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Intro

EISA Awards 2021-22: Awarding performance and innovation in Consumer Electronics

EISA, the Expert Imaging & Sound Association (www.eisa.eu) reveals the winners of its 2021-2022 Awards. Technical experts from 60 leading specialist magazines and websites in 29 countries across the world have recognised and awarded no fewer than 86 products as the best in their categories. These include the EISA BEST BUY SOUNDBAR, EISA WIRELESS FLOORSTANDING LOUDSPEAKERS, EISA CAMERA OF THE YEAR, EISA MULTIMEDIA SMARTPHONE and EISA BEST GAMING TV

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 products, including Hi-Fi, Home Theatre Audio and Video, In-Car Electronics, Photography 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 and expand. In 2018 EISA welcomed new members from India, Japan and Hong Kong/China just as the old EISA acronym (European Imaging and Sound Association) became the *Expert* Sound and Imaging Association. During 2019 the Association swelled its ranks with additional members from the USA, Poland, Norway, Italy and Russia – enlarging EISA's global footprint still further.

To win an EISA award all products undergo a comprehensive multi-step judging process. So, while EISA's annual Convention in Antwerp in May and Awards Meeting in June were, once again, both cancelled due to the pandemic, the comprehensiveness of the Association's product testing was not diminished. EISA hosted no fewer than 40 webinars that put new technologies, and brands, in front of our expert editorial audience. This, combined with regular video conferences for our Expert Groups, and the shipment of products between member countries, allowed our judging to extend over many months, fuelling lengthy and highly informed discussions. EISA's democratic voting process was reinforced, establishing a consensus of excellence that ultimately determined the winning products (see 'About EISA', below, for more details).

EISA Award-winning products can be promoted with an exclusive EISA Award logo and Citation, providing a clear visual buying recommendation.

Paul Miller, President of EISA says, "The collaboration of 60 of the most respected 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. Whether consumers are looking to purchase a Smartphone with sophisticated camera technology, a 4K TV for a truly immersive cinema experience, or a pair of very high-end floorstanding loudspeakers, the EISA Awards are their unequivocal guide to the cream of today's entertainment technologies."

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 60 leading Photography, Home Theatre Video, Home Theatre Audio, Hi-Fi, In-Car and Mobile Electronics magazines and websites from 29 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 typically nominated for the EISA Awards (pre-pandemic)?

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?

Cancelled this year due to the global pandemic, the EISA Awards are traditionally 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. In recent years the annual ceremony has taken place 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 15th embargo date. See www.eisa.eu/faq for more details.

Awards List

The EISA Awards 2021-2022 (Full List)

Hi-Fi Expert Group

EISA FLOORSTANDING LOUDSPEAKERS 2021-2022
Monitor Audio Silver 500 7G

EISA STANDMOUNT LOUDSPEAKERS 2021-2022
KEF LS50 Meta

EISA WIRELESS FLOORSTANDING LOUDSPEAKERS 2021-2022
System Audio Legend 40.2 Silverback

