



Women shine at Grammy Awards 2019

Los Angeles

Kacey Musgraves, Dua Lipa, Cardi B and Lady Gaga were among the big winners at the Grammy Awards, making it a good night for female stars.

Country star Musgraves picked up four awards, including album of the year, while Childish Gambino also won four.

Cardi B made history as the first solo female to win best rap album.

British pop star Dua Lipa was named best new artist and paid tribute to the "incredible" line-up of "so many female artists" in the category.

This year's ceremony certainly appeared to be at pains to make amends, with lifetime achievement prizes for Dolly Parton and Diana Ross, and scores of female performers throughout the night.

It was the first year in Grammys history that women had won



Michelle Obama, Alicia Keys, Jada Pinkett Smith, Lady Gaga and Jennifer Lopez at the Grammys.

five of the top album awards - album of the year, best pop album (Ariana Grande), best country album (Musgraves), best R&B album (H.E.R.) and best rap album (Cardi B).

Grande won her first ever Grammy Award for Sweetener, but wasn't there to collect it after a dispute with organisers.

According to Variety, the Thank U, Next singer also ex-

pressed her disdain in a series of since-deleted tweets at the fact Mac Miller, who was nominated posthumously for best rap album, lost out to Cardi B.

Accompanied on stage by her husband Offset, Cardi thanked her daughter Kulture Kiari for giving her the impetus to finish the record on time.

Lady Gaga won three prizes, including best pop performance

for Joanne and best pop duet for Shallow, from the Oscar-nominated film A Star Is Born.

Holding back tears, the star thanked Bradley Cooper, her costar and director, who missed the Grammys to attend The Baftas in London.

She also used her speech to highlight the film's mental health message, telling the audience: "If you see someone that's hurting,

don't look away."

And Emily Lazar, who worked on Beck's Colors album, became the first woman in Grammys history to win best engineered album.

But while the Grammys has made strides with female artists, it still needs to repair its image in the hip-hop community.

At one point, host Alicia Keys awkwardly had to fill time when no-one came forward to accept the song of the year award on his behalf.

Former first lady Michelle Obama also made a surprise appearance, giving a speech about the unifying power of music alongside Lady Gaga, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Jennifer Lopez and Alicia Keys.

Dua Lipa at the 61st Annual Grammy Awards, 2019.

Melissa Benoist, Chris Wood engaged

Los Angeles



Melissa and Chris

Actress Melissa Benoist has got engaged to her "Supergirl" co-actor Chris Wood. The duo took to Instagram on Sunday to announce the news of their engagement, reports eonline.com.

"Yes yes yes it will always be yes," Benoist captioned a photograph of Wood kissing her on the cheek, with her engagement ring on full display.

Wood shared the same photograph and wrote: "The happiest."

Khloe Kardashian reveals how she teaches true self-confidence

Los Angeles

American reality star Khloe Kardashian has the perfect mantra to raise children right. Khloe recently opened up about practicing positive affirmations with her 10-month-old daughter True every day, reported People.

In an interview with The Daily Telegraph's Stellar magazine cited by People, the 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' star reflected upon how every day she and True, say "positive affirmations" together.

"I never, ever considered myself chubby or overweight. I didn't know that I was until I went on TV, and everyone told me that I was 'fat.' I never felt that way, because my family never allowed me to," Khloe explained during the interview.

"As silly as it sounds, I do positive affirmations with her in the morning," the 34-year-old said, adding that even though "it's so corny," they "sit in front of the mirror" and say, "I am beautiful."

The proud mother went on to share, "It's my job to make her feel, no matter what she looks like, that she is strong and confident and beautiful, and it's OK to embrace all different shapes, sizes, and ethnicities. My whole family is a melting pot of race and skin tone and hair colour and height - everything."



Khloe Kardashian

Will Smith's 'Genie' avatar unveiled

Los Angeles

Actor Will Smith's 'blue' avatar as Genie in Disney's "Aladdin" remake was unveiled during the Grammy Awards. The Genie, Jasmine and Aladdin appear in the latest trailer for the film, giving fans a first look at Smith's character, according to hollywoodreporter.com.

The new take on its animated classic unveiled a trailer on Sunday night. It also featured looks at Jasmine and more scenes featuring Aladdin and Agrabah. Jafar can even be seen leading Aladdin to the Cave of the Wonders.

"Aladdin" hits theatres on May 24.

Drake cut off during acceptance speech at Grammys

Los Angeles

Rapper Drake made a surprise appearance at the 61st annual Grammy Awards here, but was cut off during his acceptance speech. Drake picked up his trophy for best rap song for "God's plan".

But he was cut off during his speech right after a pause and saying "But", leading viewers to speculate whether show producers deliberately did it -- amid some mild shade he was throwing at the very idea of awards shows -- or whether they just figured he'd wrapped up, reports variety.com.

Jimmy Carter wins Grammy for spoken word album

Los Angeles

Jimmy Carter, the 39th US President, has won his second Grammy for Spoken Word Album for his biography "Faith - A Journey For All". This personal reflection by the 94-year-old, considers how faith has sustained him throughout good times and bad.

He won his first in 2016 for "A Full Life: Reflections at 90", reports variety.com.

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