annually by Expert Groups representing 53 leading Photography, Home Theatre Video, Home Theatre Audio, Hi-Fi, In-Car and Mobile Electronics magazines from 25 countries. The Expert Groups work independently, but collaborate under the umbrella of EISA. Only one magazine from each Expert Group may represent each country.

How are products nominated for the EISA Awards?

Technical experts from the specialist magazines in each Expert Group produce regular, detailed and objective test reports on Photo, Home Theatre Video, Home Theatre Audio, Hi-Fi, In-Car and Mobile Electronics equipment. Each member magazine nominates an initial shortlist of products to be considered at the Expert Groups' Awards voting sessions, held during EISA's Annual General Meeting (AGM). The shortlist reflects each magazine's test findings, based on the results of the magazine's standard test procedures. Representatives of all member magazines attend the AGM, where the final shortlist of nominated products is thoroughly debated, according to EISA's rules. All nominations are kept strictly confidential.

What products are eligible for nomination?

All products – with the exception of those awarded for Innovation or Design – must have been available for detailed test evaluation by the magazines in each Expert Group. Products are only considered if they have been available for assessment before 1 July by at least five member magazines in the appropriate Expert Group. Awarded products must also be on sale to the general public in at least 10 countries, no later than 1 October in the year the Award is made. Awarded products sold on a pre-ordered basis must be delivered to the customer within two weeks of ordering, and by 14 October at the latest. (The pre-ordering exception is only applicable to products priced at €5000 or over)

What makes an EISA award-winning product?

Every year, the EISA Awards celebrate those new products that offer a combination of the most advanced technology, the most desirable features, the most functional ergonomics and – of course – the best performance for the money. In essence, EISA highlights the products most likely to be appreciated by consumers seeking versatility, style and performance.

When are the EISA Awards presented?

Every year, the EISA Awards are presented during an official ceremony, attended by all representatives of EISA's member magazines. Presidents of the winning companies are also officially invited. The ceremony currently takes place every year at IFA Berlin, the world's largest consumer electronics trade fair.

When will EISA magazines report the winning products?

Each member magazine publishes the EISA Awards from its particular Expert Group(s) after the August 15 embargo date. See www.eisa.eu/faq for more details.

Awards List

The EISA Awards 2017-2018 (Full List)

HI-FI EXPERT GROUP

EISA WIRELESS LOUDSPEAKER 2017-2018
KEF LS50 Wireless

EISA BEST VALUE LOUDSPEAKER 2017-2018
DALI SPEKTOR 6

EISA BOOKSHELF LOUDSPEAKER 2017-2018
Dyndaudio Contour 20

EISA FLOORSTANDING LOUDSPEAKER 2017-2018
Q Acoustics Concept 500

EISA HEADPHONES 2017-2018
Denon AH-D7200

EISA DAC/HEADPHONE AMPLIFIER 2017-2018
Pro-Ject Pre Box S2 Digital

EISA BEST VALUE TURNTABLE 2017-2018
Pro-Ject Essential III Flexi-Range

EISA HIGH-END TURNTABLE 2017-2018
ELAC Miracord 90

EISA INTEGRATED AMPLIFIER 2017-2018
Hegel Röst

EISA BEST VALUE AMPLIFIER 2017-2018
NAD C 338

EISA HIGH-END STEREO SYSTEM 2017-2018
Marantz SA-10 & PM-10

EISA HI-FI INNOVATION 2017-2018
Devialet Gold Phantom

EISA MULTIRoom NETWORK PLAYER 2017-2018
Yamaha WXC-50

COMBINED WITH MOBILE DEVICES EXPERT GROUP

EISA PORTABLE DAC/HEADPHONE AMPLIFIER 2017-2018
RHA Dacamp L1

HOME THEATRE AUDIO EXPERT GROUP

EISA HOME THEATRE SPEAKER SYSTEM 2017-2018
Focal Sib Evo

EISA HOME THEATRE RECEIVER 2017-2018
Yamaha RX-V483

EISA SOUNDBAR 2017-2018
LG SJ9
LG SJC9A (US)

EISA TV AUDIO UPGRADE 2017-2018
Sonos PLAYBASE

EISA HOME THEATRE HIGH-END 2017-2018
DALI PHANTOM S Series

EISA HOME THEATRE SOLUTION 2017-2018
Denon HEOS AVR

EISA HOME THEATRE SUBWOOFER 2017-2018
SVS PB16-Ultra

COMBINED WITH HOME THEATRE VIDEO & DISPLAY EXPERT GROUP

EISA UNIVERSAL ULTRA HD BLU-RAY PLAYER 2017-2018
OPPO UDP-203

EISA BEST BUY ULTRA HD BLU-RAY PLAYER 2017-2018
Panasonic DMP-UB300/UB400 Series

HOME THEATRE VIDEO & DISPLAY EXPERT GROUP

EISA HOME THEATRE TV 2017-2018
Sony KD-65ZD9

EISA LCD TV 2017-2018
LG 55SJ850V (EU)
LG 55SJ8509 (EU)
LG 55SJ8500 (US)
LG 55SJ850T (Australia)

