



## DIVERSITY RULES THE DAY! ECLECTIC COLLECTIVE NOMINATED FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> ARIA AWARDS

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The ARIA Awards voting community have nailed it again. Over 1,000 members of the Australian music industry have cast their votes and now ARIA (Australian Recording Industry Association) is proud to announce the much anticipated final five nominations in the 26 categories (\*excluding Highest Selling Single and Album) with winners (excluding ARIA Artisan Awards and ARIA Fine Arts Awards recipients) to be announced at the 2007 ARIA Awards, proudly brought to you by Motorola, at Acer Arena in Sydney on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Again showcasing the depth of talent across all genres of the Australian music community, the nominees range from well known icons including Silverchair, Powderfinger, John Butler Trio, Missy Higgins, The Wiggles and Keith Urban, to emerging artists such as Sneaky Sound System, Gotye, Josh Pyke, Kate Miller-Heidke, Operator Please, Architecture in Helsinki, Airbourne and Bindi Irwin.

Dance trio Sneaky Sound System have received 6 ARIA Award nominations for their debut self-titled album (plus 2 Artisan Award nominations) to be the most nominated act for the 2007 ARIA Awards. Their nomination's nods are in the Best Dance Release, Album of the Year, Single of the Year, Best Independent Release, Best Group and Best Breakthrough Artist - Album categories.

The fiercely independent John Butler Trio has been nominated for 5 ARIA Awards for their *Grand National* long player. Currently taking the JBT message to the world, John Butler Trio have been nominated in the categories of Album of the Year, Single of the Year, Best Independent Release, Best Blues and Roots Album, and Best Male Artist (John Butler).

After a lengthy absence from the studio, Silverchair are back with 4 nominations (plus 2 Artisan Award nominations) for their fifth studio album *Young Modern*. They have received nominations in the categories of Best Rock Album, Best Group, Album of the Year and Single of the Year.

Powderfinger are nominated for 4 ARIA Awards (plus 2 Artisan Award nominations) for their smash hit album *Dream Days at the Hotel Existence*. They are also nominated in the categories of Best Rock Album, Best Group, Album of the Year and Single of the Year.

Musician, writer and producer, Gotye, has scored 4 nominations (plus 2 Artisan Award nominations) for his *Mixed Blood* album. Gotye is nominated in the categories of Best Male Artist, Best Independent Release, Best Dance Release and Album of the Year. Another newcomer is the wonderful Kate Miller-Heidke, whose debut album *Little Eve* has landed her 4 nominations (plus 1 Artisan Award nomination) in the categories of Best Female Artist, Breakthrough Artist - Single, Breakthrough Artist - Album and Best Pop Release.

Receiving his maiden ARIA Award nominations is singer / songwriter Josh Pyke who has landed 3 nominations (plus 2 Artisan Award nominations) for his acclaimed debut album *Memories and Dust*. He's acknowledged in the categories of Best Adult Contemporary Album, Breakthrough Artist - Album and Best Male Artist.





Fresh-faced power pop outfit **Operator Please** are nominated twice (**Best Pop Release** and **Breakthrough Artist - Single**) for the impossibly catchy single *Just A Song About Ping Pong*. They are also nominated for 1 Artisan Award. Missy Higgins' album *On a Clear Night* has garnered her 2 ARIA Award nominations - **Best Female Artist** and **Best Pop Release**.

A number of artists are making their first appearance on the ARIA Award nominations roll call. They include Melbourne rockers **Airbourne** (nominated for **Best Rock Album** and **Breakthrough Artist - Album**), **Coco's Lunch** (nominated for **Best World Music Album** and **Best Children's Album**), **Architecture in Helsinki** (nominated for **Single of the Year**), **Something With Numbers** (nominated for **Breakthrough Artist - Single** and also nominated for 1 Artisan Award), **Small Mercies** (nominated for **Breakthrough Artist - Single**), **Expatriate** (nominated for **Breakthrough Artist - Album**), **Art of Fighting** (nominated for **Best Adult Contemporary Album**), **New Buffalo** (nominated for **Best Adult Contemporary Album**), **Damien Leith** (nominated for **Breakthrough Artist - Single**), and the inspirational **Choir of Hard Knocks** (nominated for **Best Original Soundtrack / Cast / Show Album**).

