

AUSTRALIAN
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PRIZE

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THE 16TH AMP – ON TRACK IN 2020!

THE AUSTRALIAN MUSIC PRIZE (THE AMP) ANNOUNCES THAT ITS 16TH PRIZE, FOR ELIGIBLE 2020 ALBUM RELEASES, IS ON COURSE TO DELIVER A SHORTLIST AND WINNER EARLY IN 2021.

THE JUDGES of The AMP have been listening to over 300 albums since June and have – so far – Nominated 52 albums as contenders – the best albums of 2020 – the list follows.

NOMINATED ALBUMS include releases by: #1 Dads, DMA'S, (previous winners) Eddy Current Suppression Ring, Rolling Blackouts Coastal Fever, RVG, Tame Impala, The Chats, The Necks, Violent Soho and 5 Seconds Of Summer.

SUPPORTING OUR ARTISTS

“The world needs music more than ever, and anything that we can do to support songwriters and artists to keep creating is critical. This year might have been the most challenging ever to write, record, release and/or promote an album, but also the most meaningful to fans and the music industry at large. We’re a long-time and proud supporter of The Australian Music Prize for keeping a spotlight on new Australian music.”

Dean Ormston — APRA AMCOS CEO

“Music is about uniting people and now more than ever we all need a bit of hope and happiness. I’m excited the Mushroom Group is supporting the Australian Music Prize (AMP) once again in 2020. It’s an important award offering recognition and support to some of our best independent Australian artists and songwriters, acknowledgment needed more than ever as our local music industry goes through these difficult times.”

Michael Gudinski — Chairman of Mushroom Group.

“It’s important to note that the process is ongoing... The Stage 1 judges will be listening right up to the end of year as albums will be released until then – so the list of Nominated albums will grow”.

Scott B. Murphy — AMP Founder and Prize Director

ELIGIBILITY

The AMP has many channels of ongoing research to ensure all eligible albums are heard, including artists alerting The AMP of their eligible album directly.

The AMP asks that all Nominated artists make contact with AMP admin (via AMP website) so that eligibility can be confirmed, and future plans disclosed.

To check on eligibility and to advise The AMP of albums, visit:

australianmusicprize.com

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THE NOMINATED ALBUMS – SO FAR

2020 AUSTRALIAN ARTIST ALBUM RELEASES THAT HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY THE JUDGES OF THE 16TH AUSTRALIAN MUSIC PRIZE

This list is not final, more albums will be added up to the end of 2020. If you are connected to an eligible album and want to ensure our judges listen to it, let us know about it here.

If your album is on the below list please contact The AMP, asap, so that eligibility can be confirmed.

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#1 Dads Golden Repair

5 Seconds Of Summer Calm

Alice Ivy Don't Sleep

Andras Joyful

Andrew Tuttle Alexandra

Banoffee Look At Us Now Dad

Big Yawn No!

Boomalli The Promise

Cable Ties Far Enough

Caiti Baker Mary Of The North

Clamm Beseech Me

DMAs The Glow

e44443 Coldstream Road

Eddy Current Suppression Ring
All In Good Time

Fanny Lumsden Fallow

Good Boy It Takes A Lot
Of Skill To Milk A Mare

Gordi Our Two Skins

Gordon Koang Unity

Gum Out In The World

Jack Colwell Swandream

Jess Cornelius Distance

Karate Boogaloo
Carn The Boogers

Katie Dey Mydata

L-Fresh The Lion South West

Loser Mindless Joy

Luke Howard
The Sand That Ate The Sea

Mark Seymour & The Undertow
Slow Dawn

Miiesha Nyaaringu

Mild Minds Mood

Nat Vazer
Is This Offensive And Loud?

