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Aussie band The Amity Affliction tops the ARIA Album Chart on debut as Guy Sebastian dominates singles chart ...

Hailing from Gympie, powerhouse post-hardcore outfit The Amity Affliction has debuted at number one on this week's **ARIA Album Chart** with new release 'Chasing Ghosts'. It is the band's third album following their 2008 debut 'Severed Ties', which reached #26, and 2010's 'Youngbloods' which made it to #6. Over on the **ARIA Singles Chart**, it's a familiar sight as Guy Sebastian reigns supreme at the peak with current single 'Battle Scars', now in its fifth consecutive week at number one and equal third longest running No.1 single for the year.

In a massive week for top 40 debuts with ten new entries, six of these acts force their way into the top 10. Following behind The Amity Affliction at #2 on debut is the second album from The XX, 'Coexist', which easily beats their previous best effort of a #40 peak with 2010's self-titled release. Landing at No.3 is Aussie dance duo The Presets with their third album 'Pacifica'. Their previous chart entry was 2008's 'Apocalypso', which debuted at #1 and went on to win ARIA Awards and enjoy sales of over three times platinum, whilst their debut 'Beams' peaked at #55.

Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson deliver a second successful, collaborative effort with 'Wreck & Ruin' debuting at No.6 – their previous project 'Rattlin Bones' debuted at number one back in 2008. This is Kasey's sixth top 10 album and the second for Shane. 71-year old Bob Dylan delivers his eighteenth Australian top 10 album as 'Tempest' debuts at 8, his most recent chart success coming in 2009 when 'Together Through Life' hit #5. The final top 10 debut comes from Irish band The Script with their third album '#3' landing at No.9. In 2009 their self-titled debut climbed to No. 9 also, and 2010's 'Science & Faith' peaked at No.2.

Outside the six top 10 debuts, One Direction manages to make strong headway, climbing four spots to #14 with their smash 'Up All Night', Lana Del Rey doing likewise with 'Born To Die' up from 20 to 16. The Temper Trap jumps a massive 20 places with their self-titled album, up to No.19, as 360 moves from 21 to 20 with 'Falling & Flying'. Further top 40 debuts come from edgy British pop act Rita Ora at 24 with 'Ora', dance superstar David Guetta at 25 with 'Nothing But The Beat 2.0', Amanda Palmer & The Grand Theft Orchestra at 34 with 'Theatre Is Evil' and Billy Talent's 'Dead Silence' at No.36.

In what is a much more static affair than the album chart, this week's **ARIA Singles Chart** sees the top 3 singles holding firm, Guy Sebastian followed by Birdy's 'Skinny Love' at No. 2 and Flo Rida's 'I Cry' at No.3. Taylor Swift moves up a spot to #4 with 'We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together', as does Owl City featuring Carly Rae Jepsen, up to No. 5 with 'Good Time'. The top 10 features a unique new entry, and the highest debut of the week, with the first K-Pop single to ever reach our chart, 'Gangnam Style' from Psy, debuting at No.7.

Further singles highlights this week include Pink up four places to #16 with 'Blow Me (One Last Kiss)', Ne-Yo jumping seven spots to #17 with 'Let Me Love You (Until You Learn To Love Yourself)', Rita Ora featuring Tinie Tempah with R.I.P up from 23 to 18, and Marina & The Diamonds continuing their forward momentum with 'Primadonna' up eight positions to #22.

Joining Psy in the top 40 for the first time this week is Alicia Keys featuring Nicki Minaj with 'Girl On Fire (Inferno version)' at 25, Timomatic's 'Incredible' at 27, Sam And The Womp's 'Bom Bom' at 34 and Wiley featuring Ms D at 36 with 'Heatwave'.



ARIA Top 5 Albums w/c 17th September 2012

1. The Amity Affliction 'Chasing Ghosts' (debut)
2. The XX 'Coexist' (debut)
3. The Presets 'Pacifica' (debut)
4. Birdy 'Birdy'
5. Matchbox 20 'North'

Further Top 40 Debuts:

6. Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson 'Wreck & Ruin'
8. Bob Dylan 'Tempest'
9. The Script '#3'
24. Rita Ora 'Ora'
25. David Guetta 'Nothing But The Beat 2.0'
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36. Billy Talent 'Dead Silence'

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Top 40 Debuts:

7. Psy 'Gangnam Style'
25. Alicia Keys feat. Nicki Minaj 'Girl On Fire (Inferno Version)'
27. Timomatic 'Incredible'
34. Sam & The Womp 'Bom Bom'
36. Wiley feat. Ms D 'Heatwave'

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