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ARIA AWARDS RETURN TO TEN FROM 2010

Network Ten and the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) sign off on a multi year deal which returns television's premiere music event, the ARIA Awards, to TEN from 2010.

David Mott, Chief Programming Officer said: "What can we say, we missed each other and our time apart highlights the fact that this kind of close partnership between ARIA and TEN is rare and yields excellent results for all involved."

"The TEN audience embraces and celebrates big event television and we are committed to giving our viewers another great event which celebrates unique Aussie talent - the ARIA Awards."

Ed St John said, "The ARIA Awards is the flagship event of the Australian music calendar - a celebration of all that is great and popular in local music. The Ten Network has been our loyal partner for many of our last 24 years and it's an absolute thrill to be renewing our relationship once again. ARIA is grateful to everyone at TEN for their faith in the ARIAs and their belief in our future. I believe we're going to make great TV together."

Set to broadcast post Commonwealth Games, the event will have a multitude of changes;

"TEN has a long history of making exciting BIG event TV moments, from live Idol and Dance finales to last year's incredibly popular MasterChef finale. We see the ARIA Awards in the same exact category. All I have to say is...be prepared for something more this year." David Mott, Chief Programming Officer, Network Ten.

More detail on the event will be released in the coming weeks.

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