



## FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN MUSIC AWARDS



**NGAIIRE, MOJO JUJU, CHRISTINE ANU, CLAIRE EDWARDES and ALICE SKYE** are among the stellar list of finalists in the **2019 Australian Women in Music Awards (AWMA)**, to be presented at a star-studded ceremony, concert and party in **Brisbane on Wednesday 9 October**.

This year's AWMA's include three new award categories for **Excellence in Classical Music, Music Journalism and Image Making**. Producers, Engineers, Film Makers, Photographers, Songwriters, Industry Leaders, Artist Managers and more are set to be acknowledged and celebrated in their own right at this year's ceremony – recognition that has gone untapped for far too long in an industry built on creativity and tenacity!

*“Queensland is pleased to host the AWMA's for the second consecutive year, profiling our state's commitment to gender equality and providing opportunities for women,”* said **The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk, Premier of Queensland and Minister for Trade**.

*“The AWMA's are a fantastic addition to Queensland's vibrant arts scene. They are another great opportunity to showcase the tremendous creativity and depth of talent of our many female artists and I hope it's a springboard to further and well-deserved success,”* said **The Honourable Di Farmer, Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence**.

*“As well as the opportunity to celebrate tremendous talent, AWMA provides a platform for artists and music practitioners including those in regional and remote areas, to come together, to learn and empower one another. We received almost double the nominations this year, from every state and across all areas of diversity, reflecting the urgent need for change in the Australian music industry,”* said **AWMA Founding Director and Executive Producer, Vicki Gordon**.

Fifteen AWMA's will be up for grabs following the public nomination process and judging by a prestigious group of industry professionals and practitioners. A special award will once again be presented to this year's inductee for the AWMA Honour Roll 2019.

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The AWMA Ceremony, Concert and Party will include a dazzling mix of music genres and some of Australia's biggest music names and most inspiring artists, with performances featuring **RENÉE GEYER, KATIE NOONAN, CLARE BOWDITCH, MELINDA SCHNEIDER, NGAIRE, KAYLAH TRUTH, CHERYL BARKER, TAMARA-ANNA CISLOWSKA** and more.

In addition to the awards night, the AWMA's will host a two-day program at the Brisbane Powerhouse on 8 & 9 October that includes a series of thought-provoking forums and panel discussions (***Visibility in Hip Hop: Women On The Front Line, The Art of Rebellion: The Intersection of Music & Politics, Image Making: The Changing Face of Music***), and a keynote address by noted broadcaster, musician, writer, teacher and philanthropist **EDDIE AYRES**.

### [\*\*FINALISTS PHOTO GALLERY\*\*](#)

## **AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN MUSIC AWARD FINALISTS**

### **ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Christine Anu  
Nai Palm  
NGAIIRE

### **CREATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Claire Edwardes  
Elaine Chia  
Katie Noonan

### **DIVERSITY IN MUSIC AWARD**

Christine Anu  
Lisa Cheney & Peggy Polias (Making Waves)  
NGAIIRE

### **EMERGING ARTIST AWARD**

Alice Skye  
Ella Fence  
Lisa Caruso

### **EXCELLENCE IN CLASSICAL MUSIC AWARD**

Caroline Almonte  
Claire Edwardes  
Sarah-Grace Williams

### **EXCELLENCE IN IMAGE MAKING AWARD**

Chloe Jean  
Melaine Knight  
Ntombi Moyo

### **FILMMAKER AWARD**

Aimée-Lee Xu Hsien Curran  
Tashi Hall

### **HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Alison Hams  
Dami Im  
Lindy Morrison, OAM

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Joy McKean, OAM  
Marcia Hines, AM  
Vika and Linda Bull

**LIVE PRODUCTION AWARD**

Jenny Moon  
Kait Hall  
Laurie May

**MUSIC JOURNALIST AWARD**

Ange McCormack  
Jane Gazzo  
Jules LeFevre

**MUSIC LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Elise Reitze-Swensen  
Lynette Irwin  
Sue Telfer

**MUSIC PHOTOGRAPHER AWARD**

Jessica Vaini  
Kerrie Geier  
Tashi Hall

**SONGWRITER AWARD**

Mojo Juju  
NGAIIRE  
Thelma Plum

**STUDIO PRODUCTION AWARD**

Elise Reitze-Swensen (Feels)  
Kathy Naunton  
Virginia Read

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