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News Release

Brisbane, 28th June, 2012:

2012 Queensland Music Awards Finalists Announced

The 2012 Queensland Music Awards is shaping up to be one of the most memorable nights of the year, with QMusic today announcing a stellar list of finalists and live performances.

Nearly fifty judges from across the country have selected an amazing list of finalists, including **Cub Scouts, Mosman Alder, Harmony James, Dubmarine, The Medics and many more**. Joining these artists are the nominees for Arts Queensland's \$10,000 Billy Thorpe Scholarship supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. Please see below for the full list of finalists in all categories.

Winners across 20 categories will be announced at the 2012 event, which takes place at Brisbane's historic Old Museum building on August 14. This year's QMAs will also showcase performances from some of Queensland's best acts including the legendary **Ed Kuepper, Ball Park Music, The Art of Sleeping, The McMenamins** and more.

Music fans will also get their own chance to win big by voting in The Courier-Mail People's Choice Awards. By voting for their favourite artists in the Most Popular Female, Most Popular Male and Most Popular Group categories, they'll be in the draw to win a festival prize pack, which includes tickets to the Big Day Out, Harvest, Woodford, Soundwave, BIGSOUND Live and the Queensland Music Awards. Voting opens today through the Courier Mail website at www.couriermail.com.au/gma

Limited tickets for the Queensland Music Awards event go on sale through oztix on July 5th and are \$44 for QMusic members and \$55 for non-members.

2012 QUEENSLAND MUSIC AWARDS

August 14 | The Old Museum, Bowen Hills

Featuring performances by:

Ed Kuepper | Ball Park Music | The Art of Sleeping | Gentle Ben and His Sensitive Side

Marialy Pacheco | Rainman | The McMenamins | Velociraptor

For more details visit www.queenslandmusicawards.com.au

2012 QUEENSLAND MUSIC AWARDS FINALISTS

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Artist</u> | <u>Region</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| POP | | |
| I Still Don't Believe | Busby Marou | Brisbane |
| Do You Hear | Cub Scouts | Brisbane |
| I'll Change Your Mind | Kate Miller-Heidke | Brisbane |
| Mr Polite | The Jungle Giants | Brisbane |
| ROCK | | |
| Dollar Chills | DZ Deathrays | Brisbane |
| Winter Was The Time | Jeremy Neale | Brisbane |
| I Don't Write No Sad Songs | Texas Tea | Brisbane |
| Summertime | The Keep On Dancin's | Brisbane |
| ELECTRONIC/DANCE | | |
| M&R | Bec Laughton | Brisbane |
| Underwater | Carly Dickenson | Brisbane |
| Stratosphere | Pigeon | Brisbane |
| Xplodes When Played ft. Kitch | Shola | Brisbane |
| BLUES / ROOTS | | |
| Looking Glass | Kingfisha | Brisbane |
| Wanderlust | LOW PRESSURE PRODUCTIONS | Sunshine Coast |
| Golden | LOW PRESSURE PRODUCTIONS | Sunshine Coast |
| Love Me Longtime Swing | Pete Cullen | Sunshine Coast |
| HEAVY | | |
| Dawn To Rise | A Breach of Silence | Brisbane |
| Empty Smile | A Breach of Silence | Brisbane |
| Devil Blues | Black Mustang | Brisbane |
| Relic | Lynchmada | Gold Coast |
| JAZZ | | |
| Finality | Lauren Lucille | Brisbane |
| Dresden | Marialy Pacheco | Brisbane |
| Flood Lines | Toby Wren Quartet | Brisbane |
| Rich and Famous | Toby Wren Quartet | Brisbane |
| SCHOOLS | | |
| New Beginning | Becc Holdorf | Scenic Rim |
| Rainstorm | Jordan Brodie | Cairns |
| You Could Be Happy | Sahara Beck | Sunshine Coast |
| Bang Bang Bang | Sahara Beck | Sunshine Coast |
| INDIGENOUS | | |
| Unconditional | Dubmarine | Brisbane |
| Red Roses | Sue Ray | Toowoomba |
| Golden Bear | The Medics | Brisbane |
| Griffin | The Medics | Brisbane |
| URBAN | | |
| Unconditional | Dubmarine | Brisbane |
| Take This Message | Impossible Odds | Brisbane |
| The Valley | Rainman | Brisbane |
| Good Thing (ft. Mr Hill) | Seven | Gold Coast |

COUNTRY

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|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Cyclone Country | 8 Ball Aitken | Brisbane |
| The Old Man's Gone | Brad Butcher | Brisbane |
| Precious Little | Harmony James | Ipswich |
| Red Roses | Sue Ray | Toowoomba |

WORLD

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|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Unconditional | Dubmarine | Brisbane |
| The Vespa with a Bullbar | Greshka | Brisbane |
| Icarus Falling | LAIQUE | Brisbane |
| Panini Fandango | Lüke | Brisbane |

FOLK / SINGER SONGWRITER

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|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| The Great Divorce | Kate Martin | Townsville |
| The Alphabet Song | Texas Tea | Brisbane |
| Raisin Heart | Mosman Alder | Brisbane |
| Fever | Paul Donoghue | Brisbane |

CHILDRENS MUSIC

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Australia is a Dangerous Place | Tyrone and Lesley | Brisbane |
| The Goat and the Goose | Nadia Sunde | Sunshine Coast |
| Alphabet Groove | BoomTish | Brisbane |
| The Hopping Mouse | The Lamplights | Gold Coast |

REGIONAL

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|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Rainstorm | Jordan Brodie | Cairns |
| Tom Whisky Blues | Pete Cullen | Sunshine Coast |
| Lover Evermore | Sue Ray | Toowoomba |
| All I've Found | LOW PRESSURE PRODUCTIONS | Sunshine Coast |

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

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|----------------|--------------|----------|
| The Cat | Ben Salter | Brisbane |
| Bloodstreams | DZ Deathrays | Brisbane |
| Magnetic North | Kellie Lloyd | Brisbane |
| Secret Rituals | The Grates | Brisbane |

EXPORT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Emma-Louise
DZ Deathrays
Last Dinosaurs
The Grates

BILLY THORPE SCHOLARSHIP

Jeremy Neale
The Secret Whisper
Astrid and the Asteroids
Cold and Need

Continued...

THE COURIER-MAIL PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

Vote online at www.couriermail.com.au/gma

Most Popular Female Artist

Emma Louise
Patience Hodgson
Harmony James
Kate Miller-Heidke
Washington
Katie Noonan

Most Popular Male Artist

Andrew Redford
Tim Steward
Troy Cassar-Daley
Pete Murray
Danny Widdicombe
8 Ball Aitken

Most Popular Group

Busby Marou
Ball Park Music
Last Dinosaurs
The Medics
DZ Deathrays
The Grates

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