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Inaugural 2020 Craft Beer Marketing Awards' "Crushie" Winners Announced in Virtual Awards Ceremony



Ceremony Video- https://www.facebook.com/TheCraftBeerMarketingAwards/videos/884602425370511/

June 23, 2020 (NEW YORK, NY) – The first ever Craft Beer Marketing Awards (CBMA) "Crushie" winners were presented in a LIVE virtual ceremony on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 on Facebook LIVE and Zoom. The ceremony was streamed LIVE, on CBMA's Facebook page.

The CBMAs is the first awards program of its kind in the USA. It officially launched and began accepting entries in the fall of 2019. It has received entries from nearly every state in the country, in addition to submissions from Mexico and Canada.

""We're honored to have received so much interest in our first year with entries from both big and small breweries all across North America," said CBMA co-founder Jackie DiBella. "There is a clear need for these awards to recognize the critical and increasing contribution that marketing efforts play in the competitive craft beer industry. We were so impressed with what was submitted and look forward to seeing even more amazing work next year."



CBMA Co-Founders Jim McCune and Jackie Dibella

The CBMAs had to pivot to a digital format due to the COVID-19 pandemic, thus cancelling the original awards ceremony that had been planned to take place during April's Craft Brewers Conference in San Antonio, TX.

The CBMAs presenting sponsor, Hillebrand, co-hosted the event along with CBMA Founders Jim McCune and Jackie DiBella. Additionally, KegPros from Hillebrand presented the winners of the "People's Choice" categories.

The CBMA's will also be launching a weekly Podcast starting in July. For more information about next years' CBMA's, please visit the CBMA website.

Winners of the CBMAs were announced in a range of 32 categories that were evaluated by a panel of over 100 industry-recognized judges. The judges placed these entrants into top positions that were then voted on by the public via social media. A total of 130 awards were presented to brewers, designers, and agencies from all across North America.

List of Winners

Craft Beer Marketing Awards 2020 CBMAs Crushie Award Winners

Congratulations to all 2020 CBMAs Crushie Winners!

Please email <u>info@craftbeermarketingawards.com</u> to request changes to your winners display below (this does not affect your trophy which is personalized by you in the shop. Winner's will receive an email with trophy shop access shortly).

Marketing Wild Cards / Most Creative Signage, POS, & Brewery Accessories

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Upshift Brewing Company Moto Flights Steve Behar, Brendan Behar, Ralph Vasquez, Kendall Kiesewetter upshiftbrewing.com El Segundo, CA 90245

GOLD CRUSHIES

Ivanhoe Park Brewing Co.
Flight Board
ivanhoeparkbrewing.com
Jason Kucharski, Six The Agency
sixtheagency.com
Orlando, FL 32803

North Fork Brewing Co. "Run the Juice" Signage northforkbrewingco.com Ricky Saetta, Estd1981 estd1981.com Riverhead, NY 11901

Nostalgia Brewing Company Tinker Toy Flight Board nostalgiabrewing.com Shawn White Gahanna, OH 43230

Best Can Design / 8oz (237ml), 12oz Can

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Snake River Brewing
Cans That Inspire Exploration
snakeriverbrewing.com
Jesse Ryan, New Thought Digital Agency
newthoughtdigital.com
Jackson, WY 83001

GOLD CRUSHIES

Aslan Brewing Company Fish Have Feelings IPA aslanbrewing.com Andrew Allen Bellingham, WA 98225

Scuttlebutt Brewing Pineapple Hefeweizen scuttlebuttbrewing.com Blindtiger Design blindtigerdesign.com Everett, Washington

Second Street Brewery Agua Fria Pilsner secondstreetbrewery.com Mariah Cameron Scee Santa Fe, New Mexico

Bear King Brewing Co
"Legends" 12oz Beer Line
bearkingbrewing.com
Grant Guidry & Citrus Advertising
citrusadv.com
Marble Falls, TX 78654

Fort Point Beer Company Animal Tropical IPA fortpointbeer.com Sarah Chorey & Manual Creative manualcreative.com San Francisco, CA 94129

Port Orleans Brewing Co. Dorada Mexican-style Lager portorleans.com Chase Guillory New Orleans, LA 70115

Bale Breaker + Modern Times Beer Palm Springs Pils balebreaker.com moderntimesbeer.com Blindtiger Design blindtigerdesign.com Yakima, WA 98901 Point Loma, San Diego

