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ArtPrize song contest winners Flint Eastwood, Kari Lynch, Bello Spark, Four Lincolns join repeat honorees Roger MacNaughton, Lou Baron & the New Lovers

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10 music entries won \$1,000 each in this year's ArtPrize song contest, including Robin Connell and Jessey Jansen. See the winners list and listen to the songs.

First-time winners **Flint Eastwood, Kari Lynch, Bello Spark, Robin Connell, and Jessey Jansen** join repeat recipients **Roger MacNaughton, and Lou Baron & The New Lovers** for the awards selected by a panel of critics as well as through public ArtPrize voting.

The prizes announced Friday night – part of a separate ArtPrize-related music competition sponsored this year by **AMI Entertainment** – recognized songs in five different categories: rock/blues, folk/country, pop/electronic, jazz/world music and orchestral/instrumental/classical.



Robin Connell

This year's winners included popular, up-and-coming Michigan-bred acts such as Flint Eastwood, Kari Lynch and Bello Spark, as well as veteran musicians such as Grand Rapids jazz pianist Robin Connell.

2016 ARTPRIZE SONG CONTEST WINNERS

(\$1,000 awards)

Jazz/World Music

Public Vote: Robin Connell, "Prisms"

Listen to the song here: <http://www.artprize.org/64277>

Critic's Choice: Jessey Jansen/Voice of Maasai, "Embattled Land/Tang'oru Engulukoni"

Listen to the song here: <http://www.artprize.org/64471>

Folk/Country

Public Vote: Kari Lynch, "Sweetheart"

Listen to the song here: <http://www.artprize.org/64352>

Critic's choice: Rachael Claire Eid-Reis, "Invisible Change"

Listen to the song here: <http://www.artprize.org/64197>

Rock/Blues

Public Vote: Lou Baron & The New Lovers, "Now That You're Gone"

Listen to the song here: <http://www.artprize.org/64090>

Critic's Choice: Four Lincolns, "80 Years"

Listen to the song here: <http://www.artprize.org/64281>

Pop/Electronic

Public Vote: Bello Spark, "I'm Awake"

Listen to the song here: <http://www.artprize.org/64406>

Critic's Choice: Flint Eastwood, "Glitches"

Listen to the song here: <http://www.artprize.org/64458>

Orchestral/Instrumental/Classical

Public Vote: Matthew Fisher, "Heroes and Legends"

Listen to the song here: <http://www.artprize.org/64246>

Critic's Choice: Roger MacNaughton, "Danse Solemn"

Listen to the song here: <http://www.artprize.org/63921>

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