

## 2006 ARIA Fine Arts Awards

### The young guns, the legends, and the brothers

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A new generation of young-guns take on some Australian music legends at the 2006 ARIA Fine Arts Awards.

In its third year, the Fine Arts ARIA Awards will also be a family affair with three sets of brothers figuring in the nominations.

The field includes National Living Treasures RICHARD TOGNETTI and DON BURROWS, as well as industry heavyweights PAUL KELLY, NICK CAVE, PAUL GRABOWSKY, DAVID BRIDIE and RICHARD BONYNGE.

Hot at their heels are a new crop of gifted young stars, including THE CAT EMPIRE, AMELIA FARRUGIA, SIMON TEDESCHI, SLAVA GRIGORYAN, JAMES MULLER, JOSEPH TAWADROS, FRANÇOIS TÉTAZ and MARK SHOLTEZ.

The youngest ARIA nominee is HSC student JAMES TAWADROS, a percussion virtuoso on the Egyptian req'. He was 16 when he recorded the VISIONS CD with oud-dynamo brother Joseph. They go head-to-head with 75 year old SEAMAN DAN from the Torres Strait who made his first album at the age of 70.

The ARIA Fine Arts Awards recognise excellence in the categories of JAZZ, ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK/CAST/SHOW, WORLD and CLASSICAL. The winners will be announced during a ceremony on Wednesday October 11 from 7.00pm at the magnificent Verbruggen Hall at Sydney's Conservatorium of Music.

The gala event with live performances will be hosted by DAMIEN BEAUMONT and broadcast nationally by ABC CLASSIC FM. In addition to the four ARIAs, an ABC CLASSIC FM LISTENERS' CHOICE AWARD will be presented.

Soundtracks dominate in the BEST ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK/CAST/SHOW category. Some twenty years ago, PAUL KELLY introduced the stories of Raymond Carver to director Ray Lawrence. One of those stories inspired the film JINDABYNE, and PAUL KELLY and DAN LUSCOMBE are now ARIA nominees for the film's soundtrack. For the menacing film WOLF CREEK, FRANÇOIS TÉTAZ devised a score that "could raise the hairs tall on the head of a bald man," mixing telephone wire recordings from outback WA with string quartet.

NICK CAVE wrote the script for the western THE PROPOSITION, as well as the already highly-awarded soundtrack with WARREN ELLIS. NATHAN LARSON's score for the Cate Blanchett film LITTLE FISH, is perfectly complimented by tracks by BIC RUNGA and SARAH BLASKO while DAVID BRIDIE's soundtrack for the SBS mini-series RAN rounds out the five, a collaboration with musicians from the Torres Strait Islands, including SEAMAN DAN.

In the BEST JAZZ ALBUM category, the final five are extremely stylistically diverse. At one end is the big band sound of the swing era by DON BURROWS, PHILLIP SAMETZ and THE MELL-O-TONES and at the other, the striking minimal ambience of cult trio THE NECKS.



PAUL GRABOWSKY and BERNIE McGANN, join forces to put their distinctive stamp on some jazz standards, and Australia's first-ever signing to the prestigious Verve label, MARK SHOLTEZ gives a fresh take on the 1950s ratpack sound. JAMES MULLER makes up the five with an album that has seen critics place him firmly in the world elite of jazz guitar.

The BEST CLASSICAL ALBUM category includes two violinists. The Australian Chamber Orchestra's RICHARD TOGNETTI tackled the monumental Bach solo works and is nominated alongside one of Australia's brightest new stars, and more recently a presenter on SBS television, 22 year old NIKI VASILAKIS.

THE QUEENSLAND ORCHESTRA feature on two nominated albums – on the first gifted young pianist SIMON TEDESCHI joins forces with elder statesman RICHARD BONYNGE, and the other is a dazzling Spanish showcase for the talented and popular GRIGORYAN brothers, guitarists SLAVA and LEONARD.

Brothers JOSEPH and JAMES TAWADROS - who happen to be good friends of and past music collaborators of the GRIGORYANS – have their nomination for BEST WORLD MUSIC ALBUM. Also in that category are the seven PIGRAM BROTHERS, a harmonious fraternity from Broome who have a track soon covered by fellow nominee SEAMAN DAN.

Multi-ARIA winning MARA! is in the running with their jazz-infused Mediterranean folk, while the phenomenally popular and seemingly unstoppable THE CAT EMPIRE is nominated for CITIES.

The complete list of final nominees for the 2006 ARIA Awards follows.

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Wednesday, October 11, 2006  
Verbruggen Hall, Conservatorium of Music, Macquarie Street, Sydney  
This is an invitation-only event.

Broadcast live on ABC CLASSIC FM from 7.00pm [www.abc.com.au/classic](http://www.abc.com.au/classic)

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The 2006 ARIA Awards will be held on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, at ACER ARENA and will be broadcast on Network Ten from 7.30pm. General public tickets are on sale from Ticketek.

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## 2006 ARIA FINE ARTS AWARDS NOMINEES

### Best Classical Album

Amelia Farrugia - Joie de vivre! (Decca/UMA)

Niki Vasilakis violin, Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, Sebastian Lang-Lessing conductor  
- Mendelssohn, Bruch, Ravel (ABC Classics/UMA)

Richard Tognetti - Bach Sonatas and Partitas for Solo Violin (ABC Classics/UMA)

Simon Tedeschi piano, The Queensland Orchestra, Richard Bonyngue conductor  
- Piano Concertos - Tchaikovsky, Grieg (ABC Classics/UMA)

Slava and Leonard Grigoryan guitars, The Queensland Orchestra, Brett Kelly conductor  
- Rodrigo Guitar Concertos (ABC Classics/UMA)

### Best Jazz Album

Don Burrows, The Mell-O-Tones, Phillip Sametz - Non-Stop Flight - Great Music of the Swing Era (ABC Jazz/UMA)

James Muller - Kaboom (Birdland/Creative Vibes)

Mark Sholtez - Real Street (UMA)

Paul Grabowsky and Bernie McGann - Always (ABC Jazz/UMA)

The Necks - Chemist (Fish of Milk)

### Best Original Soundtrack/Cast/Show Album

David Bridie - RAN - (Sound Vault Records)

François Tétaz - Wolf Creek Original Motion Picture Soundtrack (Rubber Records)

Nick Cave and Warren Ellis - The Proposition (Virgin/Mute/EMI)

Paul Kelly, Dan Luscombe, Katie Brianna & the Stormwater Boys - Jindabyne Soundtrack - (Capitol/EMI)

Various - Little Fish (ABC Music)

### Best World Music Album

Joseph and James Tawadros - Visions (Birdland/Creative Vibes)

Mara! - Sorella (Mara Music)

Pigram Brothers - Under The Mango Tree (Pigram Music)

Seaman Dan - Island Way (Steady Steady Music)

The Cat Empire - Cities: The Cat Empire Project (Virgin/EMI)

### ABC Classic FM Listeners' Choice Award

A Musical Banquet - Marshall McGuire (ABC Classics)

Alkan: The Twelve Etudes in Minor Keys - Stephanie McCallum (ABC Classics)

Richard Tognetti - Bach Sonatas and Partitas for Solo Violin (ABC Classics/UMA)

Slava and Leonard Grigoryan guitars, The Queensland Orchestra, Brett Kelly conductor  
- Rodrigo Guitar Concertos (ABC Classics/UMA)

Vivaldi: Flute Concertos - Emmanuel Pahud with the Australian Chamber Orchestra (EMI)

Wagner: Die Walküre - State Opera of South Australia & Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (Melba Recordings)

