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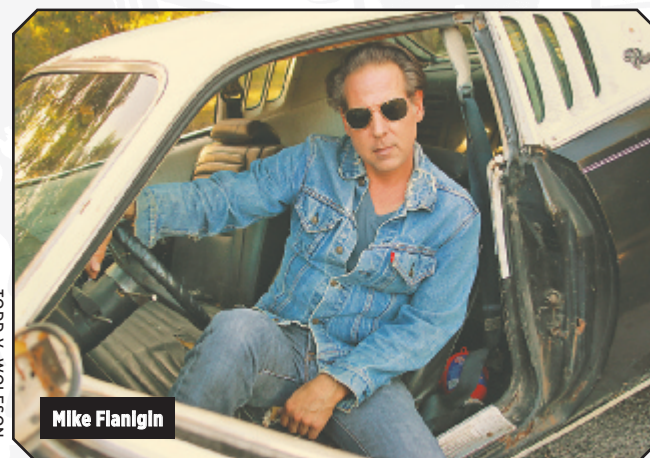


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BEST MUSIC RESIDENCY DIE SPITZ AT HOTEL VEGAS

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JANA BIRCHUM

Austin drag queen and performance artist **Brigitte Bandit** acted as the evening's unstoppable host: "Especially right now with everything that's happening in the Texas Legislature, they're trying to ban drag here in Texas, and I'm so here to be loud and queer and represent drag on this stage tonight."



JANA BIRCHUM

Highlighting local record label Keeled Scales, the **Keeled Scales Family Band** worked in members of Good Looks (winners of Best Rock), the Deer (winners of Best Folk/Bluegrass), and Sun June.



JANA BIRCHUM

All in the family: Blues power couple **Eve Monsees** (at left) and **Mike Buck** (center) led the house band for the Austin Music Industry Awards, hosted by **Billie Buck** (at right) and brother Ben Buck. Two Bucks took home hardware: Mike for Best Radio Show and Billie for Best Poster Artist.



JANA BIRCHUM

Como Las Movies (at left) kicked off the show, celebrating a year of electro-cumbia excellence like "Café" and "La Tiendita." Packing the stage with instrumentalists, the band invited guest powerhouse vocals from **Sabrina Ellis** of A Giant Dog and Sweet Spirit (at right).



JANA BIRCHUM

Best Hip-Hop nominee **Blakchyl**, ringing in 2022 records *G.E.N.I.U.S.* and *broken communications from the outer rim*, led the crowd alongside DJ Otto Beats.

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Top: The **Mohawk** bear accepts Best Live Music Venue; Bottom: **Lisa Cameron** (ST 37, Suspirians) accepts the award for Best Drummer/PerCUSSIONIST. "I'm so blessed by the goddess to be here."



JANA BIRCHUM

Following his unexpected death in April 2022, **Daniel Sahad** of **Nané** was inducted into the Hall of Fame with a large group of family and bandmates onstage. **Sahad's mother** (left) emotionally thanked the crowd. "I know Daniel is looking down and smiling," she said. "This is a moment of light in the middle of everything we're going through. We are happy, and we're going to sing very loud for him."



JANA BIRCHUM



JAY-ALAN BALTERRA

Top: **Deezle Brown** accepts the award for Best Hip-Hop/Rap, with a VHS camera in hand; Bottom: **End of an Ear** owners Dan Plunkett (at left) and Blake Carlisle won Best Record Store for the first time ever

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Congressman **Greg Casar** acted as special guest to induct KUTX deejay **Laurie Gallardo** (at left) into the Austin Music Industry Hall of Fame. Recapping his time in Washington, he said, "It's the spirit of you guys that keeps me going and keeps me fighting for this city and our values."



JANA BIRCHUM

Sir Woman celebrates winning **Band of the Year**.



ISABELLA MARTINEZ

After their first year of bandhood, triple winners **Die Spitz** took home Best New Act, Best Punk, and Best Residency for their July 2022 Hotel Vegas run. Entering with her pants around her ankles, **Ellie Livingston** remarked: "I'd like to thank God and Lana Del Rey." **Kate Halter** added, "Thank you to anyone that booked us, believed in us at any point, and anyone who's ever moshed at our shows." Later, as the band swirled up an excited crowd at Mohawk with selections from 2023 EP *Teeth*, bandmember **Ava Schrobllgen** said: "Moshing at the AMAs?! You crazy little bastards."



JANA BIRCHUM

Jackie Venson and drummer **Rodney Hyder** closed out the evening with soaring blues rock following a huge musical year, wrapped by a sold-out January residency at Antone's.



JANA BIRCHUM

Brennen Leigh (at left) and **Melissa Carper** (at right), both nominated for Best Country, traded songs as a trio with Austin's **Kelly Willis** (center). The swinging set included Leigh-and-Carper-penned track "Billy & Beau."