Hand of Fate Brewing Company Stacking Can Design handoffatebrewing.beer EBBING Branding + Design ebbingbranding.com Petersburg, IL 62675

Gnarly Barley Brewing Forest of Feelings IIPA gnarlybeer.com Kriston Pauley Hammond, LA 70403

Culmination Brewing Co. Phaedrus IPA culminationbrewing.com

Marcelo Fontana Moraes Portland, OR 97232

RavenBeer
Best Logo Design / Unique
ravenbeer.com
Stephen Demczuk & Keviun Kallaugher (Kal)
kaltoons.com
Baltimore, MD 21237

Alaskan Brewing Co. Alaskan White alaskanbeer.com Blindtiger Design blindtigerdesign.com Juneau, AK

Best Bottle Design / 12oz, 12.7oz, 16.9oz (500ml) Bottle

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Funky Buddha Brewery Mixology Series funkybuddhabrewery.com EBBING Branding + Design ebbingbranding.com Oakland Park, FL 33334

GOLD CRUSHIES

1840 Brewing Company 500ml Bottles 1840brewing.com Kyle Vetter, RevPop Inc revpop.com Milwaukee, WI 53207

Third Window Brewing Co.
Belgian Beer Portfolio
thirdwindowbrewing.com
Matt Taylor, Varnish Studio Inc
varnishstudio.com
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Kona Brewing Company Big Wave Golden Ale konabrewingco.com Meesha Merat Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 Almanac Beer Co.
Tropical Galaxy
almanacbeer.com
DKNG Studios, Nathan Goldman, Damian Fagan
dkngstudios.com
Alameda, California
San Francisco, California

Best Packaging Design / Bottle

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Gigantic Brewing Company Hellboy Collectors Box giganticbrewing.com Ben Love Portland, OR 97202

GOLD CRUSHIES

The Bruery
The Hoarders Society Extremely Limited Special thebruery.com
Matt Taylor, Varnish Studio Inc varnishstudio.com
Placentia, CA

Starr Hill Brewery Ramble On Juicy IPA starrhill.com BJ Swing Charlottesville, Virginia

Fat Bottom Brewing
Obsidian Tempest Series
fatbottombrewing.com
Matt Cheuvront, Proof Branding
proofbranding.com
Nashville, TN 37209

Best Tap Handle Design / Unique

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Buoy Beer Company Red Buoy Tap Handle buoybeer.com Jessyka Dart-Mclean Astoria, OR 97103

GOLD CRUSHIES

Rogue Ales & Spirits Batsquatch Hazy IPA Tap Handle rogue.com Bliss Dake Newport, OR 97365

Bear King Brewing Co 3D Bear Tap Handle bearkingbrewing.com Grant Guidry & Citrus Advertising citrusadv.com Marble Falls, TX 78654

10 Barrel Brewing
Pub Beer Wizard Staff
10barrel.com
Hannah Barnett
Denver, CO
Portland, OR
West Bend, OR
East Bend, OR
San Diego, CA

Maple Branch Craft Brewery Unique Tap Handle maplebranchbrew.com Allyssa Maples Fort Worth, TX 76107

Beer Marketing Wild Cards / Coolest Taproom

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Buoy Beer Company Coolest Taproom buoybeer.com Jessyka Dart-Mclean

GOLD CRUSHIES

Tröegs Independent Brewing Coolest Taproom troegs.com Andy DeBrunner Hershey, PA 17033

Little Brother Brewing Coolest Taproom littlebrotherbrew.com Jeff Collie Greensboro, NC 27401

Severance Brewing Company Coolest Taproom severancebeer.com Scott Heckel Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Best Bottle Design / 22oz, 25.36oz (750ml) Bottle

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Rogue Ales & Spirits Combat Wombat 22oz Bottle rogue.com Bliss Dake

GOLD CRUSHIES

Reuben's Brews BBIS reubensbrews.com Aaron Easler, Top Hat builtbytophat.com Seattle, WA 98107

IMBIB Custom Brews Wild Saison imbib.beer Matt Johnson & Connor Goicoechea @connorgdesign Reno, NV 89502

Lamplighter Brewing Co. 2019 Luminary Society lamplighterbrewing.com Emma Arnold Cambridge, MA 02139

Best Can Design / 32oz Can

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

lot 9 brewing co. Crowler lot9brew.com Rob Lembo, Triad Design Group triaddesign.com Bluffton, SC 29910 Denver Beer Co Chocolate Coconut Graham Cracker Porter denverbeerco.com Andrew Klein Denver, CO 80202

