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2009 ARIA HALL OF FAME AND ARIA AWARDS DATES CONFIRMED

Broadcast deal cemented with Nine Network

Sydney, Australia: **ARIA (Australian Recording Industry Association)** is delighted to announce dates for this year's **Hall Of Fame** and **ARIA Awards** events and to unveil a new free to air television broadcast partnership with the **Nine Network**.

Australia's premier music event, the **23rd ARIA Awards** is set down for **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26** at **Acer Arena**, Sydney Olympic Park and will be telecast on the Nine Network at 8.30pm that night. The **ARIA Awards** recognise excellence and innovation across all genres of Australian music and have grown each year to become one of the most cherished dates on the music calendar.

The **ARIA Hall Of Fame** is confirmed to take place on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 27** at Melbourne's Forum Theatre. An annual, stand-alone event since 2005, the ARIA Hall Of Fame honours Australian musicians' achievements locally and internationally. Five inductees will be recognised at this year's event, which will also feature a host of very special live music performances - televised for the first time on free to air television on the Nine Network nationally.

Completing the Nine deal is the broadcast of a weekly **ARIA Singles Chart Countdown**. The program will air every week, commencing later this year, and will countdown the top charting songs from the **ARIA Singles Chart**.

As ARIA's pay TV partners, MTV and Vh1 will again cover both events, with Vh1 telecasting the Hall Of Fame as they have done in previous years, and MTV screening the ARIA Awards post Nine's live to air broadcast.

ARIA Chairman and President and CEO of Warner Music Australasia, Mr Ed St John, said today *"We are thrilled to be able to make this significant announcement in such a challenging economic climate, and to welcome our new free to air broadcast partner, the Nine Network. We look forward to working together to produce these exceptional TV events"*.

Nine Network's Director of Sales & Marketing, Mr Peter Wiltshire was equally effusive, saying "Channel Nine's deal with the ARIAs reinforces our on-going commitment to targeting the younger, advertiser-friendly demographics. The music platform provides a critical gateway for marketers who choose to align themselves with this genre as part of their communication approach. Music will also form an important ingredient for our new under 40's multichannel, launching later this year."

2009 ARIA Hall of Fame

Thursday, 27 August, 2009

The Forum Theatre, 154 Flinders St, Melbourne

Broadcast on both Vh1 and Nine Network, with dates to be advised.

2009 ARIA Awards

Thursday, 26 November, 2009

Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

Broadcast first on Nine Network from 8.30pm on 26th November, with follow up broadcast on MTV, date to be advised.

General public tickets will be available, on sale date and pricing to be advised.

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