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Intro

EISA Awards 2018-19: Awarding performance and innovation in Consumer Electronics

EISA, the Expert Imaging & Sound Association (www.eisa.eu) reveals the winners of its 2018-2019 Awards. Technical experts from over 55 leading specialist magazines and websites in 27 countries across the world have recognised and awarded no fewer than 74 products as the best in their categories. These include the EISA OLED TV, EISA SMART LOUDSPEAKER, EISA CAMERA OF THE YEAR and EISA BEST BUY SMARTPHONE.

For nearly 40 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 2018 was not only the year that EISA welcomed new members from India, Japan and Hong Kong/China but also reflected its global expansion with a subtle change of emphasis: the EISA acronym from the European Imaging and Sound Association becoming the *Expert* Sound and Imaging Association.

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 55 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 nearly 40 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 55 leading Photography, Home Theatre Video, Home Theatre Audio, Hi-Fi, In-Car and Mobile Electronics magazines and websites from 27 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' voting sessions, held during EISA's Annual Awards Meeting. 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 meeting, 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 and websites. 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/websites 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

EISA AWARDS 2018-2019

HI-FI EXPERT GROUP

EISA ANALOGUE MUSIC SYSTEM 2018-2019

Pro-Ject Juke Box S2

EISA COMPACT MUSIC SYSTEM 2018-2019

Denon CEOL N10

EISA ALL-IN-ONE SYSTEM 2018-2019

Naim Audio Uniti Atom

EISA WIRELESS SYSTEM 2018-2019

DALI Callisto 6C & Sound Hub

EISA STEREO SYSTEM 2018-2019
Marantz ND8006/PM8006

EISA STEREO RECEIVER 2018-2019
Yamaha R-N803D

EISA AMPLIFIER 2018-2019
Primare I15 Prisma

EISA BEST BUY AMPLIFIER 2018-2019
Pioneer A-40AE

EISA HIGH-END AMPLIFIER 2018-2019
NAD M32

EISA STREAMER 2018-2019
Pro-Ject Stream Box S2 Ultra

EISA DAC 2018-2019
Chord Electronics Hugo 2

EISA TURNTABLE 2018-2019
Technics SL-1200GR

EISA LOUDSPEAKER 2018-2019
ELAC Adante AS-61

EISA BEST BUY LOUDSPEAKER 2018-2019
Q Acoustics 3050i

EISA SMART LOUDSPEAKER 2018-2019
Harman Kardon Citation 500

EISA HEADPHONE 2018-2019
Sennheiser HD 660 S

EISA HIGH-END HEADPHONE 2018-2019
Focal Clear

EISA HI-FI INNOVATION 2018-2019
Micromega M-One M-150

COMBINED WITH MOBILE DEVICES EXPERT GROUP
EISA PORTABLE DAC/HEADPHONE AMPLIFIER 2018-2019
iFi Audio xDSD

HOME THEATRE AUDIO EXPERT GROUP
EISA HOME THEATRE AMPLIFIER 2018-2019
Denon AVC-X8500H

EISA HOME THEATRE RECEIVER 2018-2019
Pioneer VSX-933

EISA HOME THEATRE SPEAKER SYSTEM 2018-2019
KEF Q Series

EISA BEST BUY HOME THEATRE SPEAKER SYSTEM 2018-2019
Jamo S 809 HCS / S 810 SUB / S 8 ATM

EISA HOME THEATRE IN-WALL SPEAKER 2018-2019
Focal 300IWLCR6 / 300IW6

EISA SOUNDBAR 2018-2019
LG SK10Y

EISA BEST BUY SOUNDBAR 2018-2019
Polk Audio MagniFi MAX

EISA HOME THEATRE SUBWOOFER 2018-2019
SVS SB-4000

COMBINED WITH HOME THEATRE VIDEO & DISPLAY EXPERT GROUP
EISA HIGH-END UHD BLU-RAY PLAYER 2018-2019
Panasonic DP-UB9000 series

EISA BEST BUY UHD BLU-RAY PLAYER 2018-2019
Sony UBP-X700

COMBINED WITH IN-CAR ELECTRONICS EXPERT GROUP
EISA SLIM INSTALLATION COMPONENT 2018-2019
Morel Virtus Nano Integra 602 & SoundWall PowerSlim PMC600

HOME THEATRE VIDEO & DISPLAY EXPERT GROUP
EISA HOME THEATRE TV 2018-2019
Philips 65OLED903

EISA BEST BUY OLED TV 2018-2019
Philips 55OLED803

EISA BEST BUY LCD TV 2018-2019
TCL 55DC760

EISA ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TV 2018-2019
LG 65SK9500

