



## 2007 ARIA AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

### The Comeback Kids and The New Kids in Town

Silverchair, Gotye, Sneaky Sound System, Sarah Blasko, Josh Pyke, Operator Please, The John Butler Trio and more take home the gongs

Under total media embargo until 10.30pm Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>: In front of a capacity crowd at Sydney's Acer Arena, the 2007 ARIA Award winners have been announced, serving up an eclectic mix of winners in a year of big music releases and artists on-the-verge. The honourees include **Gotye**, **Sneaky Sound System**, **Operator Please**, **Josh Pyke**, **Sarah Blasko**, **The John Butler Trio**, **Missy Higgins**, **Keith Urban** and more.

It was a star-studded night featuring performances by some of the biggest names in the business - **Powderfinger**, **Missy Higgins**, **Sneaky Sound System**, **Gotye**, **Kate Miller-Heidke** and **Operator Please**. In a very special treat for guests and viewers of the ARIA Awards, proudly presented by Motorola, **John Butler** and **Keith Urban**, two of Australia's finest guitarists, came together for a one off performance of **The John Butler Trio's *Funky Tonight***, adding an exciting element to this very special event! **Rove McManus** hosted, ably assisted by **James Mathison**, **Delta Goodrem**, **The Waifs**, **Darren Hayes**, **Hamish and Andy**, **Ben Lee**, **Megan Gale**, **The Chaser's Andrew Hansen** and **Chris Taylor**, **Julia Zemiro**, **Divinyls' Chrissy Amphlett** and **Mark McEntee**, **Clare Bowditch**, **Dave Hughes** and **Natalie Bassingthwaighe**.

But the night belonged to comeback kids **Silverchair**, who took out five (5) ARIA Awards for their long awaited album ***Young Modern***, their first LP release in more than five years. The trio have won ARIA Awards for **SINGLE OF THE YEAR (*Straight Lines*)**, **BEST GROUP**, **BEST ROCK ALBUM (*Young Modern*)** and **MOTOROLA HIGHEST SELLING SINGLE (*Straight Lines* - announced earlier today on the ARIA Awards red carpet)**. For the first time in their 12-year music career Silverchair has also won the prestigious ARIA Award for **ALBUM OF THE YEAR** for the widely acclaimed ***Young Modern***, their fifth studio album. Silverchair has been nominated in the **ALBUM OF THE YEAR** category with each album release and have finally cracked the big one. ***Young Modern*** debuted at number one on the Motorola ARIA Album Chart, becoming their 5<sup>th</sup> straight consecutive studio album to top the chart and making them the only Australian band to ever have five number one albums. Five is indeed a lucky number for the mighty Silverchair!

Capping off a big year, **The John Butler Trio** has won two (2) ARIA Awards off the back of their fourth studio album, ***Grand National***, in the categories of **BEST BLUES AND ROOTS ALBUM** and **BEST INDEPENDENT RELEASE**. Arguably **The John Butler Trio's** most diverse album to date, ***Grand National*** has struck a chord with JBT fans and critics everywhere.

Hugely popular independent dance trio **SNEAKY SOUND SYSTEM** has broken through to win two (2) ARIA Awards for their self-titled album in the categories of **BEST DANCE RELEASE** and **BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST - ALBUM**.

Meanwhile it might be ***Just a Song About Ping-Pong*** but it was enough to capture the ARIA voting academy's ears. Young upstarts **OPERATOR PLEASE** have taken out the ARIA Award for **BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST - SINGLE** with the infectiously catchy song that's taken not only Australia, but the UK by storm.

In the heavyweight category of **BEST MALE ARTIST**, a dark horse has emerged. The multi talented Melbourne based musician **GOTYE** (aka Wally de Backer), has taken out the honours for ***Mixed Blood***, a remix album of songs from his extraordinarily successful sophomore release ***Like Drawing Blood***. A relative newcomer, the wildly unique **GOTYE** is the name on everyone's lips.

**Missy Higgins** has reclaimed the title of **BEST FEMALE ARTIST**, an ARIA Award she first received in 2005. She won this year for her work on her wonderful, acoustically driven second album ***On a Clear Night***.





In the category of **BEST POP RELEASE** the incredible singer / songwriter **Sarah Blasko** has received her maiden ARIA Award for her hauntingly beautiful album *What The Sea Wants, The Sea Will Have*.

Sydney based troubadour **JOSH PYKE**, another artist on the verge, his second ARIA Award for the year in the category of **BEST ADULT CONTEMPORARY ALBUM** (having previously won the Artisan Award for Producer of the Year). The Awards are courtesy of his fine debut album *Memories and Dust*.

Irish eyes must be smiling! The charmingly talented **Damien Leith** has won the category of **MOTOROLA HIGHEST SELLING ALBUM** (announced earlier today on the ARIA Awards red carpet) for his debut album *The Winner's Journey*.

**Keith Urban** adds another trophy to his mantelpiece, winning the ARIA Award in the category of **BEST COUNTRY ALBUM** for his *Love, Pain & The Whole Crazy Thing* release.

