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## South Dakota groups win Native American Music Awards

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South Dakota musicians Night Shield, Brule' & AIRO, and Nicole recently won awards at the Native American Music Awards in Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Saturday.

Sioux Falls rapper Gabriel Night Shield won the Song/Single of the Year award for "Broken Dreams" from his third solo LP "Loved & Hated." Contemporary Native American group Brule' & AIRO (American Indian Rock Opera) won in the Best Long Form Video category for "Live at Mount Rushmore: Concert for Reconciliation of Cultures." Band member and flutist Nicole LaRoche also won the Female Artist of the Year award for her CD "Deep Dreams."

"Broken Dreams" was the first hip-hop song to get nominated in the category. The song was produced by Mr. D-Sane and features Jackie Bird on the chorus.

Night Shield also led a hip-hop performance during the show that featured hip-hop artists from across the country including Buggin Malone, Blu, The Rez Hogs, WayQuay and Maniac: The Siouxpernatural. This is Night Shield's second Native American Music Award win. He won last year's Best Hip Hop Recording award for his second solo album "The Total Package".

Brule' and AIRO won Group of the Year and Best New Age Recording at last year's award ceremony. The annual awards show features over one dozen performances by today's leading Native American artists along with awards presentations in over 30 categories including Lifetime Achievement and Hall of Fame.

For information visit <http://www.nativeamericanmusicawards.com>.

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