2010 ARIA AWARDS NOMINATIONS & ARTISAN AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Angus & Julia Stone, Sia, Birds of Tokyo, Guy Sebastian and Washington Lead Nominations

Australian Music Fans Get To Cast Their Votes!

Sydney, Australia - Tuesday, 28 September, 2010 - With just weeks until the 2010 ARIA Awards take place at the iconic Sydney Opera House (Sunday, 7 November on Network Ten) the nominees across a record 31 categories were announced today at the ARIA Nominations event at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Also announced were the winners in the four ARIA Artisan Award categories, the first cabs off the rank to be acknowledged by their peers for their creative contributions.

The nominations are an intriguing mix of new and established music artists and set the scene for what should be the most unique ARIA Awards yet. The nominations feature six brand new categories including four which will be open to the music loving public to add their voice to the final outcome. The nominations encompass the new peer voted categories of BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST, [formerly Breakthrough Single and Album] BEST HARD ROCK / HEAVY METAL ALBUM and BEST ADULT ALTERNATIVE ALBUM.

In what is sure to be a hit among music lovers, for the first time in ARIA Awards history, Australian music fans will be given the opportunity to vote in four brand new categories. Three of these categories - MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN SINGLE, MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ALBUM and MOST POPULAR INTERNATIONAL ARTIST - the final nominees are based on the top selling singles and albums in the eligibility period (Friday, 28 August, 2009, to Saturday, 21 August, 2010 inclusive). The remaining category is MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST and the nominees for this Award are pooled from the finalists in 26 categories of this year’s ARIA Awards (excluding ARIA Artisan Awards nominees).

Australian music fans will be given the first ever opportunity to determine who will take home these Publicly Voted ARIA Awards presented by V Energy Drink. The winners of these four Awards, as determined by Australian music fans, will be announced during the telecast for the 2010 ARIA Awards on Sunday, 7 November.

From 14 October, fans can go to www.ariaawards.com.au/energypopularvote and cast their vote to determine the first ever Popular Voted ARIA Awards across all four categories. You can also vote from www.facebook.com/venergyoz or www.facebook.com/aria.official.

The first round of voting finishes on Thursday, 28 October, with the final 5 nominations in each category announced on Sunday, 31 October and everyone gets a second chance to vote one last time up until 11:59pm on Saturday, 6 November with the winner announced at the ARIA’s on Sunday, 7 November.

Now, let’s get down to business! Leading the nominations for 2010 are a number of artists who have received six nominations a-piece for their outstanding work.
Sensational sibling duo, **ANGUS & JULIA STONE**, have received six nominations for their critically acclaimed No. 1 album *Down the Way*, acknowledged by their industry peers in the categories of BEST GROUP, SINGLE OF THE YEAR (*Big Jet Plane*) and for the coveted ALBUM OF THE YEAR. They are also nominated in the brand new categories of BEST ADULT ALTERNATIVE ALBUM, MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ALBUM and MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST.

Also receiving six nominations is pop powerhouse, **SIA**, whose album *We Are Born* has proven to be a big hit with the ARIA voting academy. She is nominated for BEST POP RELEASE, SINGLE OF THE YEAR (*Clap Your Hands*), ALBUM OF THE YEAR, BEST INDEPENDENT RELEASE. She is also nominated for BEST FEMALE ARTIST, and in the new category of MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST.

Perth quartet **BIRDS OF TOKYO** have scored six nominations for their self titled album in the categories of BEST ROCK ALBUM, BEST MUSIC DVD, SINGLE OF THE YEAR (*Plans*), BEST GROUP, MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST and ALBUM OF THE YEAR.

Pop-soul singer **GUY SEBASTIAN** has picked up six nominations for his hit album, *Like I Like That*. He is recognised in the categories of BEST POP RELEASE and BEST MALE ARTIST. He is also nominated twice for MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN SINGLE (*Art of Love* and *Like it Like That*), MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ALBUM and MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST.

Singer/songwriter **MEGAN WASHINGTON** (who performs under the name WASHINGTON) makes her ARIA Awards’ debut by picking up six nominations for her impressive album, *I Believe You Liar*. She is nominated in the categories of SINGLE OF THE YEAR (*How to Tame Lions*), BEST FEMALE ARTIST and ALBUM OF THE YEAR. She is also nominated in the brand new categories of BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST, BEST ADULT ALTERNATIVE ALBUM and MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST.

