

Iron Gate Records Artists Nominated For Josie Music Awards



Hendersonville, Tennessee May 9, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Iron Gate Records is pleased to announce our artist nominations for the Josie Music Awards nominations. The JMA was formed to recognize the hard work and talent of Independent and Up & Coming music artists, songwriters, and indie-driven businesses in all genres. The Josie Music Awards is the largest, highly respected, privately owned, multi-genre award show offering the Coveted Josie Award also known as the “Josies”.

The JMA had 52,442 submissions this year and only 1.8% of those submissions received a nomination indicating the amount of talent considered and the rarified air for those who received nominations. The award ceremonies will be held on October 23rd at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tennessee.

Five of the talented Iron Gate Records artists were nominated a total of nine times. They are:

- Musician of the Year – Drums: Matt Skoda of the band SKODA
- Vocalist of the Year – Rock: Ethan Kress of the band SKODA
- Single of the Year – Southern Rock: Ivan Wentzel of The Wentzel Brothers Band for “In the Shadow of the Mountain”
- Single of the Year – Rock: Split Persona for “On Our Own”

- Duo/Group of the Year – Rock: SKODA
- Duo/Group of the Year – Americana: Boo Radley
- EP of the Year – Male: SKODA for their EP “Childhood Sanity”
- Song of the Year: Gina Jones – Artist & Writer and Trinity Wiseman co-writer for “You, Me & Her”
- Song of the Year: Michael Shawn Turner & J. Patricia Turner for "Sixty-Four Bright Colors"

Iron Gate Records CEO Mark A. Skoda, commented, “We launched Iron Gate Records to be an artist-focused label while supporting their efforts through our unique, technology-based approach to the music business. But we also know it’s the artists that make the difference and we are so proud of the nominations by the Josie Music Awards. While the actual awards won’t be until October, we know this recognition will continue to boost their artistry while also giving them the satisfaction that their efforts are being recognized!”

Co-founder Greg Upchurch stated, “Mark and I formed Iron Gate Records to be an artist’s label. As a member of 3 Doors Down, I am so pleased to help these artists on their own musical journeys. And with these nominations, Iron Gate Records is beginning to realize our own efforts to help artists achieve their dreams of a career in this thing we call the music business. Congratulations to all the nominees, but especially to our IGR artists who have been nominated for these awards.”

About Iron Gate Records

Iron Gate Records was established by business executive Mark A. Skoda and touring musician Greg Upchurch, drummer, and band member for 3 Doors Down. Our vision is to provide a business and technology framework for bands and artists to express themselves and deliver their music to the market efficiently. We deliver a broad array of services for our artists in a programmatic fashion while allowing them to be creative without losing control of their music! And while music is largely delivered through the streaming and radio world, Iron Gate Records looks to work with performing musicians who are ready to get out to live audiences.



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