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Former MAINZ students shine at music awards

The Music and Audio Institute of New Zealand (MAINZ) congratulates former students who enjoyed a big night at the Vodafone New Zealand Music Awards this week.

Among a host of former MAINZ students receiving top honours was Joel Little, who worked on Lorde's *Pure Heroine* album and with Nelson band Broods, who won Breakthrough Artist of the Year. Joel had already won Best Producer and Best Engineer in the technical categories of the Vodafone NZ Music Awards, announced earlier this month.

Other winners who have previously studied at MAINZ are: Auckland-based Alisa Xayalith, Thom Powers and Aaron Short (The Naked and the Famous – winner of the Steinlager Pure Best Group and the NZ On Air Best Music Video with Campbell Hooper) and Marcus Powell (Blacklistt – winner of Best Rock Album).

A number of other former students were also recognised as finalists at this year's awards, including: Christchurch-based Dave Rowlands and Tristan Colenso (Clap Clap Riot), Matt Gunn, Steve Marr and Indi Force (Doprah), Marika Hodgson (Sorceress), hailing from Whangarei, and Randa, who picked up the Critics' Choice award.

MAINZ Dean Emeritus Harry Lyon says the music school is proud of the calibre of its students and this week's awards show just how good they have become.

"Congratulations to all of those former students who were named as finalists and won awards last night. It was a great night for them and for us at MAINZ. It's wonderful for such a large number of our graduates to be recognised for their outstanding work in the music industry, whether it's performing, producing or sound engineering."

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MAINZ has an enviable reputation for its high quality programmes covering all aspects of the music industry. When you study at MAINZ, you will join a community of like-minded people dedicated to music. Our programmes are supported by industry, responsive to industry needs and approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

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