Nick Griffith 7AM

Party Dozen
Pray For Party Dozen

Primo! Sogni

Rolling Blackouts Coastal Fever
Sideways To New Italy

Roza Terenzi Modern Bliss

RVG Feral

Sarah Mary Chadwick
Please Daddy

Shepparton Airplane Sharks

Simona Castricum Panic/Desire

Snowy Band Audio Commentary

Sophie Hutchings
Scattered On The Wind

Stevan Just Kids

Sweet Whirl How Much Works

Tame Impala The Slow Rush

The Chats High Risk Behaviour

The Friends Of David McComb
Truckload Of Sky

The Necks Three

Tracey Mc Neil & The Goodlife
You Be The Lightning

Traffik Island Sweat Kollecta's
Peanut Butter Traffik Jam

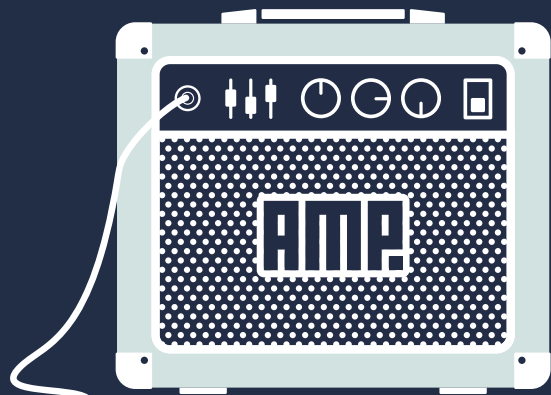
Vanessa Perica Orchestra
Love Is A Temporary Madness

Violent Soho Everything Is A-OK

Ziggy Ramo Black Thoughts

PRIZE MONEY?

IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE PRIZE MONEY, THE AMP, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUNDMERCH, HAS LAUNCHED AN ONLINE STORE TO SELL T-SHIRTS!



AUSSIE MADE MUSIC
THE BEST of 2020

LOVE AUSSIE MADE MUSIC? BUY A TEE

Obviously, many people and businesses have been directly affected, in a financial way, in 2020 and this includes The AMP whose primary source of income has been sponsorship. Luckily, all judges are volunteers so the process of Nominating albums, determining a Shortlist (9 finalists) and a winner continues as normal.

Simply, if you love discovering great new Aussie Made Music, please buy a tee.

70% OF ALL PROFITS FROM SALES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO ARTISTS BY WAY OF PRIZE MONEY AND MARKETING OF THEIR ALBUMS.

The AMP Tees and Tee/Facemask bundles, are available at [SoundMerch](#).



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Q&A WITH SCOTT MURPHY

FOUNDER/PRIZE DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSIC PRIZE

When you realised that you couldn't raise prize money, why didn't you just give The AMP a year off?

“Because that wouldn't be fair to the hundreds of Australian artists who are releasing albums in 2020. I surveyed many people, especially artists and they all said prize money, or not, the prize should go ahead.”

Are the artists who have Nominated albums being told there's no prize money?

“Absolutely. I don't, as yet, have contact details for many of them but everyone I have made contact with has been advised that at this point I can not commit to offer prize money. Most come back simply saying 'no worries, just happy my album has been Nominated.'”

Rather than the online store, did you consider a crowd funding campaign?

“Yes, I spent quite a bit of time researching this and it was a very valid option at one point. However, I decided that to make it successful I would have to ask for a lot from artists – previous winners and those Nominated in 2020 – so as to have 'rewards' to offer and from the beginning my policy has been that just because our judges say you've made a great album, doesn't mean you have to give back. And let's face it, 2020 has been hard enough on them.”

Do you think you will sell enough t-shirts to be able to offer a significant cash prize to the winner?

“Yes. I was a little uncertain until I saw the great design! The design coupled with the very simple message – if you love Aussie made music then help the bands by buying a t-shirt – should work. The key is to get the message spread very wide and I've many industry friends helping with that.”

Is the t-shirt campaign a short term effort?

“No, I am planning on it staying there and we will add new versions every March, when there's a new winner and again at this time of the year, launching the next prize.”

What happens next with the 16th AMP?

“There will be another major announcement in December, it will contain the complete/final list of 2020 Nominated albums – the albums our judges liked. Last year this list was 107 albums long out of 440 eligible albums – the numbers are looking similar this year. As per previous prizes, the Shortlist will be determined in January, announced end Jan/early Feb and then a select panel of the judges will meet in March to decide on and announce, a winner.”

In the past you've hosted an industry lunch where all Shortlisted artists are celebrated and then the winner is announced, is this the plan?

“That's not looking good at this point! First step is to have funding in place so that selected judges that don't reside in Melbourne, can be brought in for that final face-to-face meet. I think many industry workers would be happy to pay for their lunch if that goes ahead but I wouldn't ever want the Shortlisted artists to pay so we'll see how funding works out. Either way, we'll have a winner and the process of getting to that point remains the same.”

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