

Schedule



2021

Balloting Schedule

Eligibility Period: May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021

February 28, 2021 Dove Registered Entity Application Cut-Off Deadline for organizations to apply for Dove Registered Entity (DRE) status for 2021 Dove Awards. Applications after this date will not be processed. GMA will notify all applicants of their status by March 31.

April 6, 2021 Dove Registered Entity Submission Active Approved Dove Registered Entities can begin submitting releases and recordings for consideration for 2021 Dove Awards.

April 20, 2021 Dove Registered Entity Entries Due Deadline for approved Dove Registered Entities to submit releases and recordings for consideration for the 2021 Dove Awards. DRE Submissions are due by 11:59 pm CST on this date.

April 23, 2021 Membership Cut-Off for Submitting Entries *Not an approved Dove Registered Entity with the GMA? In order to be eligible to submit releases and recordings for consideration for the 2021 Dove Awards, you must be a professional member of the GMA by this date.

May 11, 2021 Professional Member Submission Process Active Opportunity for professional members of the GMA to submit entries for consideration for the 2021 Dove Awards.

May 18, 2021 Professional Member Entries Due Professional members entries are due by this date. Submission opportunity will close at 11:59 pm CST.

June 1, 2021 Dove Registered Entity Verification Active Listings of all submissions received will be posted for review to make sure all eligible recordings and releases are included.

June 4, 2021 Product Deadline For projects without whitesheet or metadata files, physical product must be at the GMA office by this

date.

June 8, 2021 Dove Registered Entity Verification Due Any changes or submissions by Dove Registered Entities are due by 11:59pm CST on this date.

June 15, 2021 Product Screening GMA appointed committees meet to review products, approve category placement, and eligibility of all submissions made, plus add glaring omissions. All approved releases and recordings will appear in their appropriate categories on the first ballot. (Submissions can be moved among genre categories or removed from eligibility.)

July 9, 2021 Membership Cut-Off for Voting on First Ballot In order to be eligible to vote on the first Dove Awards ballot, you must be an active professional member in the GMA database by this date. The first ballot determines nominees.

July 13, 2021 First Ballot Open First Dove Awards ballot is delivered to current GMA professional members for voting via email. All voting takes place online.

July 20, 2021 First Ballot Closes All votes must be cast by 11:59 PM CST on this date in order to be counted.

August 11, 2021 Nominees Announced at Press Conference Press Conference to announce the 2021 Dove Award nominees, as determined by the first ballot. To be held at Lipscomb University.

August 13, 2021 Membership Cut-Off for Voting on Second Ballot In order to be eligible to vote on the second Dove Awards ballot, you must be an active member in the GMA database by this date. The second ballot determines the recipients of the Dove Awards.

August 19, 2021 Second Ballot Open Second Dove Awards ballot is delivered to current GMA members for voting. All voting takes place on-line.

August 26, 2021 Second Ballot Closes All votes must be cast by 11:59 PM CST on this date in order to be counted.

October 19, 2021 52nd Annual GMA Dove Awards Presentation of the 52nd Annual Dove Awards from Allen Arena at Lipscomb University.

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