Other newcomers include the amazing **CW Stoneking** (nominated for **Best Blues and Roots Album**), **Foreign Heights**, **Jackson Jackson** and **Justice and Kaos** (all nominated for **Best Urban Release**) and **Hook'n'Sling & Kid Kenobi** and **poxyMusic** (both nominated in **Best Dance Release** category). And giving the **Best Children's Album** category a run for its money this year is first time nominee **Bindi Irwin** who is nominated for her album *Bindi Kid Fitness with Steve Irwin and The Crocmen*.

For the first time in the history of the ARIA Awards an uncle and nephew are nominated in the same category. **Dan Kelly** is nominated in the category of **Best Male Artist** alongside his uncle and band mate **Paul Kelly** who is also nominated in the **Best Adult Contemporary Album** category for *Stolen Apples*.

Other 2007 ARIA Award nominees include **Keith Urban**, **David Bridie**, **The Wiggles**, **Hi-5**, **Katie Noonan**, **Sarah Blasko**, **Monsieur Camembert**, **Hilltop Hoods**, **Kasey Chambers**, **Grinspoon**, **Richard Tognetti** and **Australian Chamber Orchestra**, **Gina Jeffreys**, **Xavier Rudd**, **James Blundell** and many, many more. Please see below for the complete list of nominees.

The 2007 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 **Wayne Connolly & Josh Pyke** have received the ARIA Award in the coveted **PRODUCER OF THE YEAR** category for Josh's critically acclaimed debut album *Memories and Dust*. The multi skilled **Wayne Connolly** has also been named **ENGINEER OF THE YEAR**, again for his work on Josh Pyke's *Memories and Dust*. Highly respected film director **Paul Goldman & Alice Bell** have taken out the ARIA Award for **BEST VIDEO** for **Silverchair's** *Straight Lines* film clip. And **Aaron Hayward & David Homer (Debaser)** have won their 2<sup>nd</sup> ARIA Award for **BEST COVER ART** for **Powderfinger's** *Dream Days at the Hotel Existence*. ARIA would like to congratulate the winners and all the nominees in the 2007 ARIA Artisan Awards.

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 October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

For the first time at the ARIA Awards nominations event, retail outlets will be honoured. **AMRA** (The Australian Music Retailers Association), in conjunction with ARIA, is proud to announce the winners of the **2007 RETAILER OF THE YEAR** Awards. The Awards are presented to five independent and five chain stores across Australia and recognise the importance of music retail to the artists, producers and promoters of music. Drum roll please for the good folk at the following chain and independent retail stores who have been honoured in the 2007 Retailer of the Year Awards:





**WINNERS - BEST CHAIN STORES**

NSW	HMV Mid City	Sydney
VIC/ TAS	JB Hi-Fi, Chadstone	Chadstone
QLD	JB Hi-Fi, Chermside	Chermside
SA/ NT	JB Hi-Fi, Adelaide	Adelaide
WA	JB Hi-Fi, Perth City	Perth

**WINNERS - BEST INDEPENDENT RETAIL OUTLETS**

NSW	Leading Edge Music	Warriewood
VIC/ TAS	Capricorn LEM	Warrnambool
QLD	Rocking Horse Records	Brisbane
SA/ NT	The Muses	Adelaide
WA	78 Records	Perth

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, October 28<sup>th</sup> just prior to the ARIA Awards.

With just over 6,000 tickets set to go on sale to the general public (all ages) at 12 noon on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**, organisers are proud to announce the first 5 live performances for the 2007 ARIA Awards. Currently performing together on the epic *Across the Great Divide* juggernaut, tour buddies and multiple nominees **SILVERCHAIR** and **POWDERFINGER** will both perform live at the ARIA Awards. Also set to perform live at the 2007 ARIA Awards are nominees **JOHN BUTLER TRIO** and **MISSY HIGGINS**. **SNEAKY SOUND SYSTEM**, arguably Australia’s hottest dance act, will also prove their live chops when they perform at the 2007 ARIA Awards. With a number of special live performances still to be announced, general public tickets are expected to go quickly and sell to capacity. Please see below for all ticketing information.

ARIA favourite **ROVE McMANUS** makes a welcome return to the stage as host of this year’s event, while Australian Idol’s **JAMES MATHISON** is back, this time reporting from behind the scenes, on the red carpet and more. They will be joined by a variety of guest presenters to be announced in coming weeks.