GOLD CRUSHIES

Luminous Brewhouse
Dandelion Honey Rye
luminousbrewhouse.com
Cindy Caulfield, Snowdrift Design
facebook.com/snowdriftdesign
Sheridan, WY 82801

Full Fledged Brewing Company Crowler fullfledgedbeer.com Melissa Carlson, 818 - a tiny design empire Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Best Logo Design / Unique

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

LUKI Brewery Logo lukibrew.com Kim Jones, 88 Design Group 88designgroup.com Arvada, CO 80004

GOLD CRUSHIES

Blossom Barn Cidery Logo blossombarncidery.com Raychel Kolen, MUSE Marketing + Design musemarketingdesign.com Grants Pass, OR 97527-8623

Oozlefinch Craft Brewery Oozlefinch Beers & Blending Logo oozlefinchbeers.com Russel Tinsley Fort Monroe, VA 23651

Bear King Brewing Co Logo bearkingbrewing.com Grant Guidry & Greg Thomas, Alex Roka helmsworkshop.com

Best Merchandise Design / Most Creative Line

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Grandstand
Merch Line Design & Display
egrandstand.com
Josh Christie, 88 Design Group
88designgroup.com
Lawrence, KS

GOLD CRUSHIES

Root Down Brewing Roogi Sweater rootdownbrewing.com Todd Farrell

Rogue Ales & Spirits Dreamland American Lager Merch rogue.com Bliss Dake

10 Barrel Brewing Pray for Snow 2019 10barrel.com Hannah Barnett

Best Original Video / Humor

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Boulevard Brewing Co.
"Unfiltration Manager"
boulevard.com
Natalie Gershon
Kansas City, MO 64108

GOLD CRUSHIES

pFriem Family Brewers
"pFriem Falls - As Nature Would Have it"
pfriembeer.com
Michelle Humphrey & Sockeye
sockeye.com
Hood River, OR 97031

Falls City Brewing Co.

"CanMan: The Journey Home" fallscitybeer.com Brian U'Sellis & Clovehitch Productions clovehitchproductions.com Louisville, KY 40204

Against The Grain
"The Complete History of A Beer"
atgbrewery.com
Katie Molck, Sam Cruz & Clovehitch Productions
clovehitchproductions.com
Louisville, KY 40202

Hillebrand
"The Keg Pros"
Hillebrandbeer.com
Stefan Beaumont, Red Vault Productions redvaultproductions.com
Houston, Texas 77034

Best Packaging Design / Can

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Lupulin Brewing Company Coffee Shop Assault Vehicle Iupulinbrewing.com Marcus Paulsen Big Lake, MN 55309

Wiley Roots Brewing Company Imperial Somethin' Got Played In the Mail-Six Pack Board Game wileyrootsbrewing.com Scott Davidson Greeley, CO 80631

GOLD CRUSHIES

Second Street Brewery 2018 Skookum Limited Edition Package secondstreetbrewery.com Mariah Cameron Scee

Sun King Brewery 10-4 Good Buddy Collaboration 4-Pack sunkingbrewing.com Mike Atwood & William Denton Ray whimsicalfunk.com Indianapolis, IN 46202 Denver Beer Co #DrinkPink Princess Yum Yum Limited 6-Pack denverbeerco.com Andrew Klein

Best Tap Handle Design / Innovative

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Founders Brewing Co.
Barrel-Aged Tap Handles with Interchangeable Magnetic Plates foundersbrewing.com
Sandy Anaokar
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

GOLD CRUSHIES

Twin Elephant Brewing Company Innovative Tap Handle Design twinelephant.com Tim Besecker Chatham, NJ 07928

Best Website Design / Best Design

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Bridger Brewing Website bridgerbrewing.com Carie Birkmeier, Armstrong Marketing Solutions armstrongmarketingsolutions.com Bozeman, MT

Freetail Brewing freetailbrewing.com Dennis Ayotte & Anderson Marketing Group andadv.com San Antonio, Texas

GOLD CRUSHIES

Reuben's Brews reubensbrews.com Aaron Easler, Top Hat builtbytophat.com

Dust Bowl Brewing Company dustbowlbrewing.com Randi Fernandes Marcia Herrmann Design Group mhdgroup.com Monterey, CA