EISA WIRELESS STANDMOUNT LOUDSPEAKERS 2021-2022
KEF LS50 Wireless II

EISA HIGH-END LOUDSPEAKERS 2021-2022
Wilson Audio SabrinaX

EISA HI-FI SUBWOOFER 2021-2022
KEF KC62

EISA STREAMING AMPLIFIER 2021-2022
Cambridge Audio EVO 150

EISA INTEGRATED AMPLIFIER 2021-2022
Rotel Michi X3

EISA POWER AMPLIFIER 2021-2022
NAD C 298

EISA PHONO STAGE 2021-2022
Hegel V10

EISA DIGITAL MUSIC PLAYER 2021-2022
Bluesound NODE

EISA HIGH-END MUSIC PLAYER 2021-2022
HiFi Rose RS150

EISA DAC 2021-2022
Cambridge Audio DacMagic 200M

EISA BEST VALUE TURNTABLE 2021-2022
Pro-Ject Debut PRO

EISA HIGH-END TURNTABLE 2021-2022
Thorens TD 124 DD

EISA PHONO CARTRIDGE 2021-2022
Ortofon 2M Black LVB 250

EISA STEREO SYSTEM 2021-2022
Marantz Model 30/SACD 30n

EISA HEADPHONE SOLUTION 2021-2022
Naim Uniti Atom Headphone Edition

EISA HEADPHONES 2021-2022
Focal Clear Mg

EISA HIGH-END HEADPHONES 2021-2022
T+A Solitaire P-SE

EISA BEST VALUE HEADPHONES 2021-2022
Sennheiser HD 560 S

EISA HI-FI ACCESSORY 2021-2022
Ferrum Hypsos

Combined Award with Home Theatre Audio Expert Group
EISA COMPACT SUBWOOFER 2021-2022
SVS 3000 Micro

Combined Award with Mobile Devices Expert Group
EISA WIRELESS HEADPHONES 2021-2022
Philips Fidelio L3

EISA IN-EAR HEADPHONES 2021-2022
LG TONE Free FP8 (DFP8, UFP8, DFP8W, FP8W, UFP8W, FP8E, TFP8E)

Home Theatre Audio Expert Group

EISA SMART SOUNDBAR 2021-2022
Denon Home Sound Bar 550

EISA SOUNDBAR INNOVATION 2021-2022
LG Eclair QP5 (DQP5, DQP5W, QP5W)

EISA COMPACT SOUNDBAR 2021-2022
JBL Bar 5.0 Multibeam

EISA BEST BUY SOUNDBAR 2021-2022
TCL TS8132

EISA HOME THEATRE SOUNDBAR 2021-2022
Philips Fidelio B97

EISA BEST BUY HOME THEATRE SUBWOOFER 2021-2022
SVS SB-1000 Pro

EISA COMPACT SUBWOOFER 2021-2022
SVS 3000 Micro

EISA HOME THEATRE SPEAKER SYSTEM 2021-2022
Polk Audio Reserve

EISA HOME THEATRE RECEIVER 2021-2022
Yamaha RX-V6A

Combined Award with Home Theatre Video Expert Group
EISA UHD PLAYER 2021-2022
Reavon UBR-X200

Home Theatre Video & Display Expert Group

EISA 8K TV 2021-2022
LG 75QNED99

EISA BEST PREMIUM OLED TV 2021-2022
LG OLED65G1

EISA BEST GAMING TV 2021-2022
LG OLED48C1

EISA FAMILY TV 2021-2022
Hisense 65U8GQ

EISA BEST BUY LCD TV 2021-2022
TCL 55C728 (55C727 & 55C729)

EISA PREMIUM LCD TV 2021-2022
TCL 65C825 (65C821 & 65C822)