The **2007 ARIA Awards**, proudly brought to you by Motorola, will be held on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**, at Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park and will be telecast by broadcast partner Network Ten from 8.30pm that night with a Red Carpet special to air at 7.00pm.

(\*Please note: In a significant change to the eligibility criteria for this year’s ARIA Awards, digital sales are now eligible to be included for the purposes of determining the ARIA Awards for Highest Selling Single and Album. In order to allow all digital sales to be collated finalists for these two Awards will be announced live on Video Hits on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 8.30am. The winner in these categories will be announced live on the Red Carpet just prior to the ARIA Awards commencing.)

**2007 ARIA AWARDS KEY DATES:**

- Wednesday, September 19, 2007 - ARIA Awards tickets on sale to General Public from 12 noon
- Monday, October 15, 2007 - ARIA Fine Arts Awards, Sydney’s Conservatorium of Music
- Sunday, October 28, 2007 - 2007 ARIA Awards, Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park



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Broadcast exclusively on Network Ten from 8.30pm

**GENERAL PUBLIC TICKETS:**

Go on sale at 12 noon, Wednesday, September 19, from Ticketek - [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) or Phone 132 489

Main Concourse 'Premium' - \*\$60.00  
Club Level 'A reserve' - \*\$55.00  
Upper Concourse 'B Reserve' - \*\$35.00  
All prices including booking fees, but transaction fees apply.

**INDUSTRY TICKETS:**

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Platinum - \$475.00 inc gst  
Gold - \$425.00 inc gst  
Silver - \$375.00 inc gst

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## 2007 ARIA AWARDS NOMINEES AND ARTISAN WINNERS

### Best Cover Art - Winner in bold

Wally De Backer - Gotye - Mixed Blood (Samples 'n' Seconds/Creative Vibes)  
John Engelhardt - Hilltop Hoods - The Hard Road Restrung (Obese Records)  
**Aaron Hayward & David Homer (Debaser) - Powderfinger - Dream Days At The Hotel Existence (Universal Music)**  
Sharon Chai & Sarah Blasko - Sarah Blasko - What The Sea Wants, The Sea Will Have (Dew Process/UMA)  
Hackett Films - Silverchair - Young Modern (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)

### Best Video - Winner in bold

Ben Saunders & Germain McMicking - Augie March - The Cold Acre (Ra/Sony BMG)  
Brendan Cook - Gotye - Heart's A Mess (Samples 'n' Seconds/Creative Vibes)  
Damon Escott & Stephan Lance (Head Pictures) - Powderfinger - Lost And Running (Universal Music)  
**Paul Goldman & Alice Bell - Silverchair - Straight Lines (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)**  
Angus McDonald & Daimon Downey - Sneaky Sound System - Pictures (Whack Records/MGM)

### Engineer of the Year - Winner in bold

Doug Brady - David Campbell - The Swing Sessions (Columbia/Sony BMG)  
**Wayne Connolly - Josh Pyke - Memories & Dust (Ivy League Records)**  
Magoo - Operator Please - Just A Song About Ping Pong (Virgin/EMI)  
Paul McKercher - Sarah Blasko - What The Sea Wants, The Sea Will Have (Dew Process/UMA)  
Peter Dolso - Sneaky Sound System - Sneaky Sound System (Whack Records/MGM)

### Producer of the Year - Winner in bold

**Wayne Connolly & Josh Pyke - Josh Pyke - Memories & Dust (Ivy League Records)**  
Nash Chambers - Kasey Chambers - Carnival (Capitol/EMI)  
Magoo - Kate Miller Heidke - Little Eve (Sony BMG)  
Magoo - Sneaky Sound System - Sneaky Sound System (Whack Records/MGM)  
Phillip McKellar - Something with Numbers - Perfect Distraction (Below Par/Virgin/EMI)

### Best Classical Album - winner to be announced at ARIA Fine Arts Awards, Mon Oct 15th

Accademia Arcadia - Trio Sonatas (Tall Poppies)  
Adelaide Symphony Orchestra - Arvo Volmer - Sculthorpe Requiem and Orchestral Works (ABC Classics)  
Michael Kieran Harvey - Carl Vine: Piano Music 1990-2006 (Tall Poppies)  
Richard Tognetti, Australian Chamber Orchestra - Bach Violin Concertos (ABC Classics)  
Slava Grigoryan, Leonard Grigoryan - Impressions (ABC Classics)  
State Opera of SA, Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, Asher Fisch - Wagner: Das Rheingold (Melba Recordings)