Beer Marketing Wild Cards / Best Use of Retro Branding

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Schlafly Beer
Schlafly Beer's Lunar Lager Sampler 12 pack
schlafly.com
Sarah Frost & Tom Moore
St. Louis, MO

GOLD CRUSHIES

Root Down Brewing 80's AESTHETICS rootdownbrewing.com Todd Farrell Phoenixville, PA 19460

Indeed Brewing Company Killer Queen Co-Brand indeedbrewing.com Kayte Eager Minneapolis, MN 55413

Fernson Brewing Co Plains Beer Pilsner fernson.com Mitch Torbert Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Terre Haute Brewing Company Citragenesis Hoppy Wheat Ale terrehautebrewingcompany.com Jason Foust & EGC Group Terre Haute, IN

Best Logo Design / Use of Icon or Mascot

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Bavarian Gator Brewing Best Mascot Logo (Alligator) bavariangator.de EBBING Branding + Design ebbingbranding.com Marktredwitz, Germany

GOLD CRUSHIES

Loma Brewing Best Mascot Logo (Cat) Iomabrew.com Blindtiger Design blindtigerdesign.com Los Gatos, CA 95030

Grist Brewing Company Best Mascot Logo (Bee) gristbrewingcompany.com Kaleb Hilton Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Rocket Frog Brewing Best Mascot Logo (Frog) rocketfrogbeer.com Blindtiger Design blindtigerdesign.com Sterling, VA 20164

Best Merchandise Design / Innovative

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Boulevard Brewing Co.
Space Camper x Dark Phoenix with 20th Century Fox boulevard.com
Natalie Gershon
Kansas City, MO 64108

Best Original Video / Storytelling

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Founders Brewing Co. "Chase Your What If" foundersbrewing.com Sandy Anaokar

GOLD CRUSHIES

First Sip Brew Box
"Fearless"
firstsipbrewbox.com
Dennis Guy

Champion Brewing Company
"Our Story"
championbrewingcompany.com
Hunter Smith & Pando Creative
pandocreativeco.com
Richmond, VA 23219

DWS Printing
"Face to Face, Coast to Coast"
Episode 10: Ocean Lab Brewing & Campofresco dwsprinting.com
Andy Staib & Big in Japan biginjapan.nyc
Deer Park, NY

Best Tap Handle Design / Sustainable

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Galveston Island Brewing Sustainable Tap Handle galvestonislandbrewing.com Charday VanOrstrand Galveston, TX 77554

Seismic Brewing Co.
Sustainable Tap Handle
seismicbrewingco.com
Ben Weston, Hoptown Handles
hoptownhandles.com
Josh Emrich
http://emrich.co
Sebastopol, CA 95472

GOLD CRUSHIES

Cascade Brewing
Sustainable Tap Handle
cascadebrewing.com
Taylor Seidler, Hoptown Handles
hoptownhandles.com
Portland, OR 97214

Best Use of Social Media / Cause-related

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Atlanta Brewing Co
Marine Research & Conservation
atlantabrewing.com
Cameron Davis & Georgia Aquarium
georgiaaquarium.org
Atlanta, GA 30318

GOLD CRUSHIES

Motorworks Brewing Adoptable Dog

motorworksbrewing.com
Barry Elwonger & Shelter Manatee & Animal Network
sheltermanatee.com
animalnetworkinc.com
Bradenton, FL 34205

Foothills Brewing Craft Happiness Project foothillsbrewing.com Ray Goodrich Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Website Design / Best Showcase of Beers

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Reuben's Brews Best Showcase of Beers reubensbrews.com Aaron Easler, Top Hat builtbytophat.com

GOLD CRUSHIES

Fat Bottom Brewing Best Showcase of Beers fatbottombrewing.com Matt Cheuvront, Proof Branding proofbranding.com

Beer Marketing Wild Cards / Best Brewery Rebrand

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Roak Brewing Co.
Punk-Rock Uniqueness Rebrand
roakbrewing.com
EBBING Branding + Design
ebbingbranding.com
Royal Oak, MI 48067

GOLD CRUSHIES

Bolero Snort Brewery Bovine Inspired Rebrand bolerosnort.com Robert Olson Jr Carlstadt, NJ 07072

Pittsburgh Brewing Company IC Light Rebrand pittsburghbrewing.com

Aaron Easler, Top Hat builtbytophat.com Pittsburgh, PA

Dust Bowl Brewing Company Brand Refresh dustbowlbrewing.com Randi Fernandes Blindtiger Design blindtigerdesign.com