EISA PREMIUM OLED TV 2018-2019
LG OLED65E8

EISA PREMIUM LCD TV 2018-2019
Samsung 65Q9FN

EISA MONITOR INNOVATION 2018-2019
Sharp Aquos LV-70X500E

EISA BEST BUY PROJECTOR 2018-2019
BenQ W1700
BenQ HT2550 (in the USA)

EISA PREMIUM PROJECTOR 2018-2019
Sony VPL-VW760ES

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EISA HIGH-END UHD BLU-RAY PLAYER 2018-2019
Panasonic DP-UB9000 series

EISA BEST BUY UHD BLU-RAY PLAYER 2018-2019
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COMBINED WITH PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERT GROUP
EISA PHOTO VIDEO CAMERA 2018-2019
Panasonic LUMIX DC-GH5S

PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERT GROUP

EISA CAMERA OF THE YEAR 2018-2019

Sony α7 III

EISA PROFESSIONAL DSLR CAMERA 2018-2019

Nikon D850

EISA DSLR CAMERA 2018-2019

Canon EOS 6D Mark II

EISA BEST BUY CAMERA 2018-2019

Canon EOS M50

EISA SUPERZOOM CAMERA 2018-2019

Sony Cyber-shot RX10 IV

EISA MIRRORLESS CAMERA 2018-2019

Fujifilm X-H1

EISA PROFESSIONAL MIRRORLESS CAMERA 2018-2019

Sony α7R III

EISA DSLR ZOOM LENS 2018-2019

SIGMA 14-24mm F2.8 DG HSM | Art

EISA DSLR TELEZOOM LENS 2018-2019

Tamron 70-210mm F/4 Di VC USD

EISA DSLR PRIME LENS 2018-2019

Canon EF 85mm f/1.4L IS USM

EISA PROFESSIONAL LENS 2018-2019

Nikon AF-S NIKKOR 180-400mm f/4E TC1.4 FL ED VR

EISA MIRRORLESS WIDEANGLE ZOOM LENS 2018-2019

Sony FE 16-35mm F2.8 GM

EISA MIRRORLESS STANDARD ZOOM LENS 2018-2019

Tamron 28-75mm F/2.8 Di III RXD

EISA MIRRORLESS TELEZOOM LENS 2018-2019

Sony FE 100-400mm F4.5-5.6 GM OSS

EISA PHOTO INNOVATION 2018-2019

Canon Speedlite 470EX-AI

EISA PHOTO SERVICE 2018-2019

CEWE Photobook Pure

COMBINED WITH HOME THEATRE VIDEO & DISPLAY EXPERT GROUP

EISA PHOTO VIDEO CAMERA 2018-2019

Panasonic LUMIX DC-GH5S

COMBINED AWARDS WITH MOBILE DEVICES EXPERT GROUP

EISA BEST SMARTPHONE 2018-2019

Huawei P20 Pro

MOBILE DEVICES EXPERT GROUP

EISA CONSUMER SMARTPHONE 2018-2019

Nokia 7 Plus

EISA LIFESTYLE SMARTPHONE 2018-2019
Honor 10

EISA BEST BUY SMARTPHONE 2018-2019
NOA Element N10

EISA NOISE CANCELLING HEADPHONES 2018-2019
AKG N700NC

EISA MOBILE LOUDSPEAKER 2018-2019
JBL Xtreme 2

EISA WIRELESS IN-EAR HEADPHONES 2018-2019
JBL Endurance DIVE

EISA ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LOUDSPEAKER 2018-2019
LG XBOOM AI ThinQ WK7
LG ThinQ Speaker WK7 (in the USA)

EISA MOBILE AUDIO PLAYER 2018-2019
Pioneer XDP-02U

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iFi Audio xDSD

IN-CAR ELECTRONICS EXPERT GROUP
EISA IN-CAR HEAD UNIT 2018-2019
Pioneer AVIC-Z910DAB

EISA IN-CAR HIGH-END COMPONENT 2018-2019
Audison TH K2 II A Coro

EISA IN-CAR SMART UPGRADE 2018-2019
Match UP 7BMW

EISA IN-CAR SUBWOOFER 2018-2019
Audison APBX 10 AS

EISA IN-CAR PROCESSOR 2018-2019
Helix DSP MINI

EISA IN-CAR AMPLIFIER 2018-2019
Ground Zero GZPA 4SQ

EISA IN-CAR DSP AMPLIFIER 2018-2019
JL Audio VX800/8i

EISA IN-CAR INTEGRATION 2018-2019
Mosconi Gladen Pico 8|12 DSP

EISA IN-CAR INNOVATION 2018-2019
Gladen Aures

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