EISA BEST HOME THEATRE TV 2021-2022
Philips 65OLED936

EISA BEST BUY OLED TV 2021-2022
Philips 55OLED806

EISA PREMIUM UST PROJECTOR 2021-2022
Samsung The Premiere LSP9T

EISA HOME THEATRE PROJECTOR 2021-2022
Sony VPL-VW590ES

EISA BEST BUY PROJECTOR 2021-2022
XGIMI HORIZON Pro

EISA LASER TV PROJECTION SYSTEM 2021-2022
BenQ V7000i/V7050i & ALRS01

Photography Expert Group

EISA CAMERA OF THE YEAR 2021-2022

Sony Alpha 1

EISA BEST BUY CAMERA (APS-C) 2021-2022

Fujifilm X-S10

EISA BEST BUY CAMERA (FULL-FRAME) 2021-2022

Nikon Z 5

EISA ADVANCED CAMERA 2021-2022

Nikon Z 6II

EISA PREMIUM CAMERA 2021-2022

Canon EOS R5

EISA PROFESSIONAL CAMERA 2021-2022

Fujifilm GFX 100S

EISA PHOTO/VIDEO CAMERA 2021-2022

Sony Alpha 7S III

EISA LENS OF THE YEAR 2021-2022

Tamron 17-70mm F/2.8 Di III-A VC RXD

EISA WIDEANGLE LENS 2021-2022

Sony FE 14mm F1.8 GM

EISA WIDEANGLE ZOOM LENS (APS-C) 2021-2022

Tamron 11-20mm F/2.8 Di III-A RXD

EISA WIDEANGLE ZOOM LENS (FULL-FRAME) 2021-2022

Sony FE 12-24mm F2.8 GM

EISA STANDARD LENS 2021-2022

Sony FE 50mm F1.2 GM

EISA TELEPHOTO ZOOM LENS 2021-2022

Tamron 150-500mm F/5-6.7 Di III VC VXD

EISA PROFESSIONAL TELEPHOTO ZOOM LENS 2021-2022

Nikon NIKKOR Z 70-200mm f/2.8 VR S

EISA PORTRAIT LENS 2021-2022

Sigma 85mm F1.4 DG DN Art

EISA MANUAL LENS 2021-2022

Laowa Argus 33mm f/0.95 CF APO

EISA MACRO LENS 2021-2022

Nikon NIKKOR Z MC 50mm f/2.8

EISA SPECIAL PURPOSE LENS 2021-2022

Laowa 15mm f/4.5 Zero-D Shift

EISA LENS INNOVATION 2021-2022

Canon RF 100mm F 2.8L Macro IS USM

EISA PHOTO SOFTWARE 2021-2022

Zoner Photo Studio X

EISA ADVANCED PHOTO SOFTWARE 2021-2022

DxO PureRAW

EISA PHOTO SERVICE 2021-2022

CEWE Photoworld

EISA PHOTO PRINTER 2021-2022

Epson SureColor SC-P700

Combined Award with Mobile Devices Expert Group
EISA MULTIMEDIA SMARTPHONE 2021-2022
Sony Xperia 1 III

EISA ADVANCED SMARTPHONE 2021-2022
OPPO Find X3 Pro

Mobile Devices Expert Group

EISA MULTIMEDIA SMARTPHONE 2021-2022
Sony Xperia 1 III

EISA ADVANCED SMARTPHONE 2021-2022
OPPO Find X3 Pro

EISA BEST SMARTPHONE 2021-2022
Apple iPhone 12 Pro Max

EISA FOLDABLE SMARTPHONE 2021-2022
Huawei Mate X2

EISA BEST BUY SMARTPHONE 2021-2022
TCL 20 Pro 5G

EISA WIRELESS HEADPHONES 2021-2022
Philips Fidelio L3

EISA IN-EAR HEADPHONES 2021-2022
LG TONE Free FP8 (DFP8, UFP8, DFP8W, FP8W, UFP8W, FP8E, TFP8E)

EISA MOBILE SPEAKER 2021-2022
We. by Loewe We. HEAR 2

EISA SMARTWATCH 2021-2022
Huawei Watch 3 Pro

In-Car Electronics Expert Group
EISA IN-CAR HEAD UNIT 2021-2022
Kenwood DMX8020DABS

EISA IN-CAR INNOVATION 2021-2022
Audiotec Fischer Conductor

EISA IN-CAR SPEAKER SERIES 2021-2022
Ground Zero Uranium SQ series

EISA IN-CAR SOUND PROCESSOR 2021-2022
ESX D68SP

EISA IN-CAR SPEAKER SYSTEM 2021-2022
Eton ONYX 16, ONYX 80, ONYX 28

EISA IN-CAR DSP AMPLIFIER 2021-2022
Match UP 10DSP

EISA IN-CAR CAMPER VAN COMPONENT 2021-2022
Alpine Adventure Audio

EISA IN-CAR COMPACT SUBWOOFER 2021-2022
Pioneer TS-WX010A

EISA IN-CAR INTEGRATION 2021-2022
Zenec Z-E2055

EISA IN-CAR OEM PREMIUM AUDIO SYSTEM 2021-2022
Maserati MC20 with Sonus faber

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