

## Legislation Text

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Recognizing and honoring the 2015 Winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.

WHEREAS, PHL LIVE Center Stage is a music initiative established by Councilman David Oh as Chairman of the Committee on Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy; and

WHEREAS, PHL LIVE Center Stage provides local musicians with exciting opportunities to be discovered, to be promoted, and to achieve success here in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, PHL LIVE Center Stage's performances and Award Show is structured across 10 different genres of music, bringing diverse musicians together. The 10 different genres are: Rock, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Classical, Gospel, Country/Folk, World, Pop, R&B, and DJ. In addition, a "People's Choice" Award is selected in the 11th category; and

WHEREAS, The finalists perform live in prominent local venues: World Café Live, Milkboy, Hard Rock Cafe, Underground Arts, Reformation Lutheran Church, The Clef Club of Jazz, Warmdaddy's, The Curtis Institute of Music, Voltage and Fire and Ice; and

WHEREAS, The final winners for each genre are decided at the 2<sup>nd</sup> PHL LIVE Center Stage Award Show by judges who are considered experts in the industry in December at the Trocadero; and

WHEREAS, The "People's Choice" award is voted on by the audience before and during the Award Show at the Trocadero Theater; and

WHEREAS, The winning artists from each genre receive top prizes such as having a single recording on the PHL LIVE Center Stage compilation album, \$1000 cash, studio recording time, music videos, documentaries, and opening at major concerts; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Rock category is American Dinosaur; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Hip-Hop category is Cesar; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Jazz category is Brian Jordan; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Classical category is Garrick V. Morgan; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Gospel category is Dave Bak; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Country/Folk category is the Bastard Sons of Captain Mey; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the World category is Jah People; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the Pop category is Natalie Bermudez; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the R&B category is Jae The Artist; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the DJ category is DJ Macky; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 winner of the “People’s Choice” category is Jae The Artist; and

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes and honors the 2015 Winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.