

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



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



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.



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

**Sylvia Rhone, Universal
Motown Records President,
Presenting Songwriter of the
Year Award at 2011 SESAC
Awards – May 11 NYC**



April 27, 2011 – New York, NY – SESAC, the nation's most progressive and fastest growing performing rights organization, announced today that Sylvia Rhone, President of Universal Motown, will present the Songwriter of the Year Award at the 2011 SESAC New York Music Awards. Rhone, one of the music industry's most recognized and renowned music executives, is well known for her longtime support and appreciation for artists and songwriters.

The 2011 SESAC New York Music Awards, set to take place Wednesday, May 11 at New York City's chic IAC Building, will honor the top songwriters and publishers of the most popular songs from 2010 with special awards being presented to the Songwriter of the Year, Song of the Year and Publisher of the Year.

The invitation-only, red carpet gala event has established itself as one of the most popular music gatherings in the business. Each year the star studded evening features special performances from some of entertainment's top hit-makers with attendees including some of the biggest names in music. Previously, SESAC has presented awards to some of the industry's top hit makers including Bob Dylan, MGMT, Neil Diamond, Alice In Chains, Chrisette Michele, Bryan-Michael Cox, Kasseem "Swizz Beatz" Dean, Nate "Danja" Hills and Lady Antebellum.

In 2010, songwriter/producer/ artist Swizz Beatz was presented with the Inspiration Award by entrepreneur and humanitarian Russell Simmons in recognition of his philanthropic endeavors, particularly his work for Haiti relief. Nate "Danja" Hills was also on hand last year to accept top honors for Songwriter and Song of the Year for a multitude of hits including "Knock You Down" by Keri Hilson and "Sober" by Pink.

Special performances and guests to be announced shortly.