

AWMA AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN MUSIC AWARDS

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Australian Women in Music Awards Finalists Announced

Kasey Chambers, Deborah Conway, Mo'Ju, Alice Ivy, Tana Douglas, Mawunyo Gbogbo and Katie Noonan are among an outstanding list of finalists for this year's Australia Women in Music Awards (AWMA).

Now in its fifth year, AWMA attracted a record number of nominations across 19 award categories spanning all music genres and acknowledging the many behind-the-scenes roles vital to the Australian music industry.

The 2024 AWMA Ceremony and Concert will be held on **2 October** at **The Fortitude Music Hall**, in Meanjin/Brisbane, where music industry leaders and guests will gather for a star-studded evening, featuring 'black carpet' arrivals and curated performances around the theme 'From Rock to Opera'.

AWMA is a fully inclusive event which shines a light on the immense talent and contribution made by women, non-binary, GNC and LGBTQI+ people of all cultures and Country, working across all genres and all areas of the Australia music industry.

This year's Awards include a new category, the Opera Australia Impact Award, as part of a new partnership with Opera Australia. The finalists are Sydney-based musical composer and vocalist **Andrée Greenwell**; Melbourne-born soprano, producer and stage director **Linda Thompson**, and Queensland singer/composer **Jessica O'Donoghue**.

Three of the country's finest performers will vie for the Artistic Excellence Award with **Kasey Chambers, Mo'Ju** and **Katie Noonan** named in the list of finalists. Trailblazing roadie **Tana Douglas** is a finalist in the Live Production Touring Award and this year's Lifetime Achievement Award, along with **Kasey Chambers** and **Deborah Conway**.

A full list of the AWMA 2024 Finalists is provided.

AWMA Founding Executive Producer and Program Director Vicki Gordon said this year's Awards attracted more than 400 nominations, including one-in-five from regional areas, and a similar proportion of nominees from culturally diverse and First Nations backgrounds.

"A hallmark of AWMA is our capacity to reach women and disadvantaged communities from diverse backgrounds whilst raising the collective voice to promote the importance of gender equality in the music industry," Vicki Gordon said.



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The AWMA finalists were assessed by a 48-member Juror Council led by Queensland musician and educator **Dr Diana Tolmie**.

Dr Tolmie said: "The jurors had their work cut out for them. Jurors commented how impressed they were with the inspiring stories of the nominees, and felt privileged to help celebrate the diversity and tenacity of such music professionals."

AWMA is supported by government, industry and community partners, cementing its place as one of the most progressive award ceremonies on the Australian music industry calendar, as well as being a critical movement for change.

Queensland Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women Shannon Fentiman said: "This incredible list of finalists demonstrates the amazing talents of women in this industry who still do not receive enough recognition in mainstream awards.

"These awards are an important way to promote gender equality and diversity and the Miles Government is a proud supporting partner."

AWMA tickets will go on sale early next month.

In addition to the Awards Ceremony and Concert on 2 October, AWMA will announce another ground-breaking Conference Program with a series of forums that bring industry and community leaders together at the Queensland Multicultural Centre, at Kangaroo Point, on 1 October 2024.

FULL LIST OF FINALISTS PROVIDED ON NEXT PAGE

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- ARIA Executive Leader Game Changer Award:** Chris Erskine, Paula Girvan, Sean Warner
- Opera Australia Impact Award:** Andrée Greenwell, Linda Thompson, Jessica O'Donoghue
- Lifetime Achievement Award:** Kasey Chambers, Deborah Conway, Tana Douglas
- Tina Arena Special Impact Award:** Shweta Krishnamurthy (aka Xylo Aria), Rebecca Price, Emma Watkins
- Humanitarian Award:** Liz Archer, Gemma Farrell, Jodie Kell
- Diversity in Music Award:** Morwenna Collett, Toni Janke, Sandra Morales
- Excellence in Classical Music Award:** Miriam Gordon-Stewart, Sonya Lifschitz, Karin Schaupp
- Women in Heavy Music Award:** Mikaila Delgado, Moni Lashes, Tiana Speter
- Creative Leadership Award:** Phoebe Bennett, Kat McGuffie, Chelsea Wilson
- Artistic Excellence Award:** Kasey Chambers, Mo'Ju, Katie Noonan
- Studio Production Award:** Charlotte Adelle, Rebecca Price, Becki Whitton
- Live Creative Production Award:** Janelle Colquhoun, Sharni Honor, Anusha Matthews
- Live Production Touring Award:** Tana Douglas, Jenny Hong, Katy Richards
- Music Leadership Award:** Susan Cotchin, Kerry Kennell, Kat McGuffie
- Songwriter Award:** Shannon Busch (WILSN), Alice Ivy, Mo'Ju
- Emerging Artist Award:** Mathilde Anne, Ruby Archer, Cassidy Paris
- Music Photographer Award:** Izzie Austin, Lucinda Goodwin, Brittany Long
- Filmmaker Award:** Izzie Austin, Jess Milne, Tori Styles
- Music Journalist Award:** Mawunyo Gbogbo, Tait McGregor, Ellie Robinson

Honour Roll and Inspiration Award recipients will also be announced at AWMA on 2 October 2024.

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