



2006 ARIA AWARDS Everyone's A Winner!

The decision is final. In a year where there were no clean sweeps, the 2006 ARIA Awards voting academy have delivered a verdict that showcases the brilliant depth of the Australian music community.

In what is arguably the most diverse group of winners in recent history, 2006 ARIA Award winners include **WOLFMOTHER**, **BERNARD FANNING**, **ESKIMO JOE**, **HILLTOP HOODS**, **CLARE BOWDITCH**, **BOB EVANS**, **THE VERONICAS**, **TV ROCK** featuring **SEANY B**, **THE AUDREYS**, **THE WIGGLES**, **HUMAN NATURE** and more.

Prog, rock n' roll trio **WOLFMOTHER** have had a HUGE year both locally and abroad and have walked away with three Awards - **Best Group**, **Best Rock Album** and **Breakthrough Artist - Album** - for their internationally acclaimed self-titled debut album.

BERNARD FANNING has taken out the prestigious **Album of the Year** category with his phenomenally successful solo breakout album *Tea and Sympathy*. He also scored a second Award on the night, taking out the **Best Male Artist** category. It was also a big night for the hugely talented **CLARE BOWDITCH** who has received her first ever ARIA Award win in the **Best Female Artist** category for her beautiful *What Was Left* album.

West Australia's favourite sons, **ESKIMO JOE** have won two ARIA Awards. *Black Fingernails, Red Wine* has been named the **Single of the Year**. The band has also received the ARIA Award in the **Best Music DVD** category for their self-titled long form DVD.

Hip-hop heroes **HILLTOP HOODS** have taken home two ARIA Awards for their hugely popular album *The Hard Road*. Adelaide's finest have won the ARIA Awards for **Best Independent Release** and **Best Urban Release**.

TV ROCK featuring **SEANY B** also take home two ARIA Awards for their infectious single *Flaunt It* - a song that has been a hit in club-land and beyond - in the **Best Dance Release** and **Highest Selling Single** categories.

Two relatively new artists have each taken home their maiden ARIA Awards. In the **Best Adult Contemporary Artist**, **BOB EVANS** has won the award for his whimsical solo album *Suburban Songbook*. And in the **Best Blues and Roots Album** category, Adelaide outfit **THE AUDREYS** fought off strong competition to take away the ARIA Award for their debut album, *Between Last Night and Us*.

Three other artists winning their first ever ARIA Awards are **HUMAN NATURE** who have walked away with the **Highest Selling Album** award for their multi platinum *Reach Out: The Motown Album*. Also winning their first ever ARIA Award is **THE VERONICAS** in the **Best Pop Release** category for their debut album *The Veronicas - The Secret Life Of...* Sydney's **YOUTH GROUP** have won their inaugural ARIA award for **Breakthrough Artist - Single** for their rendition of *Forever Young*.





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2006 CMAA Male Vocalist of the Year, **TROY CASSAR DALEY** has added to his collection taking out the Award in the Best Country Album for *Brighter Day*.

Celebrating their 15th anniversary of entertaining small people around the globe **THE WIGGLES** have won back-to-back ARIA Awards in the Best Children's Album category for *Racing To The Rainbow*.

In their swansong release popular comedians **LANO AND WOODLEY** have won the category of Best Comedy Release for *Sing Songs*.

And finally the almighty **MIDNIGHT OIL** were the final artists to be inducted into the **2006 ARIA HALL OF FAME**.

ARIA would like to heartily congratulate all the 2006 winners!

The 2006 ARIA Awards featured live performances by **WOLFMOTHER**, **ESKIMO JOE**, **BERNARD FANNING** with **KASEY CHAMBERS** and **CLARE BOWDITCH**, **HILLTOP HOODS**, **PETE MURRAY** with **JOHN MAYER**, **THE VERONICAS**, **YOUTH GROUP**, **HUMAN NATURE** and **SILVERCHAIR**.

The 2006 ARIA Awards were presented by **ROVE McMANUS**, **JOHNNY KNOXVILLE**, **JACKIE O**, **JAMES MATHISON**, **KATY STEELE**, **JESSE McCARTNEY**, **GUY SEBASTIAN**, **DAVE HUGHES**, **JOHN BUTLER**, **HAMISH** and **ANDY**, **JABBA**, **MYF WARHURST**, **KYLE SANDILANDS**, **MAYA JUPITER**, **AXLE WHITEHEAD**, **JOHN MAYER**, **THE VERONICAS**, **DENIS HANDLIN**, **BONO**, **IVA DAVIES** and the cast of **BOYTOWN**.

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