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**Sandi Thom number one on Motorola ARIA Top 100 Singles Chart,
James Blunt takes honours on Top 100 Album Chart**

The longest running number one single of 2006, **Sandi Thom's "I Wish I Was A Punk Rocker (With Flowers In My Hair)"**, has taken number one position on the **Motorola ARIA Top 100 Singles Chart 2006**. Thom's debut single achieved sales in excess of Platinum and spent an incredible 10 weeks at number one throughout the year.

Australian dance act **TV Rock featuring Seany B** came in at number two with the massive hit "Flaunt It", followed by Shakira featuring Wyclef Jean at 3 with "Hips Don't Lie", Justin Timberlake's "SexyBack" at 4 and rounding out the top 5 singles of 06, Scissor Sisters with "I Don't Feel Like Dancin'".

Australian acts Youth Group, Young Divas and Lee Harding all made the top 10, with a total of 23 local artists falling within the top 100 singles. Shannon Noll scored 3 singles within the top 100 and The Veronicas, Evermore, Kate DeAraugo, Eskimo Joe and Young Divas each made 2 contributions.

"Back To Bedlam", **James Blunt's** incredibly successful debut album, has topped the **Motorola ARIA Top 100 Album Chart 2006**. With sales exceeding eight times Platinum, "Back To Bedlam" was number one for 8 weeks across the year, spawning 3 singles, "High", "You're Beautiful" and "Wisemen".

Following at number 2 is P!nk's "I'm Not Dead", one of 2006's most consistent overall album sellers, with Australian artists making up the top 5 – Human Nature at 3 with "Reach Out: The Motown Record", Wolfmother's self-titled debut at 4 and Damien Leith at 5 with "The Winners Journey". Rogue Traders, Eskimo Joe, The 12th Man and The Veronicas placed at 6, 7, 9 and 10 respectively, giving a total of 7 Australian acts within the top 10! 33 local releases made it into the Top 100 Album Chart 2006.

Mr John Parker, Chairman, ARIA Chart & Marketing Committee and General Manager, Marketing and Promotions, Sony BMG, emphasised what a great result it was for local artists, saying today, "It's fascinating each year to see how the top 100 charts play out; to see Australian acts so heavily represented is a nod to quality and appeal of our local talent. The fact that the album chart is so heavily dominated by Aussies – 7 locals within the top 10 and 10 within the top 20 – demonstrates that the industry continues to develop and market music that consumers want to be a part of".

The Motorola ARIA End Of Year Charts 2006 have been compiled using sales data accumulated from each chart between 26/12/05 to 1/1/07.

The Motorola ARIA Charts are available each week on www.ariacharts.com.au

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