



It's the Final Countdown!

FIRST ROUND OF PRESENTERS FOR THE 2009 ARIA AWARDS REVEALED

With the **2009 ARIA Awards** now just days away, ARIA (Australian Recording Industry Association) is excited to announce the initial lineup of presenters who will be joining the stellar cast for the evening's ceremony and celebrations. A highlight on the entertainment calendar and one of this country's biggest Awards nights, the **2009 ARIA Awards** event is set to take place this **Thursday 26 November** at **Acer Arena** in Sydney and promises to be a spectacular event being staged 'In the Round' for the first time.

Stepping up alongside the ARIA Awards hosts **Gyton Grantley** and **Kate Ritchie** will be some of this country's finest music artists, including the darling of Australian pop music and multi ARIA Award winner, **Missy Higgins**. After touring her album *On a Clear Night* throughout the USA in 2009, she returns to Sydney and the ARIA Awards, this time on other side of the dais as an Award presenter.

Touted as one of Australia's sexiest people and winner of the 'Favourite Female Personality' at the 2009 ASTRA Awards, Sydney's "It girl" of the moment, **Ruby Rose** will take time out from her MTV hosting duties to present at the ARIA Awards. Joining Ruby will be guitar wunderkind **Orianthi**. No stranger to the big stage, at 24 years of age she has played with the likes of Steve Vai and Carlos Santana. Most recently she was invited a member of Michael Jackson's band for the "This Is It" tour. Together **Ruby Rose** and **Orianthi** will present the ARIA for **Best Urban Release**.

Bathing in the success of two-platinum singles and her chart topping debut solo album *1000 Stars* alongside an acclaimed turn as host of *So You Think You Can Dance* for the last two seasons, **Natalie Bassingthwaighe** will lend her star-power to the evening's proceedings. And the roll call of exceptional ladies from the Australian music scene continues with Melburnian songstress **Vanessa Amorosi** on board to grace the stage at this year's ARIAs. Amorosi has recently achieved her very first number one ARIA chart single "This is Who I Am", from her brand new album *Hazardous*.

One of the country's most loved singers, **Guy Sebastian** will also appear at the event. His recently released single from the album of the same name, "Like It Like That" has given the pop hero his fourth number one single in Australia whilst the album has ensured Guy his fifth consecutive top 10 album result.





And last but certainly not least, we are proud to announce that one of this country's favourite rock bands, who have racked up a massive total of fifteen ARIA Awards over the years, **Powderfinger** will join the 2009 line up to present the ARIA Award for **Best Group**. They've just released their sixth studio album *Golden Rule*, which has landed straight at number one on today's **ARIA Album Chart**, and from it the first single and rebel yell of "All of the Dreamers".

These presenters will join the crème de la crème of Australian music artists confirmed to perform at the 2009 ARIA Awards: **The Temper Trap, Sarah Blasko, Kate Miller-Heidke, Lisa Mitchell, Empire of The Sun, Ladyhawke, Hilltop Hoods, Jessica Mauboy, Keith Urban** and one and only **Robbie Williams**.

The **2009 ARIA Awards** will be the telecast on the **Nine Network** from **8.30** on the evening of **Thursday, 26 November**, followed by an encore screening on MTV on Friday, 27 November at 5.30pm.

2009 ARIA Awards

Thursday, 26 November 2009

Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

Telecast on Nine Network, 8.30pm, Thursday, 26 November

A very special live red carpet broadcast will take place on MTV from 7.30pm on Thursday, 26 November followed by an encore screening on Friday, 27 November - red carpet at 4.30pm and 2009 ARIA Awards at 5.30pm

GENERAL PUBLIC TICKETS: Limited tickets are still available to the general public
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