Two Perth acts at the opposite end of the music spectrum have received five nominations apiece for the 2010 ARIA Awards. On the back of the Number 1 album, *April Uprising*, multiple ARIA Award winners **JOHN BUTLER TRIO** have been nominated in the categories of BEST BLUES AND ROOTS ALBUM, BEST INDEPENDENT RELEASE, MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ALBUM and MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST. Lead singer/songwriter **JOHN BUTLER** is also nominated in the category of BEST MALE ARTIST.

Newcomers **TAME IMPALA** make their ARIA Awards debut with their psychedelic rock album *Innerspeaker*. They have received five nominations for BEST ROCK ALBUM, BEST GROUP and ALBUM OF THE YEAR and are also nominated in the new categories of BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST and MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST.

The irresistible **TEMPER TRAP** return with five ARIA Award nominations for SINGLE OF THE YEAR (*Love Lost*), BEST GROUP and in three new categories MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ALBUM (*Conditions*), MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN SINGLE (*Sweet Disposition*) and MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST.

In their swansong year, **POWDERFINGER** have racked up four ARIA nominations for their final album - the Number 1 hit *Golden Rule*. Currently on their mega farewell tour of Australia, the quintet is nominated for BEST ROCK ALBUM and BEST GROUP and in the two new categories MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ALBUM and MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST.

Charismatic singer / songwriter **DAN SULTAN** has also been given four ARIA nods off the back of his album *Get Out While You Can*. He is nominated for BEST BLUES AND ROOTS ALBUM, BEST MALE ARTIST, BEST INDEPENDENT RELEASE and MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ARTIST.

Artists who have been nominated for three ARIA Awards each are **CLOUD CONTROL** (*Bliss Release*), **EDDY CURRENT SUPPRESSION RING** (*Rush To Relax*), **KYLIE MINOGUE** (*Aphrodite*) and **VANESSA AMOROSI** who is nominated for MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN ALBUM (*Hazardous*), MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN SINGLE (*This Is Who I Am*) and again in the same category for *Mr. Mysterious*. Also receiving three Finalist placings are

The winners of the 2010 ARIA ARTISAN AWARDS were announced and presented to ANGUS & JULIA STONE in the category of BEST COVER ART for Down the Way and KRIS MOYES in the category of BEST VIDEO for Sia’s Clap Your Hands. Respected engineer WAYNE CONNOLLY has scored the ARIA Award for ENGINEER OF THE YEAR for his work on Paul Dempsey’s Fast Friends. And in their debut as record producers ANGUS & JULIA STONE also take out the category of PRODUCER OF THE YEAR for their work on the songs Black Crow, For You, Santa Monica Dream, Yellow Brick Road, Walk It Off, Hush from their No. 1 album, Down The Way.

Members of the ARIA Awards voting academy will be asked to vote in a 2nd and final round of voting which will commence on Tuesday, 5 October to Friday, 8 October. This second round of voting will only heighten and intensify the speculation as to who will take out the coveted ARIA ALBUM OF THE YEAR.

Nominations in the categories of BEST CLASSICAL ALBUM, BEST JAZZ ALBUM, BEST WORLD MUSIC ALBUM and BEST ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK/CAST/SHOW ALBUM have also been announced and feature an impressive collection of musicians including Alexander Tsiboulski, Paul Dyer and the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, David Hobson, Geoffrey Lancaster, Richard Tognetti, Christopher Moore, The Australian Chamber Orchestra, Teddy Tahu Rhodes, Dick & Christa Hughes, James Morrison, Joe Chindamo, Joseph Tawadros, The Necks, Burkhard Dallwitz, Christopher Gordon, Archie Roach, Mamadou Diabate, Bobby Singh & Jeff Lang, The Public Opinion Afro Orchestra, Xavier Rudd and a number of artists who have contributed to Soundtrack/Cast/Show Albums.

In a major break from tradition, the sixteen genre categories will be announced at a very special five night roll out in the final week lead up to the ARIA Awards from Monday November 1 to Friday November 5. The feeling is that this five night stand will be a very hot ticket. A formal announcement on this is expected in shortly.

NSW Minister for Major Events, Kevin Greene wished all the finalists in the ARIA Awards the best of luck.

“The NSW Government through Events NSW is thrilled to support the ARIA Awards, this year for the first time taking place at the iconic Sydney Opera House. The revamped event will include giant screens broadcasting the awards ceremony to thousands of music fans gathered on the forecourt along with live performances by finalists and ARIA Award winners.

“Our global city is the natural home for the ARIA Awards. We are the hub for Australia’s recording industry with the four major record labels having their headquarters in Sydney. The NSW music sector directly employs around 8,000 people, 42 percent of employment.”

