

Gurrumul scoops Indigenous music awards

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PHOTO: Indigenous singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu was born blind and is notoriously shy (Skinnyfish Music: Helen Page, file photo: AAP)

Thousands gathered for the National Indigenous Music Awards in Darwin on Friday night, where singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu won almost every category.

The awards, which have previously only recognised Northern Territory artists, went national this year and huge crowds flocked to an open amphitheatre in Darwin to hear who had won.

Gurrumul was nominated in five of the seven categories, winning album, song and film clip of the year as well as best act.

The notoriously shy singer, who was born blind, did not attend the awards but appeared briefly at the ceremony via webcam from Arnhem Land.

Aboriginal rock bands No Fixed Address and Coloured Stone were both inducted into the National Indigenous Music Awards Hall of Fame.

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