

Gurrumul scoops music awards



Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu accepts one of his four awards.

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu has capped off a magical year, by taking out four awards at this year's NT Indigenous Music Awards in Darwin.

Gurrumul has had considerable national and international recognition since releasing his first solo CD earlier this year, titled Gurrumul.

The Northern Land Council sponsored the award for traditional music, which this year went to joint winners, Muylngarnbi – Songs

from Walking with Spirits, which features music from Tom E Lewis, Roy Ashley and Mickey Hall, and the Tiwi women's choir Ngarukuruwala (We Sing Songs).

Ali Mills and 'Big Frank' Djirrimbilpilwuy hosted the awards ceremony in Darwin, which featured performers such as, Kenbi Dancers, Wild Water, the Chooky Dancers and a full performance by Saltwater Band featuring Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu.



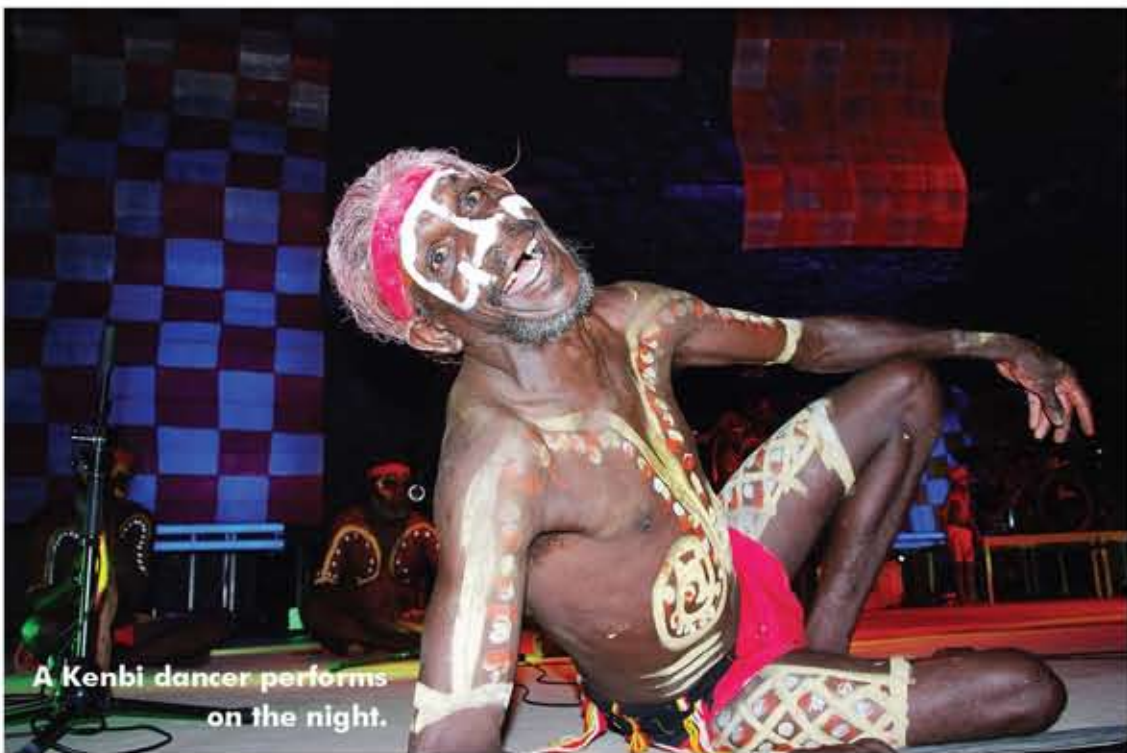
Tom E Lewis



Ngarukuruwala



Jimmy Little



A Kenbi dancer performs on the night.



The now world-famous Chooky Dancers in action.

WINNERS

Act of the Year

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu

Album of the Year

Gurrumul – Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu

Song of the Year

Wiyathul – Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu

Artwork and Design of the year

Gurrumul – album cover designed by Carlo Santone

Emerging Act of the Year and Touring Award

B2M

School Band of the Year

Rocky Creek Band

Gospel Album of the Year

Harold Dalywaters and the Elliott Gospel Band

DVD/Film clip of the Year

Saltwater Band Live

Traditional Music Award of the Year

1. Muylngarnbi – Songs from Walking with Spirits
2. Ngarukuruwala – We Sing Songs

People's Choice Award – Most Popular Song of the Year

Wild Wild Water – Wild Water

Hall of Fame

1. Peter Miller and Blekbela Mujik
2. Mark Raymond and the Kulumindini Band

Special Contribution Award

1. Galarrwuy Yunupingu
2. Mr Nundhirribala