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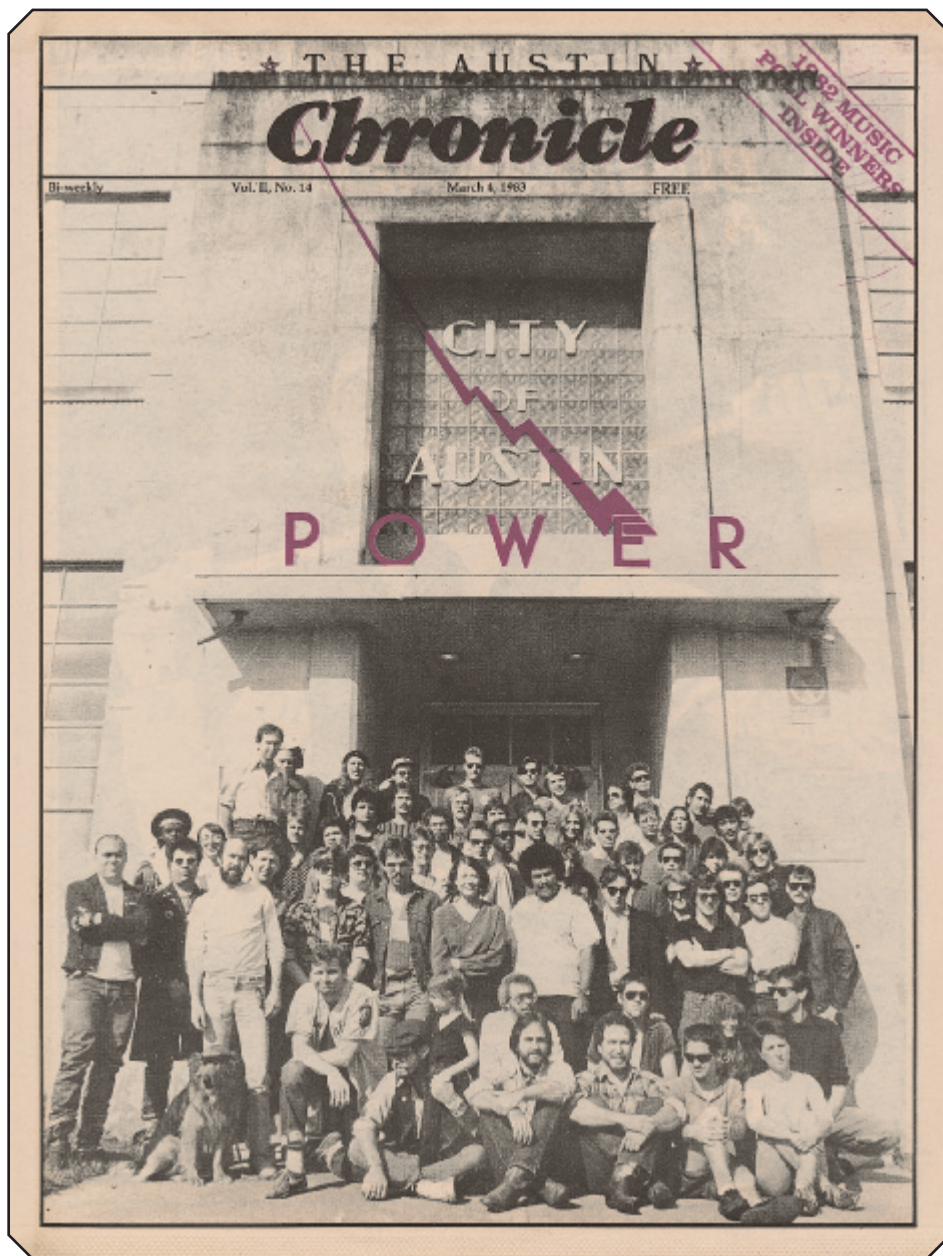
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A MUSIC AWARDS COVER, 40 YEARS LATER

BY GENEVIEVE WOOD // PHOTOS BY DAVID C. FOX

Earlier this month, an unexpected message appeared in the inboxes of a select group of Austin musicians: “You are receiving this email because you appeared in an *Austin Chronicle* cover photo of the 1982/83 Austin Music Award winners. David C. Fox was the photographer. That’s me.”

Fox, a dedicated documentarian of Austin’s live music scene, sent out the transmission in hopes of celebrating the cover story’s 40th anniversary. With a list of 63 names and a

dream, he set to restage the photograph at its original Seaholm Power Plant location. Jesse Sublett, founding member of seminal Austin punk groups the Violators and the Skunks, noted that many on the email thread were busy during the shoot with musical gigs: “I’ll be there, barring any unforeseen hindrance. Glad to hear that our colleagues are busy on a Saturday night, early or late.”

Fox’s vision came to fruition on a windy early evening on Saturday, Feb. 18, when past

awardees congregated underneath Seaholm’s unmistakable art deco sign alongside family and old friends. Thirteen of the original photographed musicians attended the meetup, representing and reminiscing from bands like Extreme Heat (1983’s Best Funk), Van Wilks Band (Best Hard Rock/Heavy Metal), and the Devils (Best None of the Above).

To hear what the artists have been up to in the past 40 years, read the full version of this story online at austinchronicle.com/music.

Left: The March 4, 1983, *Chronicle* cover featuring winners of the 1982/1983 Music Awards. Find the key (featuring a few mystery guests and misidentifications) online.

Right: The 2023 edition, re-created on Feb. 18. **Back row:** Courtney Audain, Van Wilks, Steve Carter, Carmen Ramirez (red glasses, representing father Tomás Ramirez) **Middle row:** Bruce Spellman, Claude McCan (scarf), Dave White, Kent Winking (gray sweater), Keith Winking **Front row:** Jesse Sublett, Mike Shea, Dickie Lee Erwin (cowboy hat), Eric Graham

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