

2006 Classical Music Awards

Celebrating passion, dedication and artistic talent

The annual **Classical Music Awards** are the only awards in Australia dedicated to recognising significant contributions to contemporary classical music. The event is a unique opportunity to honour the people and organisations whose talents, passion and dedication have helped shape our music community.

Proudly presented by the **Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA)** and the **Australian Music Centre (AMC)**, the 2006 Classical Music Awards will be held at the Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay, on **Monday August 7th**.

Eleven national awards (listed overleaf) will be presented in categories covering composition, performance, music education and music in a regional area. Judged by a panel of leading composers, performers, musicologists, educators and critics, the Awards are prestigious markers of exceptional talent.

The list of previous recipients of Classical Music Awards reads like a who's who of the Australian contemporary classical music scene. Past winners include Anne Boyd, Peter Sculthorpe, Julian Burnside, Queensland Biennial Festival of Music, West Australian Symphony Orchestra, Miriam Hyde, Carl Vine, Liza Lim and Richard Gill.

"The Classical Music Awards not only recognise, but also celebrate the outstanding achievements of Australian composers, performers and other contributors to the field of new music" said **APRA CEO, Brett Cottle**. "In an area of music not driven by fame or money, the recognition that these Awards give to practitioners of contemporary classical music is paramount."

AMC General Manager, John Davis, said that the Awards were a celebration of the "thriving new music scene in Australia that remains vibrant and innovative despite the lack of monetary rewards and official recognition".

This year's event will be hosted by **Julia Lester**, presenter of ABC Classic FM's *Drive*, and will feature presentations and performances by some of Australia's leading musical talent.

The 2006 Classical Music Awards is an industry event. Classical music fans can listen to the Awards, broadcast live on ABC Classic FM from 7pm on August 7.

For more information:

For general information about the Classical Music Awards please go to www.apra.com.au or www.amcoz.com.au.

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The Event

- Presented by APRA and the Australian Music Centre
- Monday 7 August 2006
- Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay
- Hosted by Julia Lester with performances from some of Australia's leading musicians

The Awards

Eleven National Awards will be presented:

- Work of the Year:
 - Instrumental
 - Orchestral
 - Vocal or Choral
- Best Composition by an Australian Composer
- Best Performance of an Australian Composition
- Outstanding Contribution by an Organisation
- Outstanding Contribution by an Individual
- Outstanding Contribution to Australian Music in Education
- Outstanding Contribution to Australian Music in a Regional Area
- Long-term Contribution to the Advancement of Australian music

A special Award for Distinguished Services to Australian Music will also be presented, and State-based Awards for outstanding achievement during 2005 will be announced.

Awards are based on nominations received by members of the Australian Music Centre and APRA.

More information about the Awards, nomination procedures, judging criteria and history can be found at: www.apra.com.au/awards or www.amcoz.com.au/projects/about_the_awards.htm

