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ARIA AND EMI MUSIC UNVEIL ROBBIE WILLIAMS AS THE 2009 ARIA AWARDS SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMER

Williams set to return to Australia to celebrate release of new album “Reality Killed the Video Star”

SYDNEY – ARIA (Australian Recording Industry Association) in conjunction with EMI MUSIC AUSTRALIA, is thrilled to announce **ROBBIE WILLIAMS** as special guest performer at this year’s **2009 ARIA AWARDS**, to be held at ACER ARENA on THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER.

Music fans will be able to witness the only live Australian TV performance of Robbie’s new single “Bodies” via the Nine Network’s telecast of the 2009 ARIA Awards on the evening of 26th November, followed by an encore screening on MTV Networks Australia.

ARIA Chairman, and President and CEO of Warner Music Australasia, Mr Ed St John, said today, *“With Robbie Williams confirmed as the first live performer at this year’s ARIA Awards, we are set for an absolutely stellar live event. He is a true superstar and someone that Australian music lovers have warmly embraced over the last twelve years. We are thrilled that Robbie is able to join us to perform his new single, and look forward to delivering one truly memorable music event”*.

Nine Network’s Director of Sales & Marketing, Mr Peter Wiltshire, echoed this sentiment, saying *“We are thrilled that Robbie Williams is this year’s international guest performer at the ARIA Awards. Coupled with our local talent, we will be delivering a hugely entertaining TV event.”*

Robbie Williams returns to Australia for a three day promotional tour beginning on Tuesday 24th November and culminating in his ARIA Awards performance. Robbie’s Australian visit will follow the 6th November release of his new album “Reality Killed the Video Star”. The first single from the album, “Bodies”, will be released digitally on 18th September. Both the single and album were produced by Trevor Horn and were recorded and mixed in London.

During his 12 year solo career, Robbie Williams’ global album sales have reached in excess of 55 million. In Australia, album sales are over 2.5 million and Rob has reached the #1 spot on the ARIA album chart three times.

2009 ARIA Awards - Thursday, 26 November, 2009

Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush Bay

General public ticket sales available and on sale through Ticketek in October

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About ARIA

ARIA is a national industry association representing major and independent record producers, manufacturers and distributors. It acts as an advocate for the Australian music industry, administers the labeling code of practice, provides a 'blanket' non-exclusive licensing function for copyright users and compiles industry information and research. For more information:

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About EMI Music:

EMI Music is one of the world's leading music companies, representing artists spanning all musical tastes and genres. Its record labels include Angel, Astralwerks, Blue Note, Capitol, Capitol Nashville, EMI Classics, EMI CMG, EMI Records, Manhattan, Mute, Parlophone and Virgin. Artists on EMI labels include Empire Of The Sun, Lily Allen, Coldplay, Paul Kelly, Tina Arena, You Am I, Bob Evans, Paul Dempsey, The Cat Empire, Corinne Bailey Rae, Gorillaz, Hot Chip, Norah Jones, The Kooks, Korn, Katy Perry, Joss Stone, KT Tunstall, Keith Urban and Robbie Williams.

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