“Sydney Opera House provides a spectacular backdrop to showcase Australia’s best music talent to the world” he said.
GENERAL PUBLIC TICKETS:
General Admission (including GST but excluding booking and transaction fees) - $92.00
General Admission and Red Carpet Gallery Experience (including GST but excluding booking and transaction fees) - $149.00
Premium packages are also available from Showbiz (1300 474 697/www.showbiz.com.au) and Preferred Seating (02 9352 3313 / www.preferredseating.com.au)

INDUSTRY TICKETS:
For all enquiries please contact Evelyn Parker - evelyn@markpopemusic.com
Platinum - $495 incl GST
Gold - $445 incl GST

With performances and special guest presenters to be announced, fans can expect as unique a broadcast as ever with eleven Awards, six performances, incredible production values and a stellar backdrop that promises to deliver an exciting event.

2010 ARIA AWARDS KEY DATES:

WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 2010
ARIA HALL OF FAME
HORDERN PAVILION
Broadcast by SBS Television’s RocKwiz on Saturday, 30 October at 9.20pm.

FROM MONDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 2010
Stand by for a unique roll out of the winners in the 16 genre Award categories as we roll into the final week

SUNDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 2010
2010 ARIA AWARDS
SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE
Broadcast on Network Ten at 8.30pm on Sunday, 7 November ‘MTV at the ARIA Red Carpet’ will air on MTV on Sunday, 7 November at 6.30pm

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2010 ARIA AWARD FINALISTS:

**Album of the Year**
Angus & Julia Stone - Down The Way (Original Matters/EMI)
Birds of Tokyo - Birds Of Tokyo (EMI)
Sia - We Are Born (Monkey Puzzle/Inertia)
Tame Impala - Innerspeaker (Modular Recordings)
Washington - I Believe You Liar (Mercury/UMA)

**Single of the Year**
Angus & Julia Stone - Big Jet Plane (Original Matters/EMI)
Birds of Tokyo - Plans (EMI)
Sia - Clap Your Hands (Monkey Puzzle/Inertia)
The Temper Trap - Love Lost (Liberation Music)
Washington - How To Tame Lions (Mercury/UMA)

**Best Female Artist**
Clare Bowditch - Modern Day Addiction (Island/UMA)
Kylie Minogue - Aphrodite (Mushroom Records/Warner Music)
Lisa Mitchell - Oh! Hark! (Warner Music Australia)
Sia - We Are Born (Monkey Puzzle/Inertia)
Washington - I Believe You Liar (Mercury/UMA)

**Best Male Artist**
Dan Kelly - Dan Kelly's Dream (Shock)
Dan Sultan - Get Out While You Can (MGM)
Guy Sebastian - Like It Like That (Sony Music)
John Butler - April Uprising (Jarrah Records/MGM)
Paul Dempsey - Fast Friends (EMI)

**Best Group**
Angus & Julia Stone - Down The Way (Original Matters/EMI)
Birds of Tokyo - Birds Of Tokyo (EMI)
Powderfinger - Golden Rule (UMA)
Tame Impala - Innerspeaker (Modular Recordings)
The Temper Trap - Love Lost (Liberation Music)

**Best Independent Release**
Art vs Science - Magic Fountain (Green/MGM)
Dan Sultan - Get Out While You Can (MGM)
Eddy Current Suppression Ring - Rush to Relax (Suppression Records/Shock)
John Butler Trio - April Uprising (Jarrah Records/MGM)
Sia - We Are Born (Monkey Puzzle/Inertia)

**Best Adult Alternative Album**
Angus & Julia Stone - Down The Way (Original Matters/EMI)
Basement Birds - Basement Birds (Basement Birds)
Clare Bowditch - Modern Day Addiction (Island/UMA)
The Cat Empire - Cinema (EMI)
Washington - I Believe You Liar (Mercury/UMA)
Whitley - Go Forth, Find Mammoth (Dew Process/Universal Music)
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Best Adult Contemporary Album
Angie Hart - Eat My Shadow (ABC Music)
Crowded House - Intriguer (UMA)
Jimmy Barnes - The Rhythm and the Blues (Liberation Music)
Lisa Miller - Car Tape 2 (Raoul/Other Tongues)
Perry Keyes - Johnny Ray's Downtown (Laughing Outlaw/Inertia)

Best Blues & Roots Album
Ash Grunwald - Hot Mama Vibes (Delta Groove/Shock)
Dan Sultan - Get Out While You Can (MGM)
Jeff Lang - Chimeradour (ABC Music)
John Butler Trio - April Uprising (Jarrah Records/MGM)
The Wilson Pickers - Shake It Down (ABC Music)