Green Flash Brewing Rebrand greenflashbrew.com EBBING Branding + Design ebbingbranding.com & Mighty Few mightyfew.com San Diego, CA 92121

Grand Teton Brewing Brewery Rebrand grandtetonbrewing.com Blindtiger Design blindtigerdesign.com Victor, ID 83455

Culmination Brewing Co. Brewery Rebrand culminationbrewing.com Marcelo Fontana Moraes

Best Logo Design / Typography

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Atlanta Brewing Co Brewery Logo atlantabrewing.com Cameron Davis & CODO Design cododesign.com

GOLD CRUSHIES

lot 9 brewing co. Brewery Logo lot9brew.com Rob Lembo, Triad Design Group triaddesign.com Pittsburgh Brewing Company IC Light Logo pittsburghbrewing.com Aaron Easler, Top Hat builtbytophat.com

Bear King Brewing Co Brewery Logo bearkingbrewing.com Grant Guidry & Citrus Advertising citrusadv.com

Best Merchandise Design / Sustainable

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

10 Barrel Brewing 10barrel.com Artist Series Sustainable Merchandise Hannah Barnett

Best Original Video / Cause-related

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Tröegs Independent Brewing Trail Day Dry-Hopped Pale Ale troegs.com Andy DeBrunner

GOLD CRUSHIES

Denver Beer Co CO2 Recapture Program denverbeerco.com Andrew Klein

Dry County Brewing Partners Lyft Partnership drycountybrewco.com Trey Sinclair Kennesaw, GA 30144

Beer Talk Radio Queen of Beers beertalkradio.net Jenny Eon Las Vegas NV

Best Use of Social Media / Beer Influencer of the Year!

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Sam Webster Beer Influencer @beerasart

GOLD CRUSHIES

Jennifer Alexander, The Beerded Lady Beer Influencer & Content Creator @jenniferthebeerdedlady thebeerdedladyblog.com

LIBeerGuide
Publisher & Beer Influencer
Spreading the Gospel of Great Beer on Long Island
libeerguide.com
Bernie Kilkelly
Long Island, NY

The Viking Alchemist Meadery Mead Influencer @vikingalchemist vikingalchemist.com Eric Berrios Marietta, GA 30067

Website Design / Best Use of Video & Photography

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Calidad Beer calidadbeer.com Josh Zad & Herman Scheer herman-scheer.com Los Angeles, CA

GOLD CRUSHIES

Pittsburgh Brewing Company Iron City Beer pittsburghbrewing.com Aaron Easler, Top Hat builtbytophat.com

Best Can Design / 16oz, 19.2oz Can

PLATINUM CRUSHIES

Against The Grain A Beer

atgbrewery.com Sam Cruz, Katie Molck, Robby Davis

GOLD CRUSHIES

Almanac Beer Co. Groovetastic Brut IPA almanacbeer.com DKNG Studios, Nathan Goldman, Damian Fagan dkngstudios.com

Rogue Ales & Spirits Combat Wombat rogue.com Bliss Dake

HopFly Brewing
The Jalapeno
hopflybrewing.com
Aaron Easler, Top Hat
builtbytophat.com
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Night Shift Brewing & Mast Landing Brewing The Price is Wrong, Stout with Pinot Noir Grapes Charlie Robinson, Cutlip cutlipcreative.com Everett, MA 02149 Westbrook, ME 04092

Pondaseta Brewing Co.
Pyrite Experimental NEIPA
pondaseta.com
Kaleb West & David Tran, Jonathan Harrison, Async7
async7.com
Amarillo, TX 79119

Metazoa Brewing Co.
Metazoa Hoppopotamus IPA collaboration with Pivot Marketing metazoabrewing.com
Lauren Frederick, Pivot Marketing pivotmarketing.com

Metazoa Brewing Co. Metazoa Can Series metazoabrewing.com Melissa Rowe, Pivot Marketing pivotmarketing.com Indianapolis, IN 46202 North Fork Brewing Co Butternut the Hutt Nofobrewco.com Peter Barraud

Reuben's Brews Patio Party reubensbrews.com Aaron Easler, Top Hat builtbytophat.com

Barrel House & Night Shift Brewing
Captain Brunch, Blonde Ale with Night Shift Coffee, Cinnamon, & Maple Syrup
Charlie Robinson, Cutlip
cutlipcreative.com
Paso Robles, CA

