SESAC Music Awards Gala w/ Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum, Sylvia Rhone, Swizz Beatz, Rico Love, Chrisette Michele, Bryan-Michael Cox, Angela Hunte & More

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President of Universal Motown Sylvia Rhone with Songwriter of the Year Award Winner Rico Love

Last night SESAC, the performing arts organization that is getting bigger, had their 15th Annual Music Awards Gala in New York City last night. Rico Love, who hit the top of the charts in 2010 with "There Goes My Baby" and "Hey Daddy (Daddy's Home)" by Usher (featuring Plies) as well as "Just A Dream" by Nelly and "Hello Good Morning" (co-written with fellow SESAC hit-maker Nate "Danja" Hills) and recorded by Diddy-Dirty Money (featuring T.I. and Rick Ross) and "Sweet Dreams" by Beyonce, was given top honors with Songwriter of the Year. There was also a celebration for the 100th birthday of late Delta Blues legend Robert Johnson. The complete list of winners is below.

Songwriter of the Year: Rico Love

Song of the Year:
"Need You Now"
Written by Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott

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President COO of SESAC Pat Collins, Award Winners Bryan-Michael Cox, Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum, Rico Love and Swizz Beatz at 2011 SESAC Awards

Publisher of the Year: EMI Foray Music

"Just A Dream"

Recorded by: Nelly

Songwriter: Rico Love

Publisher(s): EMI Foray Music, Rico Love Is Still A Rapper

"There Goes My Baby" Recorded by: Usher

Songwriter: Rico Love

Publisher(s): EMI Foray Music, Rico Love Is Still A Rapper

"Hey Daddy (Daddy's Home)"

Recorded by: Usher featuring Plies

Songwriter: Rico Love

Publisher(s): EMI Foray Music, Rico Love Is Still A Rapper

"Sweet Dreams"

Recorded by: Beyonce Songwriter: Rico Love

Publisher(s): EMI Foray Music, Rico Love Is Still A Rapper

"Hello Good Morning"

Recorded by: Diddy Dirty Money

Songwriter(s): Nate "Danja" Hills, Rico Love

Publisher(s): Danjahandz Muzik, EMI Foray Music, Rico Love Is Still A Rapper

"Sober"

Recorded by: Pink

Songwriter: Nate "Danja" Hills

Publisher(s): Danjahandz Muzik, WBM Music Corp.

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SESAC Co-Chairman Ira Smith, SESAC Chief Executive Officer Stephen Swid, President of Universal Motown Sylvia Rhone and SESAC SVP Songwriter/Publisher Relations Trevor Gale at 2011 SESAC Awards

"Knock You Down"

Recorded by: Keri Hilson

Songwriter: Nate "Danja" Hills

Publisher: Danjahandz Muzik

"Need You Now"

Recorded by: Lady Antebellum Songwriter: Hillary Scott

Publisher(s): EMI Foray Music, Hillary Dawn Songs

"I Run To You"

Recorded by: Lady Antebellum

Songwriter: Hillary Scott

Publisher(s): EMI Foray Music, Hillary Dawn Songs

"It Kills Me"

Recorded by: Melanie Fiona

Songwriter: Jay Fenix

Publisher(s): YoufeelJ Publishing, WBM Music Corp.

"What's My Name"

Recorded by: Rihanna featuring Drake

Songwriter: Traci Hale

Publisher: Hale Yeah Music

"Letting Go (Dutty Love)"

Recorded by: Sean Kingston featuring Nicki Minaj

Songwriter: Traci Hale

Publisher(s): Hale Yeah Music, peertunes Ltd.

"Glitter In The Air"

Recorded by: Pink

Songwriter: Billy Mann

Publisher(s): Sony/ATV Sounds LLC, Turtle Victory

"Empire State Of Mind"

Recorded by: Jay-Z featuring Alicia Keys

Songwriter: Angela Hunte

Publisher(s): EMI Foray Music, Masani El Shabazz

"Love All Over Me"

Recorded by: Monica

Songwriter: Bryan-Michael Cox

Publisher(s): Noontime South Inc., Songs In The Key Of B Flat,

WBM Music Corp.

"Fancy"

Recorded by: Drake featuring T.I.

Songwriter: Swizz Beatz

Publisher(s): Avenue Beatz Music, Monza Ronza, Universal Tunes

"On To The Next One"

Recorded by: Jay-Z featuring Swizz Beatz

Songwriter: Swizz Beatz

Publisher(s): Monza Ronza, Universal Tunes

"Aston Martin Music"

Recorded by: Rick Ross featuring Drake & Chrisette Michele

Songwriter: Chrisette Michele

Publisher(s): Chrisette Michele LLC, EMI Foray Music, Four Kings Publishing

"Ain't Leavin' Without You"

Recorded by: Jaheim

Songwriter: Bale'wa Muhammad

Publisher(s): Jahqae Joints, Universal Tunes

"I Wanna Rock"

Recorded by: Snoop Dogg Songwriter: Scoop Deville

Publisher: Elijah Molina Publishing

"Little Lion Man"

Recorded by: Mumford & Sons

Songwriter(s): Edward Dwane, Benjamin Lovett, Winston

Marshall, Marcus Mumford Publisher: Universal Tunes

"Your Decision"

Recorded by: Alice In Chains Songwriter: Jerry Cantrell

SESAC Music Awards Gala w/ Russell Simmons, Angela Simmons, Estelle, "Swizz Beatz" and Nate "Danja" Hills



Songwriter of the Year, Nate "Danja" Hills & Swizz Beatz at The 2010 SESAC Awards

Since establishing himself as one of music's most in-demand songwriters/producers, Hills has become one of music's most prolific and profound creative talents. Propelled by his songwriting and production work on Justin Timberlake's groundbreaking FutureSex/LoveSounds album, Hills soon scored with his songwriting/production work on Nelly Furtado's Loose project and the CD's smash, "Say It Right", Madonna's Hard Candy project and Britney Spears on her Blackout CD. Hills shared Songwriter of the Year honors in 2007 with Bryan-Michael Cox and again took home the top honors at the 2008 SESAC New York Music Awards for Songwriter and Song for Nelly Furtado's "Say It Right".

