



THE ACADEMY HAS SPOKEN!

EMERGING ARTISTS DOMINATE 2008 ARIA AWARD NOMINATIONS

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The one-thousand strong ARIA (Australian Recording Industry Association) Awards voting academy has spoken! In what is arguably the most eclectic and exciting group of music artists to land on the ARIA honour roll, nominees across 28 categories in the 2008 ARIA Awards were today announced at a special industry gathering in Sydney. Again highlighting the depth and diversity of talent across all genres of the Australian music community, the nominations set up what will be an intriguing evening when the 2008 ARIA Awards, proudly brought to you by Motorola, rolls around on Sunday, 19 October at Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park.

A number of emerging Australian artists have received their first ever ARIA Award nominations, and two lead the nominations field. Vocal powerhouse GABRIELLA CILMI has received six nods for her debut album *Lessons to be Learned*. She is nominated for SINGLE OF THE YEAR (*Sweet About Me*), BEST FEMALE ARTIST, BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST - ALBUM, BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST - SINGLE, BEST POP RELEASE and HIGHEST SELLING SINGLE. Not bad for the 16-year-old Melbourne girl who toppled Madonna from the #1 position on the Motorola ARIA Chart - the youngest Australian solo artist ever to crack the top spot!

Nominated for five ARIA Awards is SAM SPARRO, the Sydney-sider taking on the world with his unique voice and powerful melodies. He also makes his ARIA Awards debut with his self-titled first album, with nominations for SINGLE OF THE YEAR (*Black and Gold*), BEST MALE ARTIST, BEST POP RELEASE, BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST - ALBUM (*Sam Sparro*) and BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST - SINGLE. Of Sparro, legendary soul diva Chaka Khan said, 'Damn, that white boy can sing!' According to the ARIA Awards voting academy, she was right!

At the other end of the musical spectrum is GEOFFREY GURRUMUL YUNUPINGU who has received four ARIA Award nominations (plus 1 ARIA Artisan Award nomination) for his stunning debut solo album *Gurrumul*. GEOFFREY GURRUMUL YUNUPINGU is nominated in the categories of BEST WORLD MUSIC ALBUM, BEST INDEPENDENT RELEASE, BEST MALE ARTIST and the coveted ALBUM OF THE YEAR. The ARIA Award voting academy has reinforced the high praise Yunupingu has received from music critics around the nation such as this, from the Sydney Morning Herald: "Listen to Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu and you will surrender to the greatest voice this continent has ever recorded."

Also receiving four ARIA Award nominations are those ARIA Award winning twins from Queensland, THE VERONICAS, in the categories of BEST POP RELEASE (*Hook Me Up*), HIGHEST SELLING ALBUM (*Hook Me Up*) and two nominations in the HIGHEST SELLING SINGLE category for *Hook Me Up* and *Untouched*.

Electronic duo THE PRESETS cap off an incredible year with four ARIA Award nominations for their second album *Apocalypse* and the hugely popular single *My People*. They have received salutes in the categories of BEST GROUP, BEST DANCE RELEASE, SINGLE OF THE YEAR and ALBUM OF THE YEAR. This is in addition to four ARIA

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Artisan Award nominations (more on this shortly). Another duo, brother and sister act **ANGUS and JULIA STONE**, have received their first ever ARIA Award nominations and they walk away with four nods for their glorious debut album *A Book Like This* in the categories of **BEST GROUP**, **BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST - ALBUM**, **BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST - SINGLE** (*The Beast*) and **BEST BLUES AND ROOTS ALBUM**. **ANGUS and JULIA STONE** have also received two ARIA Artisan Award nominations.

Rock n' roll trio **THE LIVING END** has also received four ARIA Award nominations for their widely acclaimed album *White Noise*. Hailed as 'the best album of their career' by Rolling Stone Magazine, *White Noise* has seen **THE LIVING END** score nominations for **BEST GROUP**, **BEST ROCK ALBUM**, **ALBUM OF THE YEAR** and **SINGLE OF THE YEAR**.

Sydney outfit **FAKER** has three ARIA Award nominations (plus 1 ARIA Artisan nomination) for their album *Be The Twilight* and the smash hit single *This Heart Attack*. They are represented in the categories of **BEST ROCK ALBUM**, **BEST GROUP** and **SINGLE OF THE YEAR**. Last year's ARIA Hall of Fame inductee **NICK CAVE (AND THE BAD SEEDS)** has received three ARIA Award nominations for the mighty *Dig, Lazarus, Dig!!!*. The band is nominated for **ALBUM OF THE YEAR**, **BEST ROCK ALBUM** and **NICK CAVE** is up for **BEST MALE ARTIST**.