### Best Jazz Album - winner to be announced at ARIA Fine Arts Awards, Mon Oct 15th

Alister Spence Trio - Mercury (Rufus Records/Universal Music)  
Andrea Keller Quartet - Little Claps (Jazzhead/MGM)  
Joe Chindamo and Graeme Lyall - Smokingun (Newmarket Music)  
Mark Isaacs - Resurgence (ABC Jazz)  
Mike Nock & Dave Liebman - Duologue (Birdland/Creative Vibes)

### Best Original Soundtrack/Cast/Show Album - winner to be announced at ARIA Fine Arts Awards, Mon Oct 15th

Choir of Hard Knocks - Choir of Hard Knocks (ABC Classics)  
David Bridie - Gone (Sound Vault Records)  
David Bridie - The Circuit (Sound Vault Records)  
Monsieur Camembert - Famous Blue Cheese (MGM)  
Various - The Countdown Spectacular Live (Liberation Music)





**Best World Music Album - winner to be announced at ARIA Fine Arts Awards, Mon Oct 15th**

Coco's Lunch - Blueprint (Sound Vault Records)  
Coda - Calling Mission Mu (Silent Recordings)  
Joseph Tawadros - Epiphany (Independent/Creative Vibes)  
Not Drowning Waving - Maps for Sonic Adventures (Liberation Music)  
Zulya - 3 Nights (Unstable Ape)

**Best Blues and Roots Album**

Ash Grunwald - Give Signs (Delta Groove/Shock Records)  
CW Stoneking - King Hokum (Low Transit Industries)  
Jeff Lang and Chris Whitley - Dislocation Blues (ABC Music)  
John Butler Trio - Grand National (Jarrah Records/MGM)  
Xavier Rudd - White Moth (Salt X/UMA)

**Best Children's Album**

Bindi Irwin - Bindi Kid Fitness with Steve Irwin and The Crocmen (EMI)  
Christine Anu - Chrissy's Island Family (ABC Music)  
Coco's Lunch - Rat Trap Snap (Sound Vault Records)  
Hi-5 - Wow! (Sony BMG)  
The Fairies - Fairy Beach (ABC Music)  
The Wiggles - Pop Go The Wiggles (ABC Music)

**Best Dance Release**

Gotye - Mixed Blood (Samples 'n' Seconds/Creative Vibes)  
Hook'n'Sling & Kid Kenobi - The Bump (Hussle Black)  
Sneaky Sound System - Sneaky Sound System (Whack Records/MGM)  
PoxyMusic - She Bites (Ministry of Sound)  
TV Rock vs Dukes of Windsor - The Others (Bimbo Rock/Sony BMG)

**Best Urban Release**

Bliss N Eso - Day Of The Dog (Phazed Out Illusive Sounds)  
Foreign Heights - Get Yours Remix (Grindin'/CSR)  
Hilltop Hoods - The Hard Road Restrung (Obese Records)  
Jackson Jackson - The Fire Is On The Bird (Virgin/EMI)  
Justice and Kaos - Turn It On (Warner Music)

**Best Independent Release**

Gotye - Mixed Blood (Samples 'n' Seconds/Creative Vibes)  
Hilltop Hoods - The Hard Road Restrung (Obese Records)  
John Butler Trio - Grand National (Jarrah Records/MGM)  
Sneaky Sound System - Sneaky Sound System (Whack Records/MGM)  
Wolf & Cub - Vessels (Dot Dash)

**Best Music DVD**

Kisschasy - Kisschasy The Movie (Below Par/Virgin/EMI)  
The Grates - Till Death Do Us Party (Dew Process/UMA)  
The Living End - Live at Festival Hall (Capitol/EMI)  
Various - The Countdown Spectacular (Liberation Music)  
You Am I - Who Are They, These Rock Stars? Live At The Mint (Virgin/EMI)





