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## **Flo Rida, Kings Of Leon and André Rieu top end of year charts** **ARIA unveils 2008's Top 100 Singles, Albums & Digital Tracks, Top 50 Music DVDs**

"Low", the double platinum smash from Flo Rida featuring T-Pain, has topped the **ARIA 2008 Top 100 Singles and Digital Track Charts\***. "Low" spent three weeks at number one, an incredible 19 weeks in the top 10 and 37 weeks in the top 50, ensuring it was the dominant single of 2008. Flo Rida also had a further two singles within the top 100 and the album "Mail On Sunday" landed at #66 on the **ARIA 2008 Top 100 Album Chart\***.

The number one album of 2008 came from Kings Of Leon – the US rock band's fourth studio album "Only By The Night" outselling all other releases to claim top spot on the **ARIA 2008 Top 100 Album Chart**. The band's dominance was clearly evident by the success of the first two singles lifted from the album, with "Sex On Fire" spending 4 weeks at number one during the latter part of '08, finishing at #5 on the end of year chart, with "Use Somebody" at #30. Chalking up sales in excess of 350,000 units, "Only By The Night" spent 4 weeks at number one and has not left the top 5 since its release. Topping off an incredible year for the band, their previous albums "Because Of The Times" and "Aha Shake Heartbreak" landed at #46 and #81 respectively in the end of year chart.

P!nk's "Funhouse" has placed at #2 in the **ARIA 2008 Top 100 Album Chart**. This is a position she attains for a third consecutive year, having finished the end of charts for both 2006 and 2007 with the album "I'm Not Dead" at 2. "Funhouse" debuted at number one back in November and has remained in this position for 9 consecutive weeks, the longest reigning number one album since 2001's Moulin Rouge Soundtrack.

Along with Kings Of Leon, both Miley Cyrus and André Rieu finished with 3 albums in the **ARIA 2008 Top 100 Album Chart**. AC/DC leads the Aussie contingent with "Black Ice" at #3, the band contributing 13 different titles to the ARIA Top 100 Album Chart at various times throughout the year. Following AC/DC, the leading local artists on the end of year album chart are The Presets at #5 with "Apocalypso", Gabriella Cilmi at #13 with "Lessons To Be Learned" and The Veronicas at #17 with "Hook Me Up". Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu sits just outside of the top 20, with his ARIA Award winning album "Gurrumul" finishing at 21 for the year. Australian releases make up 25% of the **2008 ARIA Top 100 Album Chart**.

In summary, the top 5 on the **ARIA 2008 Top 100 Album Chart** sees Kings Of Leon at 1, P!nk at 2, AC/DC at 3, Coldplay's triple platinum seller "Viva La Vida" at 4, with The Presets rounding out the five.

The top 5 on the **ARIA 2008 Top 100 Singles Chart** displays Flo Rida featuring T-Pain at one, P!nk with "So What" at two, and leading the Australian artists, Gabriella Cilmi at 3 with "Sweet About Me", the single having spent 5 weeks at number one through the year. At four is Leona Lewis with her debut single "Bleeding Love", which was also on top for 5 weeks, and at five, Kings

Of Leon's "Sex On Fire". Seven artists contributed three singles to the end of year chart – Flo Rida, The Veronicas, The Presets, Britney Spears, Chris Brown, Jordin Sparks and Rihanna.

The top 5 on the **ARIA 2008 Top 100 Digital Track Chart** saw Flo Rida featuring T-Pain at one with "Low", followed by Kings of Leon at two with "Sex On Fire" and P!nk at three with "So What". Jason Mraz came in at four with "I'm Yours" and Lady GaGa & Colby O'Donis at five with "Just Dance", with Gabriella Cilmi again leading the Aussie pack at six with "Sweet About Me".

André Rieu blitzed the **ARIA 2008 Top 50 Music DVD Chart\***, finishing the year on top with the multi-platinum smash "Live In Australia". His music DVDs hold positions one to six on the chart, and he has no less than 7 titles in the top 10 and 21 in the chart overall. P!nk's "Live From Wembley Arena" and "Live In Dublin" also made the top 10, as did Celine Dion with "Live In Las Vegas".

\*The ARIA 2008 End Of Year Charts have been compiled using sales data accumulated from each chart between 7/1/08 to 29/12/08

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