Also receiving three ARIA Award nominations is dance act **THE POTBELLEEZ**, who has scored approval in the categories of **BEST DANCE RELEASE**, **BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST - SINGLE** and **HIGHEST SELLING SINGLE** for their infectiously catchy single *Don't Hold Back*.

The multi talented **KASEY CHAMBERS** and her equally gifted partner, **SHANE NICHOLSON**, have received two ARIA Award nominations in the **ALBUM OF THE YEAR** and **BEST COUNTRY ALBUM** categories (and 1 ARIA Artisan nomination) for their debut album together, *Rattlin' Bones*.

The 2008 ARIA Awards also sees debut nominations for a host of artists including **THE PANICS**, **BRITISH INDIA**, **MIDNIGHT JUGGERNAUTS**, **EDDY CURRENT SUPPRESSION RING**, **SPIT SYNDICATE**, **A-LOVE**, **THE HERD**, **MOBIN MASTER**, **WATUSSI** and **MUPH AND PLUTONIC**. And longer established artists including **THE WIGGLES**, **GYROSCOPE**, **SILVERCHAIR**, **KYLIE MINOGUE**, **ANDREA KELLER**, **JOHN BUTLER TRIO**, **RICHARD TOGNETTI**, **PETE MURRAY**, **HI-5**, **SLAVA GRIGORYAN**, **DELTA GOODREM**, **TINA ARENA**, **BEN LEE**, **LIOR**, **JIMMY BARNES**, **SARA STORER**, **THE WAIFS**, **THE AUDREYS**, **PAUL KELLY**, **CATHERINE BRITT** and **CUT COPY** have also received nominations for the 2008 ARIA Awards. Please see below for the full list of nominees.

The 2008 ARIA Award **ARTISAN WINNERS** were also announced today at the Nominations Event in the categories of **PRODUCER OF THE YEAR**, **ENGINEER OF THE YEAR**, **BEST VIDEO** and **BEST COVER ART**. ARIA is proud to announce that **KIM MOYES AND JULIAN HAMILTON**, aka **THE PRESETS** have received the ARIA Award in the coveted **PRODUCER OF THE YEAR** category for their critically acclaimed album *Apocalypso*. **KRIS MOYES** has taken out the ARIA Award for **BEST VIDEO** for the powerful film clip for **THE PRESETS' My People**.

Multiple ARIA Award winner **MATT LOVELL** has been named **ENGINEER OF THE YEAR** again, this time for his work on Shihad's album *Beautiful Machine*. And **JONATHAN ZAWADA** has won the ARIA Award for **BEST COVER ART** for, you guessed it, **THE PRESETS** album *Apocalypso*. ARIA congratulates the winners and all nominees in the 2008 ARIA Artisan Awards.

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Winners of the **BEST CLASSICAL ALBUM**, **BEST JAZZ ALBUM**, **BEST WORLD MUSIC ALBUM** and **BEST ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK/CAST/SHOW RECORDING ALBUM** categories will be announced at the ARIA Fine Arts Awards on Monday, 29 September.

For the second year at the ARIA Awards Nominations Event, retail outlets were honoured. AMRA (Australian Music Retailers Association), in conjunction with ARIA, is proud to announce the winners of the **2008 RETAILER OF THE YEAR Awards**. The Awards are presented to independent and chain stores across Australia and recognise the importance of music retail to the artists, producers and promoters of music. Two new national Award categories have also been included this year for Best Digital and Best Specialty Store. A drum roll please for the fine folk at the following retail stores who have been honoured in the 2008 Retailer of the Year Awards:

WINNERS - BEST CHAIN STORES

NSW/ACT	JB Hi Fi, Penrith
QLD	JB Hi Fi, Brisbane City
SA/NT	JB Hi Fi, Adelaide City
VIC/TAS	JB Hi Fi, Bourke St
WA	JB Hi Fi, Osborne Park

WINNERS - BEST INDEPENDENT RETAIL OUTLETS

NSW/ACT	Richmond Records
QLD	Rocking Horse
SA/NT	The Muses, Adelaide
VIC/TAS	Discurio
WA	78 Records

BEST DIGITAL STORE

Apple iTunes

BEST SPECIALTY STORE

Discurio, Melbourne

A special presentation to the winners will be made at the ARIA Chairman's Reception, an invitation-only event that will take place on Sunday, 19 October just prior to the ARIA Awards.

