

'Bella' awards nominees

HIGH ACHIEVERS: Top women in various fields are in running for awards in 10 categories

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THE country's most celebrated women in song last year, Yuna and Shila Amzah, are in the running for the Bella Awards alongside pop queen Datuk Siti Nurhaliza.

Yuna is nominated for the Bella Creative Award, while Shila and Siti Nurhaliza are in for the Bella On-Stage Award.

The Bella Awards is presented by ntv7's award-winning women's talk show, *Bella*, and will be held at 8.30pm at the Royale Chulan Hotel here on March 2.

ntv7 and 8TV group general manager Airin Zainul said the awards are expected to be one of the most significant for Malaysian women.

The nominees are achievers in 10 categories, namely the Bella Creative Award (arts), Style Award (fashion and beauty), Beautiful Award (health and wellness), Business Award (business), Heart Award (social work), Mars Award (men who contributed to women's development), On-Screen Award (film), On-Stage Award (music and theatre), Sports Award (sports), and Radio Award (radio).

The last four categories are determined by public voting.

One woman will win the Bella Award, the highest award of the ceremony.

Airin said: "The nominees were assessed based on their contributions, achievements and portfolio by professional judges.

"The Bella Award is not restricted to the category nominees."

She said the awards is a tribute to the role of women in nation building.

Supported by the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry and sponsored by Hai-O Group, it will be broadcast live on ntv7.

The Creative Award nominees are Adibah Noor, Asha Gill, Yuna,



Some of the women vying for the Bella awards. From left are **Gloria Ng, Dr Premitha Damodaran, Lillian Tan, Wirda Adnan, Nuraizah Shamsul Baharin, Low Ngai Yuen, Ung Yiu Lin, Daisy Lee and Gillian Hung.** Pic by Nik Hariff Hassan

Low Ngai Yuen and Zee Avi.

The Style Award nominees are Andrea Fonseka, Gillian Hung, Ung Yiu Lin, Datuk Winnie Loo and Wirda Adnan.

The Beautiful Award nominees are Daisy Lee, Dr Premitha Damodaran, Gloria Ng, Lillian Tan and Ninie Ahmad.

The Business Award nominees are Chris Abishegam, Datuk Rosaline Gandendra, Datin Seri Tiara Jacquelina, Vivy Yusof and Nuraizah Shamsul Baharin.

The Heart Award nominees are Yasmin Rashid, Poesy Liang, Dr Hartini Zainudin, Datuk Ruby Khong and the late Sabrina Yeap.

The On-Screen Award nominees are Cheryl Samad, Debbie Goh, Karena Teo, Lisa Surihani, Maya Karin, Nora Danish, Nur Fazura, Ong Ai Leng, Siti Saleha Baharom and Thana Anathan.

The On-Stage Award nominees are Anita Sarawak, Datuk Sheila Majid, Siti, Jaclyn Victor, Shila, Joanna Bessey, Joanne Kam, Ning Baizura, Suhaili Micheline and Soo Wincci.

The Sports Award nominees are Amirah Syahirah Zulkifli, Cheong Jun Hoong, Datuk Nicol David, Goh Liu Ying, Noraseela Khalid, Nur Suryani Taibi, Nurul

Syafiqah Hashim, Pandeleta Rinong, Tee Jing Yi and Wong Mew Choo.

The Radio Award nominees are Dilly, Hunny Madu, Fara Fauzana, Linda Onn, Patricia K, Sara-Jane Lo, Serena C, Sarimah Ibrahim, Yoon Ng and Zher.

Six graduates were nominated for the Bella Official Correspondent, who will co-host the awards.

They are Ashley Chen, Bella Malek, Brittany Cahill, Isooda Ajdari, Marlisa Halidi and Nadia Norzuhdy.

The nominees were announced at Sheraton Imperial Hotel here on Friday by Airin and Media Prima Television Networks chief operating officer Ahmad Izham Omar.

For more information visit apps.ntv7.com.my/bellaawards.

