



AND THE 2013 ARIA AWARD GOES TO...

The sold out 2013 ARIA Awards capped off an extraordinary year for the Australian music industry at its new home at The Star Event Centre, Sydney. In a year that saw 13 Australian albums go to #1, making it the most successful year for Australian albums in ARIA Charts history, this year's event certainly showcased and celebrated what a remarkable year 2013 has been for Australian music and artists.

Guests at The Star Event Centre and the fans watching on GO! were treated to a spectacular performance from multiple 2013 ARIA Award recipient Flume (with special guest Isabella Manfredi from The Preatures) delivering an epic rendition of 'The Greatest View', a song Flume originally wrote for Intel and features on the deluxe edition of his self-titled album. While ARIA Album Of The Year recipients, Tame Impala closed the night in-style with a performance of their track 'Feels Like We Only Go Backwards'.

They were joined on this year's phenomenal line up by ARIA Award winners Jessica Mauboy and Samantha Jade as well as ARIA-nominated artists Birds Of Tokyo, Vance Joy, Bliss N Eso and Sheppard, as well as the spectacular DJ sets from Alison Wonderland, Stafford Brothers, The Faders and The Potbelleez.

ARIA CEO Dan Rosen said: *2013 has been a remarkable year for Australian music and that was certainly evident with the wealth of talent present in the room tonight. The collection of tonight's winners and performers shows the amazing talent currently in the Australian music industry and ARIA is proud to be able to present these artists to the Australian public and celebrate their achievements. ARIA congratulates all of tonight's winners, in particular Tame Impala, Flume, Guy Sebastian and Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds who all won multiple ARIA Awards."*

International superstar Alicia Keys delivered a truly captivating performance of her hit single 'Girl On Fire' and her brand new single, 'Brand New Me' and Lorde capped off her stellar year performing for the very first time on Australian TV and blowing the audience away with her gold-selling single 'Team'.

In amongst the celebrations, the Australian music industry reflected on the passing of two dearly loved and respected ARIA Hall Of Fame Inductees, Mr Yunupingu and Chrissy Amphlett, who was paid homage to by a spellbinding performance of 'Pleasure And Pain' by ARIA Award winning artists, Hayley Mary from The Jezabels and Sally Whitwell.

Denis Handlin AM, ARIA Chairman and Chairman & CEO of Sony Music Entertainment Australia & New Zealand and President, Asia said: *"The 27th Annual ARIA Awards were truly a great*

celebration of Australian music across a wide range of, genres, brilliant artists and performances. It was also an honour to induct Air Supply into the ARIA Hall of Fame and to remember the lives of two special artists lost to our industry in the past 12 months. We would like to thank all of the 2013 ARIA Awards presenting partners as well as Destination NSW, The Star and GO! for their valued support in making the ARIA Awards such a wonderful event.”

NSW Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Arts, George Souris, has praised the 27th ARIA Award winners, saying it was wonderful to see so many artists from around Australia celebrating their music talents in Sydney, the home of the ARIA Awards and Australia’s major events capital.

“The NSW Government, through our tourism and major events agency Destination NSW, is pleased to support the ARIA Awards and ARIA Week in 2013. Sydney is the vibrant, creative centre of the Australian music industry and staging the ARIA Awards in our global city confirms NSW as the number one state for staging high profile creative industries events,” Mr Souris said. *“I congratulate all 27th Annual ARIA Award winners and wish them, and the Australian music industry, a successful and prosperous future.”*

Beloved Australian duo, Russell Hitchcock and Graham Russell, better known as Air Supply, the band that have been delivering impeccably produced love songs for almost four decades, were inducted in to the ARIA Hall Of Fame to an overwhelming and rousing reaction from the crowd. ARIA congratulates one of Australia’s most unique and successful musical stories.

The very first *ARIA Industry Icon Award* was presented to Michael Gudinski at the Chariman’s Cocktail Party by Denis Handlin AM, ARIA Chairman and Chairman & CEO of Sony Music Entertainment Australia & New Zealand and President, Asia. More than 40 years since co-founding Mushroom Records and Mushroom Music Publishing, Michael Gudinski is still passionately taking Australian music to the world and ARIA congratulates Michael on an amazing 40 years of achievement.

Jason ‘Jabba’ Davis gave the fans a glimpse of all the action backstage at The Star Event Centre delivering the inside scoop with the biggest names at the 2013 ARIA Awards on the ARIA YouTube Channel (<http://www.youtube.com/TheARIAOfficial>).

ARIA extends their thanks and gratitude to the wonderful presenters and the fabulous David Jones Black Carpet hosts at the 2013 ARIA Awards: Alicia Keys, Clare Bowditch, Cody Simpson, Connie Mitchell (Sneaky Sound System), Dan & Maz (Today Network), Gossling, Jessica Gomes, James Kerley, John Butler, Joseph Tawadros, Josh Pyke, Kate Peck, Katie Noonan, Kram (Spiderbait), McAlister Kemp, Missy Higgins, Nina Las Vegas (triple j), Phil Jamieson, Richard Wilkins, Rodney ‘Darkchild’ Jerkins, Samantha Jade, Smallzy (Nova), Stafford Brothers, Sussan Mourad, Tim Blackwell (Nova) and ARIA Award recipients for Best Comedy Release, Tom and Alex (triple j).

Everyone can relive the magic moments from the 2013 ARIA Awards as this year live performances from the event will be available to stream exclusively on Rdio the next day (Monday, December 2). Go to: onrdio.com or download the Rdio app for free. Rdio, one of the world’s most popular music streaming services is a proud partner of the 27th Annual ARIA Awards.

ARIA wishes to thank its partners and sponsors, Destination NSW, The Star, GO!, David Jones, Qantas, Rdio, Sonos, PPCA, Hard Rock Cafe, Coopers and Samsung.

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2013 ARIA AWARD RECIPIENTS

FLUME

'FLUME'

Best Male

Best Dance Album

Breakthrough Artist – Release

(Presented by PPCA)

Producer Of The Year

TAME IMPALA

'LONERISM'

Album Of The Year

Best Group

Best Rock Album

(Presented by Hard Rock Cafe)

GUY SEBASTIAN

'ARMAGEDDON'

Best Pop Release

Best Australian Live Act

(Presented By Qantas)

'Get Along Tour'

NICK CAVE & THE BAD SEEDS

'PUSH THE SKY AWAY'

Best Independent Release

Best Adult Contemporary Album

JESSICA MAUBOY

'TO THE END OF THE EARTH'

Best Female Artist

MATT CORBY

'RESOLUTION'

ARIA Song Of The Year

(Presented by the Today Network)

RUSSELL MORRIS
'SHARKMOUTH'
Best Blues and Roots Album

JUSTINE CLARKE
'A LITTLE DAY OUT WITH JUSTINE CLARKE'
Best Children's Album

TOM & ALEX
'THE BITS WE'RE LEAST ASHAMED OF'
(triple j)
Best Comedy Release

KASEY CHAMBERS AND SHANE NICHOLSON
'WRECK & RUIN'
Best Country Album

KARNIVOOL
'ASYMMETRY'
Best Hard Rock/Heavy Metal Album

ILLY
'BRING IT BACK'
Best Urban Album

SAMANTHA JADE
'FIRESTARTER'
Best Video (*Presented by YouTube*)
Directed by Christopher Frey

ONE DIRECTION
'TAKE ME HOME'
Best International Artist

AIR SUPPLY
ARIA Hall Of Fame

MICHAEL GUDINSKI
ARIA Industry Icon Award

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