In keeping with tradition, ARIA Awards organisers also proudly announce the first artists who will perform live at the event on Sunday, 19 October. In addition to the confirmation of a very special performance by US superstar **P!NK**, the 2008 ARIA Awards will play host to performances by multiple nominees **GABRIELLA CILMI**, **THE LIVING END**, **THE PRESETS** and **SAM SPARRO**, with more live performances to be announced.

Dynamic duo **HAMISH & ANDY** will be making their hosting debut for the 2008 ARIA Awards alongside ARIA Awards veteran **JAMES MATHISON**. An exciting variety of guest presenters will be announced over the coming weeks.

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Just over 6,000 tickets to the 2008 ARIA AWARDS go on sale to the general public at 12 noon TODAY (Wednesday, 10 September) and are expected to go quickly and sell to capacity. Tickets are available from Ticketek - www.ticketek.com.au or Phone 132 849.

2008 ARIA AWARDS

Proudly brought to you by Motorola

Sunday, 19 October, 2008

Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

Broadcast exclusively on Network Ten from 7.30pm

GENERAL PUBLIC TICKETS:

On sale 12 noon, Wednesday, 10 September, from Ticketek - www.ticketek.com.au or Phone 132 849

Main Concourse 'Premium' - *\$65.00

Club Level 'A Reserve' - *\$60.00

Upper Concourse 'B Reserve' - *\$40.00

*All prices include GST and booking fees, but transaction fees apply.

INDUSTRY TICKETS:

For all enquiries please contact Neha Potalia - neha@markpopemusic.com

Platinum - \$495.00 incl GST

Gold - \$445.00 incl GST

Silver - \$395.00 incl GST

Stay tuned for updates on musical performances, nominations, special guests and all the latest ARIA Awards news or check the official website:

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2008 ARIA Awards Nominees and Artisan Winners

Best Cover Art (winner in bold)

Aaron Hayward & David Homer - Debaser - Faker, Be the Twilight (Capitol/EMI)
Aaron Hayward & David Homer - Debaser - Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson, Rattlin' Bones (Liberation Music)
Alter - Cut Copy, In Ghost Colours (Modular/Universal Music Australia)
IOSHVA - Angus & Julia Stone, A Book Like This (Capitol/EMI)
Jonathan Zawada - The Presets, Apocalypso (Modular/Universal Music Australia)

Best Video (winner in bold)

Adam Callen - Sneaky Sound System, Kansas City (Whack Recordings/MGM)
Angus and Julia Stone, Josh Groom - Angus and Julia Stone, Just a Boy (Capitol/EMI)
Damon Escott and Stephen Lance - Silverchair, If You Keep Losing Sleep (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)
James Littlemore - Pnau, Baby (etcetc)
Kris Moyes - The Presets, My People (Modular/Universal Music Australia)

Engineer of the Year (winner in bold)

Anthony Lycenko - Pete Murray, Summer at Eureka (Columbia/Sony BMG)
James Ash - Rogue Traders, Better In The Dark (Columbia/Sony BMG)
Matt Lovell - Shihad, Beautiful Machine (Warner Music NZ)
Scott Horscroft - The Panics, Cruel Guards (Dew Process/Universal Music Australia)
Scott Horscroft - The Presets, Apocalypso (Modular/Universal Music Australia)

Producer of the Year (winner in bold)

Harry Vanda and Glen Goldsmith - British India, Thieves (Flashpoint/Shock Entertainment)
Matt Lovell and Shihad - Shihad, Beautiful Machine (Warner Music Australia)
Michael Hohnen - Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, Gurrumul (Skinnyfish Music/MGM)
Scott Horscroft - The Panics, Cruel Guards (Dew Process/Universal Music Australia)
The Presets (Julian Hamilton & Kim Moyes) - The Presets, Apocalypso (Modular/Universal Music Australia)

Best Classical Album - winner to be announced at ARIA Fine Arts Awards, Monday 29 September at City Recital Hall in Sydney

Brett Dean and the Sydney Symphony - Brett Dean (Sydney Symphony Live)
Elena Kats-Chernin - Slow Food (Tall Poppies)
Richard Tognetti, Neal Peres Da Costa and Daniel Yeadon - Bach Sonatas for Violin and Keyboard (ABC Classics)
Roger Woodward - Bach: Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue and Partitas (Celestial Harmonies/Planet/MGM)
Slava Grigoryan, Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, Benjamin Northey conductor - Baroque Guitar Concertos (ABC Classics)

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Best Jazz Album - winner to be announced at ARIA Fine Arts Awards, Monday, 29 September, at City Recital Hall in Sydney