Big Sexy Brewing
Call of Lupulhu DIPA
bigsexybrewing.com
James Thompson & Emily Martin
emilywinfieldmartin.com
Britnee Sapp Craft Graphics
facebook.com/britnee.sapp.designs
Sacramento, CA 95828

PEOPLE'S CHOICE Best 16oz Can Can Design

ONYX CRUSHIES

New Realm Brewing Co. Tyrannosaurus Flex Hazy DIPA newrealmbrewing.com Erik Leach Virginia Beach, VA 23454

PEOPLE'S CHOICE Best Cause-related Original Video

ONYX CRUSHIES

Sound to Summit Brewing & Haywire Brewing & SnoTown Brewery sound2summit.com facebook.com/haywirebrewingco facebook.com/SnoTownBrewery Julianne Diddle Snohomish, WA 98290

Snohomish, WA 98290 Snohomish, WA 98290

Zipline Brewing Co. "Take It To The Bin" ziplinebrewing.com Craig Reier Lincoln, NE 68522

PEOPLE'S CHOICE Best Can Packaging Design

ONYX CRUSHIES

Second Street Brewery 2018 Skookum Limited Edition Package secondstreetbrewery.com Mariah Cameron Scee

PEOPLE'S CHOICE Most #FOMO Instagram Account

ONYX CRUSHIES

DuClaw Brewing Company @duclawbrewingco duclaw.com Madeline Caldwell, Rachel Bradley Rosedale, MD 21237

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About the "Crushie"

The official trophy of the CBMAs is the "Crushie." This series of awards includes the Platinum, Gold, and "People's Choice" editions of the "Crushie." (Winners of "People's Choice" awards get a special Onyx "Crushie.") The "Crushie" trophies were designed and manufactured by the same Manhattan-based designer awards firm that created the prestigious Emmy Award and the MTV "Moon Man" statue. The "Crushie" award is sculptured to depict a heavily tattooed arm crushing a beer can as a representation of how breweries are "crushing it" with their unique and creative beer marketing and branding.

For more info, CBMA website.

Awards Background Information

The <u>Craft Beer Marketing Awards</u> (CBMA) is the first USA-based award series to focus on excellence in marketing and packaging efforts. The CBMAs were developed by marketers Jim McCune and Jackie DiBella, with the purpose to recognize and award the very best marketing in the brewing industry across the nation. Breweries, their agencies, designers, and marketing partners were invited to enter their top work. The 2020 CBMAs includes 30 categories that recognize all aspects of beer marketing.

With over 7,300 breweries (and growing) across the country, it's getting increasingly harder to stand out from the other six packs on the over-crowded store shelf. Aside from having to produce a delicious and unique line of brews, the design and marketing of each beer has also become critical to a brewery's popularity and success.

Yes, branding in the craft beverage industry is what truly brings the beer to life. Today, brewers can use strong visual identity, storytelling, word-of-mouth, and digital media to achieve never—before seen growth that has leveled the playing field between big and small beer brands. The packaging and overall branding of a beer is the most effective means of influencing purchase at that decision-making moment. The creators of the CBMAs felt the time had come to recognize the talent behind the innovative planning, design and packaging that makes the craft beer culture so rich and unique.

The Craft Beer Marketing Awards feature categories that celebrate the very best of beer marketing, as well as the teams and individuals behind them. All categories are judged by an influential and respected panel of over 100 beer, marketing, and design experts from across the country. Check out the full panel of judges here. The judging process of the CBMAs is a robust, credible, and transparent digital scoring.

The 2020 CBMAs consist of 32 categories that cover all aspects of brew marketing – from labels to logos and tap handles to taprooms. Entry is open to anyone involved in marketing within the brewing industry.

Some of the award categories include:

- Best Can Design
- Best Tap Handle Design
- Best Original Video
- Best Merchandise Design
- Best Use of Social Media
- Best Website Design
- Beer Marketing Wild-Cards, like Coolest Taproom

To see the full list of categories, <u>click here</u>. For additional information, visit <u>craftbeermarketingawards.com</u>.

ABOUT CRAFT BEER MARKETING AWARDS

The Craft Beer Marketing Awards was established in 2019 to give recognition to the best of the best in the marketing realm of the brewing industry. With categories that range from the best can design to taproom and best website design to social media influencer of the year, there's an opportunity to showcase the best work in every area of marketing in the brewing industry. For more information, visit craftbeermarketingawards.com.

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