EISA SMART TV 2017-2018
Samsung QE55Q7F

EISA OLED TV 2017-2018
LG OLED65E7
LG OLED65E7V (EU)
LG OLED65E7P (US)
LG OLED65E7T (Australia)

EISA BEST BUY TV 2017-2018
TCL U55C7006

EISA BEST BUY OLED TV 2017-2018
Philips 55POS9002

EISA HOME THEATRE PROJECTOR 2017-2018
Epson EH-TW9300W

COMBINED WITH HOME THEATRE AUDIO EXPERT GROUP

EISA UNIVERSAL ULTRA HD BLU-RAY PLAYER 2017-2018
OPPO UDP-203

EISA BEST BUY ULTRA HD BLU-RAY PLAYER 2017-2018
Panasonic DMP-UB300/UB400 Series

PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERT GROUP

EISA CONSUMER DSLR CAMERA 2017-2018
Canon EOS 77D

EISA PROSUMER DSLR CAMERA 2017-2018
Nikon D7500

EISA PROFESSIONAL DSLR CAMERA 2017-2018
Canon EOS 5D Mark IV

EISA CONSUMER COMPACT SYSTEM CAMERA 2017-2018
Fujifilm X-T20

EISA PROSUMER COMPACT SYSTEM CAMERA 2017-2018
Sony α6500

EISA CAMERA 2017-2018
Sony α9

EISA COMPACT CAMERA 2017-2018
Sony RX100 V

EISA SUPERZOOM CAMERA 2017-2018
Sony RX10 III

EISA PHOTO & VIDEO CAMERA 2017-2018
Panasonic Lumix DC-GH5

EISA INSTANT CAMERA 2017-2018
Fujifilm Instax SQUARE SQ10

EISA DSLR LENS 2017-2018
SIGMA 135mm F1.8 DG HSM | Art

EISA DSLR ZOOM LENS 2017-2018
Tamron SP 150-600mm F5-6.3 Di VC USD G2

EISA PROFESSIONAL DSLR LENS 2017-2018
Canon EF 16-35mm F2.8L III USM

EISA COMPACT SYSTEM CAMERA LENS 2017-2018
Sony FE 100mm F2.8 STF GM OSS

EISA PROFESSIONAL COMPACT SYSTEM CAMERA LENS 2017-2018
Sony FE 70-200mm F2.8 GM OSS

EISA COMPACT SYSTEM CAMERA ZOOM LENS 2017-2018
Olympus M.ZUIKO DIGITAL ED 12-100mm F4.0 IS PRO

EISA PHOTO INNOVATION 2017-2018
Tamron 18-400mm F3.5-6.3 Di II VC HLD

EISA PHOTO DISPLAY 2017-2018
EIZO ColorEdge CG2730

COMBINED WITH MOBILE DEVICES EXPERT GROUP

EISA SMARTPHONE CAMERA 2017-2018
Huawei P10

MOBILE DEVICES EXPERT GROUP
EISA BEST SMARTPHONE 2017-2018
Samsung Galaxy S8/S8+

EISA CONSUMER SMARTPHONE 2017-2018
Honor 8 Pro

EISA BEST BUY SMARTPHONE 2017-2018
NOA Element H10le

EISA MOBILE HEADPHONES 2017-2018
JBL Everest Elite 750NC

EISA MOBILE SPEAKER 2017-2018
JBL Boombox

EISA WIRELESS IN-EAR HEADPHONES 2017-2018
Sennheiser MOMENTUM In-Ear Wireless

EISA WEARABLE DEVICE 2017-2018
Huawei Watch 2

EISA MOBILE AUDIO PLAYER 2017-2018
FiiO X5 3rd gen

COMBINED WITH PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERT GROUP

EISA SMARTPHONE CAMERA 2017-2018
Huawei P10

COMBINED WITH Hi-FI EXPERT GROUP

EISA PORTABLE DAC/HEADPHONE AMPLIFIER 2017-2018
RHA Dacamp L1

IN-CAR ELECTRONICS EXPERT GROUP
EISA IN-CAR HEAD-UNIT 2017-2018
KENWOOD DMX7017DABS

EISA IN-CAR HD PLAYER 2017-2018
Clarion NX807E

EISA IN-CAR SMART UPGRADE 2017-2018
Mosconi GLADEN RC-CAN

EISA IN-CAR SUBWOOFER 2017-2018
GLADEN PRO 10

EISA IN-CAR ACTIVE SUBWOOFER 2017-2018
Pioneer TS-WX70DA

EISA IN-CAR PROCESSOR 2017-2018
Helix DSP.2

EISA IN-CAR AMPLIFIER 2017-2018
Mosconi GLADEN PRO 5|30

EISA IN-CAR INTEGRATION 2017-2018
Hertz H8 DSP

EISA IN-CAR SPEAKER SYSTEM 2017-2018
Vibe Audio CVEN62C-V4

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