Andrea Keller - Footprints (ABC Jazz)

Deni Hines & James Morrison - The Other Woman (MRA Entertainment)

Grace Knight - Willow (ABC Jazz)

Joe Chindamo - Duende The Romantic Project (Jazzhead/MGM)

Mike Nock Project - Meeting Of The Waters (Jazzhead/MGM)

Oehlers/Grabowsky/Beck - Lost And Found (Jazzhead/MGM)

Best Original Soundtrack/Cast/Show Album - winner to be announced at ARIA Fine Arts Awards, Monday, 29 September at City Recital Hall in Sydney

Cezary Skubiszewski - Night - Original Soundtrack (ORiGiN)

Chris Lilley - Summer Heights High (ABC Music)

The Cast of Priscilla Queen of the Desert The Musical - Priscilla Queen of the Desert The Musical (Universal Music Australia)

Ben Lee & Jessica Chapnik - The Square: Original songs from and inspired by (Igloo Films/Inertia)

Various Artists - The Countdown Spectacular Live 2 (ABC Music/Liberation Music)

Best World Music Album - winner to be announced at ARIA Fine Arts Awards, Monday, 29 September at City Recital Hall in Sydney

Archie Roach - Journey (Liberation Music)

David Jones - Colours of the Drum (ABC Classics)

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu - Gurrumul (Skinnyfish Music/MGM)

Joseph Tawadros - Angel (Independent/Creative Vibes)

Watussi - Tequila Sangre Fuego (Knowfoowl/Inertia)

Highest Selling Single

Delta Goodrem - In This Life (Sony BMG)

Gabriella Cilmi - Sweet About Me (Mushroom Records/Warner Music Australia)

The Potbelleez - Don't Hold Back (Vicious/MOS/UMA)

The Veronicas - Untouched (Warner Music Australia)

The Veronicas - Hook Me Up (Warner Music Australia)

Highest Selling Album

David Campbell - The Swing Sessions 2 (Sony BMG)

Delta Goodrem - Delta (Sony BMG)

Guy Sebastian - The Memphis Album (Sony BMG)

The Veronicas - Hook Me Up (Warner Music Australia)

Tina Arena - Songs of Love and Loss (EMI)

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Best Blues and Roots Album

Angus & Julia Stone - A Book Like This (Capitol/EMI)
Jeff Lang - Half Seas Over (ABC Music/Universal Music Australia)
Mia Dyson - Struck Down (Black Door Records/MGM)
The Audreys - When The Flood Comes (ABC Music/Universal Music Australia)
The Waifs - Sun Dirt Water (Jarrah Records/MGM)

Best Children's Album

Hi-5 - Planet Earth (Deluxe Edition) (Sony BMG)
Jay Laga'aia - Come Dance And Sing (ABC Music)
Justine Clarke - Songs To Make You Smile (ABC Music)
The Fairies - Fairy Fun, Fun, Fun (ABC Music)
The Wiggles - You Make Me Feel Like Dancing (ABC Music)

Best Dance Release

Cut Copy - In Ghost Colours (Modular/Universal Music Australia)
Mobin Master - Show Me Love (Safari Music/One Love Music/Sony BMG)
Pnau - Pnau (etcetc)
The Potbelleez - Don't Hold Back (Vicious/MOS/UMA)
The Presets - Apocalypso (Modular/Universal Music Australia)

Best Urban Release

A-Love - Ace Of Hearts (Crookneck Records/Shogun Distribution)
Bliss 'n Eso - Flying Colours (Illusive Sounds)
Katalyst - What's Happening (Invada/Inertia)
Muph & Plutonic - ... And Then Tomorrow Came (Obese Records)
Spit Syndicate - Towards The Light (Obese Records)
The Herd - Summerland (Elefant Traks/Inertia)

Best Independent Release

Ben Lee - Ripe (Inertia Recordings)
British India - Thieves (Flashpoint/Shock Entertainment)
Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu - Gurrumul (Skinnyfish Music/MGM)
Lior - Corner Of An Endless Road (Independent/MGM)
Midnight Juggernauts - Dystopia (Siberia/Inertia)

Best Music DVD

Hilltop Hoods - City Of Light (Obese Records)
Paul Kelly - Live Apples (Capitol/EMI)
Powderfinger/Silverchair - Across the Great Divide (Universal Music Australia)
The John Butler Trio - Live At Federation Square (ABC Music/Universal Music Australia)
Wolfmother - Please Experience Wolfmother (Modular/Universal Music Australia)