Hills has also chalked up massive hits with Timbaland's "The Way I Are" and "Give It To Me", 50 Cent's "Ayo Technology" and Justin Timberlake's hit parade of "What Goes Around...Comes Around," "Summer Love," "Until The End Of Time" and "LoveStoned." Hills won a "Best Dance Recording" GRAMMY Award in 2008 for his production/songwriting work on Timberlake's "LoveStoned/I Think She Knows".

The 2010 awards celebration drew more than 400 songwriters, publishers and industry professionals. There were more than 40 songwriter and publisher award recipients in the categories of Pop, R&B/Hip-Hop, and Rock.

Billboard Magazine and SPIN Magazine were the event's primary sponsors. Attendees were treated to signature "On The Hudson" Maker's Martini cocktails courtesy of Maker's Mark.

Established in 1930, SESAC is a service organization created to assist both the creators of music and music users through timely, efficient royalty collection and music licensing. SESAC maintains a diversified repertory that includes virtually all genres of music. Headquartered in Nashville, the company also has offices in New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Miami and London (www.sesac.com).

A COMPLETE LIST OF SESAC AWARD RECIPIENTS FOLLOWS:

Songwriter of the Year:

Nate "Danja" Hills

Song of the Year:

"Knock You Down"

Recorded by Keri Hilson featuring Kanye West & Ne-Yo

Written by: Nate "Danja" Hills

Publisher: Danjahandz Muzik

SESAC Publisher of the Year:

Danjahandz Muzik

"Knock You Down"

Artist: Keri Hilson featuring Kanye West & Ne-Yo

Songwriter: Nate "Danja" Hills

Publisher: Danjahandz Muzik

"Sober"

Artist: Pink

Songwriter: Nate "Danja" Hills

Publisher: Danjahandz Muzik

WBM Music Corp.

"Sweet Dreams"

Artist: Beyonce

Songwriter: Rico Love

Publisher: Rico Love Is Still A Rapper

EMI Foray Music Inc.

"Beautiful"

Artist: Akon featuring Colby Adonis

Songwriter: Jaylien Wesley

Publisher: Jada Loves Daddy's Music

360 Music

Music Societe Regime

"Empire State Of Mind"

Artist: Jay-Z featuring Alicia Keys

Songwriter: Angela Hunte

Publisher: Masani El Shabazz

EMI Foray Music

"Last Chance"

Artist: Ginuwine

Songwriter: Bryan-Michael Cox

Publisher: Babyboys Little Pub. Co.

"Boyfriend #2"

Artist: Pleasure P

Songwriter(s): Earl Hood, Eric Goudy II, Rico Love

Publisher: E Hood 66 Music

Grandma's Boy

Rico Love Is Still A Rapper

EMI Foray Music

"Put It On Ya"

Artist: Plies featuring Chris J

Songwriter: Miykal Snoddy

Publisher: Makithot Music Publishing

"Check My Brain"

Artist: Alice In Chains

Songwriter: Jerry Cantrell

Publisher: Buttnugget Publishing

"Kids"

Artist: MGMT

Songwriter(s): Andrew VanWyngarden, Ben Goldwasser

Publisher: Old Man Future

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"Magnificent"

Artist: Rick Ross featuring John Legend

Songwriter: Devo Springsteen

Publisher: Sounds of TVT

"I Can Transform Ya"

Artist: Chris Brown featuring Lil Wayne

Songwriter: Swizz Beatz Publisher: Monza Ronza

Universal Tunes

"Never Ever"

Artist: Ciara featuring Young Jeezy

Songwriter: Swizz Beatz

Publisher: Universal Tunes

"Goodbye"

Artist: Kristinia DeBarge

Songwriter: Adonis Shropshire Publisher: Jaylen Adonis Music

EMI Foray Music Inc. Christian Combs Music

"It Kills Me"

Artist: Melanie Fiona Songwriter: Jay Fenix

Publisher: UfeelJ Publishing

"You Can Get It All"

Artist: Bow Wow featuring Johnta Austin

Songwriter(s): Bow Wow, Omarion

Publisher: Shago Music Inc.

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"Million Dollar Bill"

Artist: Whitney Houston Songwriter: Swizz Beatz Publisher: Monza Ronza

Universal Tunes

"Beyond Here Lies Nothin'"

Artist: Bob Dylan

Songwriter: Bob Dylan

Publisher: Special Rider Music

"I and Love and You"

Artist: The Avett Brothers

Songwriter(s): Scott Avett, Seth Avett, Bob Crawford

Publisher: Nemoivmusic First Big Show Publishing Truth Comes True Publishing Ramseur Family Fold Music

"Womanizer"

Artist: Britney Spears

Songwriter: Nikeshia "K. Briscoe" Briscoe

Publisher: Outsyder Music Entertainment Publishing

"The Time Of My Life"

Artist: David Cook

Songwriter: Regie Hamm

Publishing: 19 Music Publishing