#### Best Rock Album

Airbourne - Runnin' Wild (Capitol/EMI)  
Grinspoon - Alibis & Other Lies (Universal Music)  
Jet - Shine On (Capitol/EMI)  
Powderfinger - Dream Days At The Hotel Existence (Universal Music)  
Silverchair - Young Modern (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)

#### Best Adult Contemporary Album

Art of Fighting - Runaways (Remote Control)  
Josh Pyke - Memories & Dust (Ivy League Records)  
Lisa Miller - Morning in the Bowl of Night (Raoul Records/Inertia)  
New Buffalo - Somewhere Anywhere (Dot Dash)  
Paul Kelly - Stolen Apples (Capitol/EMI)

#### Best Pop Release

Evermore - Light Surrounding You (Warner Music)  
Kate Miller-Heidke - Little Eve (Sony BMG)  
Missy Higgins - On A Clear Night (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)  
Operator Please - Just A Song About Ping Pong (Virgin/EMI)  
Sarah Blasko - What The Sea Wants, The Sea Will Have (Dew Process/UMA)

#### Best Comedy Release

Dave Hughes - Live (Liberation Music)  
Lano and Woodley - Goodbye (Liberation Music)  
Rodney Rude - Frog Sack (EMI)  
The 12th Man - Boned! (Virgin/EMI)  
Tripod - Songs From Self Saucing (MGM)

#### Best Country Album

Gina Jeffreys - Walks Of Life (Ocean Road Music/MGM)  
James Blundell - Ring Around The Moon (Compass Bros Records)  
Keith Urban - Love, Pain & The Whole Crazy Thing (Capitol/EMI)  
Lou Bradley - Love Someone (MGM)  
The Greencards - Veridian (Dualtone/Shock Records)

#### Breakthrough Artist - Single

Damien Leith - Night Of My Life (Sony BMG)  
Kate Miller-Heidke - Words (Sony BMG)  
Operator Please - Just A Song About Ping Pong (Virgin/EMI)  
Small Mercies - Innocent (Sony BMG)  
Something With Numbers - Apple Of The Eye (Lay Me Down) (Below Par/Virgin/EMI)

#### Breakthrough Artist - Album

Airbourne - Runnin' Wild (Capitol/EMI)  
Expatriate - In the Midst Of This (Dew Process/UMA)  
Josh Pyke - Memories & Dust (Ivy League Records)  
Kate Miller-Heidke - Little Eve (Sony BMG)  
Sneaky Sound System - Sneaky Sound System (Whack Records/MGM)





#### Best Group

Eskimo Joe - Sarah (Mushroom)  
Powderfinger - Dream Days At The Hotel Existence (Universal Music)  
Silverchair - Young Modern (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)  
Sneaky Sound System - Sneaky Sound System (Whack Records/MGM)  
Wolfmother - The Joker And The Thief (Modular/UMA)

#### Best Male Artist

Dan Kelly - Drowning In The Fountain Of Youth (Infidelity Recordings/Shock Records)  
Gotye - Mixed Blood (Samples 'n' Seconds/Creative Vibes)  
John Butler - Grand National (Jarrah Records/MGM)  
Josh Pyke - Memories & Dust (Ivy League Records)  
Paul Kelly - Stolen Apples (Capitol/EMI)

#### Best Female Artist

Kasey Chambers - Carnival (Capitol/EMI)  
Kate Miller-Heidke - Little Eve (Sony BMG)  
Katie Noonan - Time To Begin (Mushroom)  
Missy Higgins - On A Clear Night (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)  
Sarah Blasko - What The Sea Wants, The Sea Will Have (Dew Process/UMA)

#### Single of the Year

Architecture In Helsinki - Heart It Races (Scotland Yard/Shock Records)  
John Butler Trio - Funky Tonight (Jarrah Records/MGM)  
Powderfinger - Lost And Running (Universal Music)  
Silverchair - Straight Lines (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)  
Sneaky Sound System - UFO (Whack Records/MGM)  
Wolfmother - Joker And The Thief (Modular/UMA)

#### Album of the Year

Gotye - Mixed Blood (Samples 'n' Seconds/Creative Vibes)  
John Butler Trio - Grand National (Jarrah Records/MGM)  
Powderfinger - Dream Days At The Hotel Existence (Universal Music)  
Silverchair - Young Modern (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)  
Sneaky Sound System - Sneaky Sound System (Whack Records/MGM)