Best Children's Album
Greta Bradman - Forest Of Dreams: Classical Lullabies To Get Lost In (Sony Music)
Jay Laga'aia - I Can Play Anything (ABC Music)
Justine Clarke - Great Big World (ABC Music)
Little Kasey Chambers, Poppa Bill and the Little Hillbillies - Little Kasey Chambers, Poppa Bill and the Little Hillbillies (Liberation Music)
The Wiggles - Let's Eat! (ABC Music)

Best Classical Album
Alexander Tsiboulski - Australian Guitar Music (Naxos/Select Audio-Visual Distribution)
Australian Brandenburg Orchestra & Paul Dyer - Tapas - Tastes Of The Baroque (ABC Classics)
Li-Wei Qin - Beethoven Cello Sonatas (Decca/UMA)
David Hobson - Enchanted Way (ABC Classics)
Geoffrey Lancaster - Haydn: Complete Keyboard Sonatas, Vol. 1 (Tall Poppies Records)
Richard Tognetti, Christopher Moore, Australian Chamber Orchestra - Mozart Violin Concertos (BIS Records/Select Audio-Visual Distribution)
Teddy Tahu Rhodes - Bach Arias (ABC Classics)

Best Jazz Album
Dick & Christa Hughes - Twenty First Century Blues (ABC Music)
James Morrison & The Idea Of North - Feels Like Spring (ABC Jazz)
Joe Chindamo - Another Place Some Other Time (Jazzhead/MGM)
Joseph Tawadros - The Hour of Separation (Independent/Planet)
The Necks - Silverwater (Fish of Milk/Shock)

Best Original Soundtrack/Cast/Show/Album
Burkhard Dallwitz - Underbelly - Original Television Soundtrack (Sony Music)
Christopher Gordon & Various Artists - Mao's Last Dancer (Sony Music)
triple J's Tribute To Paul Kelly (ABC Music)
Various Artists - Bran Nue Dae (Sony Music)
Various Artists featuring Luke Steele, Empire of the Sun & The Middle East - Accidents Happen (Sandcastle Music/MGM)

Best World Music Album
Joseph Tawadros - The Prophet: Music Inspired By The Poetry of Kahlil Gibran (Planet/Independent)
Mamadou Diabate, Bobby Singh & Jeff Lang - Djyan Djyan (ABC Music)
The Public Opinion Afro Orchestra - Do Anything Go Anywhere (The Public Opinion Afro Orchestra/MGM)
Xavier Rudd - Koonyum (Sun Salt/X)
Best Comedy Release
Andrew Hansen, Chris Taylor & Craig Schuftan - The Blow Parade (ABC Music)
Arj Barker - Arj Barker Forever (Beyond Home Entertainment, Punchline Comedy)
Heath Franklin - Heath Franklin's Chopper: Make Deadsh*t's History (Beyond Home Entertainment, Punchline Comedy)
Jimeoin - Jimeoin on Ice Live (Beyond Home Entertainment, Punchline Comedy)
The Bedroom Philosopher - Songs from the 86 Tram (Nanpop Records/Shock)

Best Country Album
Adam Harvey - Both Sides Now (Sony Music)
Catherine Britt - Catherine Britt (ABC Music)
Jason Walker - Ceiling Sun Letters (Laughing Outlaw/Inertia)
Lee Kernaghan - Planet Country (ABC Music)
The McClymonts - Wrapped Up Good (UMA)

Best Dance Release
Art vs Science - Magic Fountain (Green/MGM)
Miami Horror - Sometimes (EMI)
Midnight Juggernauts - The Crystal Axis (Siberia/Inertia)
Pendulum - Immersion (Warner Bros UK)
Yolanda Be Cool and Dcup - We No Speak Americano (Sweat it Out/Central Station Records)

Best Hard Rock/Heavy Metal Album
Airbourne - No Guts, No Glory (EMI)
Dead Letter Circus - This is the Warning (Warner Music Australia)
Parkway Drive - Deep Blue (Resist Records/Shock)
The Amity Affliction - Youngbloods (Boomtown/Shock)
Violent Soho - Violent Soho (Liberation Music)

Best Music DVD
Birds of Tokyo - The Broken Strings Tour DVD (MGM)
Bliss N Eso - Flying Colours Live (Illusive Sounds)
Josh Pyke - The Lighthouse (Ivy League)
Various - Sound Relief (Liberation Music)
Various - Before Too Long: triple j's Tribute to Paul Kelly (ABC Music)

