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STARS LINE UP TO PRESENT AT THE 2009 ARIA AWARDS

The 2009 ARIA Awards will be held tomorrow night at Acer Arena in Sydney. With the star spangled evening within breathing distance, ARIA (Australian Recording Industry Association) can announce the full list of presenters and performers who will take to the stage at this year's event.

He's already been announced to perform at this year's ARIAs, and now we can confirm that international superstar **Robbie Williams** will also be presenting an ARIA at the Awards. And it seems Robbie has a few favourites in the Australian media landscape, putting in a special request for **Rove** to join him as a double-act in stepping up to the plinth to present an ARIA together! Rove, of course, was delighted to accept the personal invitation and will join Robbie on stage at the event.

From the house of Triple J we welcome the Breakfast team of **Robbie Buck, Marieke & The Doctor** who will stay up late on Thursday night, to help out with the pointy end of proceedings at the 2009 ARIAs.

Having recently wrapped up Australian Idol for 2009, **Andrew G** will again undertake presentation duties at the ARIA Awards, and joining him will be legendary Australian rock'n'roller **Jimmy Barnes**. In 2009 Barnesy released his fifteenth solo studio album *The Rhythm and The Blues*, which reached number one on the ARIA charts, and is about to reform with Cold Chisel to play at the V8 Supercar event at ANZ Stadium in December.

Comedian **Tim Ross (Rosso)** will form a different duo at this year's ARIA Awards, appearing on stage alongside Perth-born singer-songwriter **Cassie Davis** who has just released her fourth single "No More" taken from her debut album, *Differently*.

The roll call of stars continues with salt of the earth singer songwriter **John Butler**, who is set to release the highly anticipated first single "One Way Road" from his forthcoming album *April Uprising*. And we welcome an artist who has enjoyed incredible mainstream success in Australia and in the USA **Keith Urban**. Urban, who is nominated for his album *Defying Gravity* in the category for Best Country Album, is also performing at this year's Awards





We also welcome two gracious *Getaway* hosts with the most in 2008 Cleo Batchelor of the Year **Jason Dundas** and the gregarious **Natalie Gruzlewski**, who has also been hosting Channel Nine TV show, *Farmer Wants a Wife*.

Finally, former ARIA winner and 2009 ARIA nominee for his album *Love & War* **Daniel Merriweather** will step out in his inimitable style to appear at this year's event, as will the multi-talented TV and radio host and all round great guy **Jabba**. And, Channel Nine's entertainment guru **Richard Wilkins** will be presenting alongside Australian country music superstar **Lee Kernaghan** at tomorrow night's spectacular show.

The ARIA Awards is the biggest event on the Australian music industry calendar and is proudly supported by Events NSW.

Events NSW CEO Geoff Parmenter said, *"The ARIAs have grown in stature over the last 23 years, in particular over the last seven years with the move to Acer Arena in Sydney."*

"As Australia's only global city, Sydney is the creative capital of Australia and home to our recording industry with 42 percent of the music sector employed in NSW. Our investment in the Aria Awards reinforces the NSW Government's commitment to the creative industries and showcases our city's vibrant magnetism to the world."

These presenters join the already announced: **Ruby Rose, Missy Higgins, Powderfinger, Orianthi, Guy Sebastian, Vanessa Amorosi, Natalie Bassingthwaight** and ARIA Awards hosts **Gyton Grantley and Kate Ritchie**.

Performers who will entertain at the event: **The Temper Trap, Sarah Blasko, Kate Miller-Heidke, Lisa Mitchell, Empire of The Sun, Ladyhawke, Hilltop Hoods, Jessica Mauboy, Keith Urban** and one and only **Robbie Williams**.

The **2009 ARIA Awards** will be the telecast on the **Nine Network** from **8.30** on the evening of **Thursday, 26 November**, followed by an encore screening on MTV on Friday, 27 November at 5.30pm.





2009 ARIA Awards

Thursday, 26 November 2009
Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

Telecast on Nine Network, 8.30pm, Thursday, 26 November

A very special live red carpet broadcast will take place on MTV from 7.30pm on Thursday, 26 November followed by an encore screening on Friday, 27 November - red carpet at 4.30pm and 2009 ARIA Awards at 5.30pm

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