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Perth's Birds Of Tokyo tops ARIA Album Chart on debut

P!nk remains in the coveted number one spot on the singles chart ...

Acclaimed Perth band Birds Of Tokyo has swooped on peak position on this week's **ARIA Album Chart**, the group's new album 'March Fires' claiming a number one debut! This trumps the result of their second album 'Universes' (#3, 2008) and 2010's self-titled album, which reached No. 2. In doing so, they are the third Australian act in succession at the top of the **ARIA Album Chart**, a feat we've not witnessed since 2007 with John Butler Trio's 'Grand National', Silverchair's 'Young Modern' (which chalked up four weeks at No. 1), and then Missy Higgins with 'On A Clear Night'. The last time we saw three different Australian albums at number one on three consecutive weeks was in 2004, with Kasey Chambers' 'Wayward Angel' followed by Hillsong Church and 'For All You've Done' and John Butler Trio's 'Sunrise Over Sea'.

On the **ARIA Singles Chart** this week, it's P!nk featuring Nate Ruess triumphant once again with 'Just Give Me A Reason', the track chalking up three weeks at number one and just one week shy of P!nk's previous longest running chart topper, 'So What'.

In further **ARIA Album Chart** news, Ed Sheeran continues to make his presence felt, with '+' jumping from No. 6 to No. 2 this week. This former number one album started 2013 at No. 2 and slipped to No. 16 in recent weeks, before edging its way into the top 10 and returning with a vengeance this week! Leaping back into the top 5 is Macklemore & Ryan Lewis with 'The Heist', the album up from 7 to 5 this week. In the ten weeks of 2013, there have been eight different number one albums, 'The Heist' noteworthy as the only album to spend more than a week at the top, accruing three straight weeks in January. Further highlights include Flume, who bounces up two spots to No. 8 with his self-titled album, fun. jumping from 20 to 16 with 'Some Nights', and the iconic Russell Morris, who lands in the top 20 for the second time in his career as 'Sharkmouth' moves to No. 17, up 11 places. It's nearly 42 years since Morris first reached the top 20, 'Bloodstone' hitting No. 12 late in 1971.

Outside the top 20 and David Guetta continues to improve with 'Nothing But The Beat Ultimate', the album up from 25 to 22. Adele's '21' jumps four places to No. 23, The Black Keys' 'El Camino' moves from 32 to 29, and the Pitch Perfect Soundtrack also moves three spots to No. 34. In a chart re-awakening similar to that of Russell Morris, Rodriguez re-enters the top 40 at No. 31 with 'Cold Fact' and enjoys three albums in the ARIA top 100 ahead of his Australian tour dates. Two of these albums in fact featured in the chart in the 70's – 'Cold Fact' hit No. 23 in mid 1978 and this week's No. 78 album, 'Coming From Reality' reached No. 24 in 1979. Following Birds Of Tokyo, top 40 debuts this week come UK songstress Dido at 12 with 'Girl Who Got Away', Melbourne outfit The Drones with 'I See Seaweed' at 18 and Imagine Dragons with 'Night Visions' at 28.



Hot on the heels of P!nk this week is UK X-Factor winner James Arthur, who's single 'Impossible' moves from No. 3 to 2 on the **ARIA Singles Chart** and looks ready to challenge for top spot. Further highlights include Avicii vs. Nicky Romero racing from 8 to 4 with 'I Could Be The One', and chart-toppers Macklemore & Ryan Lewis with 'Can't Hold Us' featuring Ray Dalton blasting from 20 to No. 7, for their third straight top 10 single.

Nelly continues to edge closer to the top 10 with 'Hey Porsche' up from No. 16 to 13 this week, and Ed Sheeran's 'Small Bump' makes a large jump, up seventeen spots to No. 15. MKTO's 'Thank You' hits the top 20, up from 28 to 20, Imagine Dragons moves up from 31 to 27 with 'It's Time' and Of Monsters And Men's 'Mountain Sounds' jumps five spots to No. 33. Former chart-topper Jason Mraz leads this week's top 40 debuts with his new track 'I Won't Give Up' at 23, followed by Jessica Mauboy at 26 with 'Something's Got A Hold On Me' at 26 and Havana Brown featuring R3hab & Prophet at 38 with 'Big Banana'.

ARIA Top 5 Albums w/c 11th March 2013

1. Birds Of Tokyo 'March Fires' (debut)
2. Ed Sheeran '+'
3. P!nk 'The Truth About Love'
4. Bruno Mars 'Unorthodox Jukebox'
5. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis 'The Heist'

Further Top 40 Debuts:

12. Dido 'Girl Who Got Away'
18. The Drones 'I See Seaweed'
28. Imagine Dragons 'Night Visions'

ARIA Top 5 Singles w/c 11th March 2013

1. P!nk feat. Nate Ruess 'Just Give Me A Reason'
2. James Arthur 'Impossible'
3. Baauer 'Harlem Shake'
4. Avicii vs. Nicky Romero 'I Could Be The One'
5. Rihanna feat. Mikky Ekko 'Stay'

Top 40 Debuts:

23. Jason Mraz 'I Won't Give Up'
26. Jessica Mauboy 'Something's Got A Hold On Me'
38. Havana Brown feat. R3hab & Prophet 'Big Banana'

ARIA Top 5 Streaming Tracks w/c 11th March 2013

1. Nick Voss 'U Are The One'
2. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Mary Lambert 'Same Love'
3. Flume 'Holdin On'
4. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Wanz 'Thrift Shop'
5. Of Monsters And Men 'Little Talks'

Top 40 Debuts:

35. James Blake 'Retrograde'



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