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Best Rock Album

Eddy Current Suppression Ring - Primary Colours (Aarght/Shock Entertainment)
Faker - Be The Twilight (Capitol/EMI)
Gyroscope - Breed Obsession (Mushroom Records/Warner Music Australia)
Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds - Dig, Lazarus, Dig!!! (Virgin/EMI)
The Living End - White Noise (Dew Process/Universal Music Australia)

Best Adult Contemporary Album

Clare Bowditch - The Moon Looked On (Capitol/EMI)
Jimmy Barnes - Out In the Blue (Liberation Music)
Katie Noonan - Skin (Mushroom Records/Warner Music Australia)
Robert Forster - The Evangelist (Capitol/EMI)
The Panics - Cruel Guards (Dew Process/Universal Music Australia)

Best Pop Release

Gabriella Cilmi - Lessons To Be Learned (Mushroom Records/Warner Music Australia)
Kylie Minogue - X (Mushroom Records/Warner Music Australia)
Operator Please - Yes Yes Vindictive (Virgin/EMI)
Sam Sparro - Black and Gold (Universal Music Australia)
The Veronicas - Hook Me Up (Warner Music Australia)

Best Comedy Release

Akmal - Akmal Live and Uncensored (A-List/ACMEC)
Matt Tilley - Gotcha Calls Three's a Crowd (Liberation Music)
Merrick & Rosso - Live and Totally Wrong! (EMI)
Shaun Micallef - The Expurgated Micallef Tonight: The Very Best of Shaun Micallef's Short-Lived but Brilliant Tonight (Shock Entertainment DVD)
The Umbilical Brothers - Don't Explain (A-List/ACMEC)

Best Country Album

Catherine Britt - Little WildFlower (ABC Music/Universal Music Australia)
Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson - Rattlin' Bones (Liberation Music)
Melinda Schneider - Be Yourself (destraMusic/Sony)
Sara Storer - Silver Skies (EMI)
The McClymonts - Chaos and Bright Lights (Universal Music Australia)

Breakthrough Artist - Single

Angus & Julia Stone - The Beast (Capitol/EMI)
Gabriella Cilmi - Sweet About Me (Mushroom Records/Warner Music Australia)
Sam Sparro - Black and Gold (Universal Music Australia)
The Panics - Don't Fight It (Dew Process/Universal Music Australia)
The Potbelleez - Don't Hold Back (Vicious/MOS/UMA)

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Breakthrough Artist - Album

Angus & Julia Stone - A Book Like This (Capitol/EMI)
Gabiella Cilmi - Lessons To Be Learned (Mushroom Records/Warner Music Australia)
Midnight Juggernauts - Dystopia (Siberia/Inertia)
Operator Please - Yes Yes Vindictive (Virgin/EMI)
Sam Sparro - Sam Sparro (Universal Music Australia)

Best Group

Angus & Julia Stone - A Book Like This (Capitol/EMI)
Faker - Be The Twilight (Capitol/EMI)
Silverchair - If You Keep Losing Sleep (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)
The Living End - White Noise (Dew Process/Universal Music Australia)
The Presets - Apocalypse (Modular/Universal Music Australia)

Best Male Artist

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu - Gurrumul (Skinnyfish Music/MGM)
Nick Cave - Dig, Lazarus, Dig!!! (Virgin/EMI)
Paul Kelly - To Her Door (Live) (Capitol/EMI)
Pete Murray - Summer At Eureka (Columbia/Sony BMG)
Sam Sparro - Sam Sparro (Universal Music Australia)

Best Female Artist

Clare Bowditch - The Moon Looked On (Capitol/EMI)
Gabiella Cilmi - Lessons To Be Learned (Mushroom Records/Warner Music Australia)
Holly Throsby - A Loud Call (Spunk/Virgin)
Kylie Minogue - X (Mushroom Records/Warner Music Australia)
Missy Higgins - Peachy (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)

Single of the Year

Faker - This Heart Attack (Capitol/EMI)
Gabiella Cilmi - Sweet About Me (Mushroom Records/Warner Music Australia)
Sam Sparro - Black and Gold (Universal Music Australia)
The Living End - White Noise (Dew Process/Universal Music Australia)
The Presets - My People (Modular/Universal Music Australia)

Album of the Year

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu - Gurrumul (Skinnyfish Music/MGM)
Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson - Rattlin' Bones (Liberation Music)
Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds - Dig, Lazarus, Dig!!! (Virgin/EMI)
The Living End - White Noise (Dew Process/Universal Music Australia)
The Presets - Apocalypse (Modular/Universal Music Australia)

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