Best Pop Release
Bluejuice - Head of the Hawk (Dew Process/Universal Music)
Empire of the Sun - Half Mast (EMI)
Guy Sebastian - Like It Like That (Sony Music)
Kylie Minogue - Aphrodite (Warner Music Australia)
Sia - We Are Born (Monkey Puzzle/Inertia)

Best Rock Album
Birds of Tokyo - Birds Of Tokyo (EMI)
Cloud Control - Bliss Release (Ivy League Records/Universal)
Eddy Current Suppression Ring - Rush to Relax (Suppression Records/Shock)
Powderfinger - Golden Rule (UMA)
Tame Impala - Innerspeaker (Modular Recordings)
Best Urban Album
Bliss N Eso - Running on Air (Illusive Sounds)
Lowrider - Round the World (Illusive Sounds)
M-Phazes - Good Gracioso (Obese Records)
Space Invadas - Soul-Fi (Invada/Inertia)
Urthboy - Spitshine (Elefant Traks/Inertia)

Breakthrough Artist
Amy Meredith - Restless (Sony Music)
Cloud Control - Bliss Release (Ivy League Records/Universal)
Philadelphia Grand Jury - Hope is for Hopers (Normal People Making Music/Boomtown/Shock)
Tame Impala - Innerspeaker (Modular Recordings)
Washington - I Believe You Liar (Mercury/UMA)

2010 ARIA ARTISAN AWARD NOMINEES - WINNERS IN BOLD

Best Video
Alex Roberts - Art vs Science, Magic Fountain (Green/MGM)
Ewan MacLeod - Sarah Blasko, Bird On A Wire (Dew Process/Universal Music)
Head Pictures - Powderfinger, All Of the Dreamers (UMA)
Kiku Ohe - Angus & Julia Stone, Big Jet Plane (Original Matters/EMI)
Kris Moyes - Sia, Clap Your Hands (Monkey Puzzle/Inertia)

Engineer of the Year
Jeff McCormack - Adam Harvey, Both Sides Now (Sony Music)
John Castle - Washington, I Believe You Liar (Mercury/UMA)
Rick Will - Grinspoon, Six To Midnight (UMA)
Victor Van Vugt - Clare Bowditch, Modern Day Addiction (Island/UMA)
Wayne Connolly - Paul Dempsey, Fast Friends (EMI)

Producer of the Year
Angus & Julia Stone - Angus & Julia Stone, Black Crow, For You, Santa Monica Dream, Yellow Brick Road, Walk It Off, Hush (Original Matters)
Charles Fisher & Hoodoo Gurus, Purity Of Essence (Sony Music)
Forrester Savel - Dead Letter Circus, This is the Warning (Warner Music Australia)
Lisa Miller and Shane O'Mara - Lisa Miller, Car Tape 2 (Raoul/Other)
Scott Horscroft & Adam Spark - Birds Of Tokyo, Birds Of Tokyo (EMI)

Best Cover Art
Angus & Julia Stone - Angus & Julia Stone, Down The Way (Original Matters/EMI)
Cameron Gray & Scott Smith - Dead Letter Circus, This is the Warning (Warner Music Australia)
David Horner & Aaron Hayward, Debaser - Birds Of Tokyo, Birds Of Tokyo (EMI)
Debaser - Bluejuice, Head of the Hawk (Dew Process/Universal Music)
Leif Podhajsky - Tame Impala, Innerspeaker (Modular Recordings)
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Most Popular Australia Album
Angus & Julia Stone - Down The Way
Empire Of The Sun - Walking On A Dream
Guy Sebastian - Like It Like That
Jimmy Barnes - The Rhythm and the Blues
John Butler Trio - April Uprising
Kate Miller-Heidke - Curiouser
Powderfinger - Golden Rule
Stan Walker - Introducing
The Temper Trap - Conditions
Vanessa Amorosi - Hazardous

Most Popular Australian Single
Brian McFadden - Just Say So
Gabriella Cilmi - On A Mission
Guy Sebastian - Like It Like That
Guy Sebastian - Art of Love (featuring Jordin Sparks)
Kate Miller-Heidke - The Last Day on Earth
Stan Walker - Black Box
The Temper Trap - Sweet Disposition
Vanessa Amorosi - This is Who I am
Vanessa Amorosi - Mr. Mysterious
Yolanda Be Cool & DCup - We Speak No Americano

Most Popular International Artist
Beyoncé
Black Eyed Peas
David Guetta
Eminem
Jason Derulo
Katy Perry
Ke$ha
Lady Gaga
Michael Bublé
Mumford & Sons
Owl City
Rod Stewart
Susan Boyle
Taylor Swift
Train