**The Wiggles** has received the ARIA Award (their 6<sup>th</sup> in this category) for **BEST CHILDRENS ALBUM** (*Pop Go the Wiggles*). Sam (the Yellow one), Murray (the Red one), Jeff (the Purple one) and Anthony (the Blue one) have rewritten the book about how children can be entertained with song and dance.

**Hilltop Hoods** has taken out the category of **BEST URBAN RELEASE** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, this time with their hip hop symphony reworking of the phenomenally successful album *The Hard Road, The Hard Road Restrung*.

Funny man **Dave Hughes** has scored an ARIA Award in the category of **BEST COMEDY RELEASE** for his *Live* album. **You Am I** has also added another ARIA award to its collection, this time for the cranking DVD *Who Are They, These Rock Stars? Live At The Mint* (**BEST MUSIC DVD**).

And finally, **Nick Cave**, one of Australia's most respected musicians, was inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame joining **Radio Birdman, Hoodoo Gurus, Brian Cadd, Marcia Hines, Jo Jo Zep and the Falcons and Frank Ifield** as the cast of 2007.

**2007 ARIA AWARDS**  
Proudly brought to you by Motorola  
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Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

**Broadcast exclusively on Network Ten from 8.30pm**

The 2007 ARIA Awards featured **NICK CAVE, POWDERFINGER, SILVERCHAIR, THE JOHN BUTLER TRIO, KEITH URBAN, MISSY HIGGINS, SNEAKY SOUND SYSTEM, GOTYE, OPERATOR PLEASE, KATE MILLER-HEIDKE, ROVE McMANUS, JAMES MATHISON, DELTA GOODREM, DARREN HAYES, MEGAN GALE, HAMISH and ANDY, BEN LEE, THE CHASERS' ANDREW HANSEN and CHRIS TAYLOR, JULIA ZEMIRO, THE WAIFS, DIVINYLS' CHRIS AMPHLETT and MARK McENTEE, CLARE BOWDITCH, NATALIE BASSINGTHWAIGHTE and DAVE HUGHES**

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## 2007 ARIA AWARD WINNERS

### Hall of Fame Inductee

Nick Cave

### Album of the Year

Silverchair - Young Modern (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)

### Single of the Year

Silverchair - Straight Lines (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)

### Best Group

Silverchair - Young Modern (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)

### Best Rock Album

Silverchair - Young Modern (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)

### Motorola Highest Selling Single

Silverchair - Straight Lines (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)

### Best Blues and Roots Album

The John Butler Trio - Grand National (Jarrah Records/MGM)

### Best Independent Release

The John Butler Trio - Grand National (Jarrah Records/MGM)

### Best Dance Release

Sneaky Sound System - Sneaky Sound System (Whack Records/MGM)

### Breakthrough Artist - Album

Sneaky Sound System - Sneaky Sound System (Whack Records/MGM)

### Best Male Artist

Gotye - Mixed Blood (Samples 'n' Seconds/Creative Vibes)

### Best Female Artist

Missy Higgins - On A Clear Night (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)

### Best Music DVD

You Am I - Who Are They, These Rock Stars? Live At The Mint (Virgin/EMI)

### Best Adult Contemporary Album

Josh Pyke - Memories & Dust (Ivy League Records)

### Best Pop Release

Sarah Blasko - What The Sea Wants, The Sea Will Have (Dew Process/UMA)

### Best Urban Release

Hilltop Hoods - The Hard Road Restrung (Obese Records)

### Best Comedy Release

Dave Hughes - Live (Liberation Music)





**Best Children's Album**

The Wiggles - Pop Go The Wiggles (ABC Music)

**Best Country Album**

Keith Urban - Love, Pain & The Whole Crazy Thing (Capitol/EMI)

**Breakthrough Artist - Single**

Operator Please - Just A Song About Ping Pong (Virgin/EMI)

**Motorola Highest Selling Album**

Damien Leith - The Winner's Journey (Sony BMG)

**2007 ARIA FINE ARTS AWARD WINNERS PRESENTED ON 15 OCTOBER, 2007**

**Best Classical Album**

Richard Tognetti, Australian Chamber Orchestra - Bach Violin Concertos (ABC Classics)

**Best Jazz Album**

Mike Nock & Dave Liebman - Duologue (Birdland/Creative Vibes)

**Best Original Soundtrack/Cast/Show Album**

Choir of Hard Knocks - Choir of Hard Knocks (ABC Classics)

**Best World Music Album**

Zulya - 3 Nights (Unstable Ape)

**2007 ARIA ARTISAN AWARD WINNERS PRESENTED ON 19 SEPTEMBER, 2007**

**Best Cover Art**

Aaron Hayward & David Homer (Debaser) - Powderfinger - Dream Days At The Hotel Existence (Universal Music)

**Best Video**

Paul Goldman & Alice Bell - Silverchair - Straight Lines (Eleven/Virgin/EMI)

**Engineer of the Year**

Wayne Connolly - Josh Pyke - Memories & Dust (Ivy League Records)

**Producer of the Year**

Wayne Connolly & Josh Pyke - Josh Pyke - Memories & Dust (Ivy League Records)

