

QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR STATEWIDE SONG-WRITING COMPETITIONS 'ON SONG' and 'SCORE IT!'

Queensland's next crop of young composers and a totally new wave of talented young song writers were selected today, with **Queensland Music Festival** announcing the finalists for its 2019 'Score IT!' and 'On Song' competitions.

Judged by a panel of Australian leaders in music – including acclaimed songwriter **Jack Carty** award-winning screen composer and orchestrator **Cameron Patrick**, Queensland Conservatorium Senior Lecturer **Gerardo Dirie**, Griffith Film School Senior Lecturer and Sound Designer **Steve Reinthal** and **Queensland Music Festival Artistic Director Katie Noonan**, - both competitions have provided young musicians from around the state the unique opportunity to participate in real-world music writing challenges and to create their own piece of music to be critiqued.

In 2019, **Score IT!** invited students to compose a unique piece of music, written to accompany a short film that was provided to them, while **On Song** called on singer songwriters from around Queensland, to put their best original track forward.

"I've had the pleasure of judging the On Song competition in the past" Said On Song judge Jack Carty. "Each year the talent pool gets larger and larger, and the level of skill gets higher and higher. 2019 has been no exception...in fact; this year might be our best applicants yet!"

Among the finalists for Score IT! Junior is Noosa-based tenth-grader **Jack Curry** and **Elliena Escott** – a Gold Coast local, regarded as a **one woman orchestra** that plays **11 instruments** – who is celebrating being a finalist for the second time, this time in the **Score IT! Senior** category.

Tenth grader **Harrison Wilkes** from **Balmoral State School** and **Kaito Nelson** from **Ipswich Grammar School** have both secured spots for **Score IT! Junior**, while **Noosa Pengari Steiner School's Imogen Ferdinando** and grade 12 student **Miguel Cescotto** from **Anglican Church Grammar School** are **Score IT! Senior** finalists.

Score IT! Plus welcomes back Rockhampton twelfth grader **Lachlan Moulds**, who previously placed 4th in 2018's **Score IT!** competition, as well as Brisbane students **William Elvin** (who previously placed 2nd in 2018's **Score IT! Plus** category) and **Tara Lynam** and Bundaberg based student **Andrew Udal**.

2019's **On Song** finalists also includes a wealth of musical talent, with **six young musicians** from as far north as **Townsville** and as far south as **Toowoomba**, being announced today.

17 year old musician **Izack Hunt** who has already had music appear on TV shows like ABC's *The Heights* and 14 year old Brisbane local **Felicity Kircher**, a multi-instrumentalist that plays the violin, guitar, piano, banjo and mandolin are among the crop.

They're joined by **Toowoomba's Emma Burton**, **Townsville** local **Matilda Duncan** who has shared the stage with acts like **The Rubens**, 16 year old **Eumundi** local **Maddison Clarke** and 14 year old Bella Fenlon from **Eimeo**, just north of Mackay.

The selected musicians from across the state will all come together in Brisbane to participate in a series of songwriting and performance workshops led by **Jack Carty**. All finalists from **On Song** and **Score IT!** will also receive a **RØDE AI-1 Complete Studio Kit** to help them continue producing music beyond the festival.

The week will culminate in a performance alongside Jack at **QPAC's Green Jam event on Friday 12 July**.

Music students, musicians and members of the public can also get involved in Score IT! with a public lecture by renowned composer and orchestrator, **Cameron Patrick**, who will be returning to Brisbane to share his Hollywood industry knowledge of composing and orchestrating for blockbuster films at the **Score IT! Public Lecture on July 26**.

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ON SONG + SCORE IT! FINALISTS 2019

(In Alphabetical Order)

SCORE IT! – JUNIOR:

Jack Curry - Sunshine Beach State High School, Noosa
Kaito Nelson - Ipswich Grammar School, Ipswich
Harrison Wilkes – Balmoral State High School, Balmoral

SCORE IT! – SENIOR:

Miguel Cescotto – Anglican Church Grammar School, Brisbane
Elliena Escott - Trinity Lutheran College, Gold Coast
Imogen Ferdinando – Noosa Pengari Steiner School, Doonan

SCORE IT! – PLUS:

William Elvin – Hubbards School – Brisbane
Tara Lynam – Loreto College - Brisbane
Lachlan Moulds – Rockhampton Grammar School – Rockhampton
Andrew Udal – Bundaberg Christian College – Bundaberg

ON SONG:

Emma Burton – Toowoomba
Maddison Clarke – Eumundi
Matilda Duncan – Townsville
Bella Fenlon - Eimeo
Izack Hunt – Sunshine Beach
Felicity Kircher – Brisbane

ON SONG @ GREEN JAM

With Jack Carty

Melbourne Street Green, QPAC - Brisbane

Friday 12 July – 5:30 PM

Free Event

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SCORE IT! PUBLIC LECTURE

With Cameron Patrick

Ian Hanger Recital Hall - Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University

Friday 26 July – 1:00 PM

Tickets – from \$12.00

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