



THE AUSTRALIAN JAZZ BELL AWARDS 2010 GUIDELINES

The Australian Jazz Bell Awards recognise and encourage excellence in the performance, recording and presentation of jazz in Australia. In honour of one of the greats of Australian jazz – Graeme Bell, MBE, AO – the Australian Jazz Awards are informally known as 'the Bell Awards'.

The Australian Jazz Awards 2010 will be announced at an awards ceremony on Thursday 15 April 2010.

The 2010 Bell Awards nominees will be chosen by a panel comprising jazz critics or key figures in the jazz industry, from Australia and overseas. The judges will announce a shortlist of three finalists for each category.

Any interested parties are invited to nominate.

As assessment is based on the nominated CD release, ten copies of the CD in question must be provided with the nomination. For all nominations, a detailed supporting statement is required.

The judges will announce a shortlist for each category in early March 2010.

Seven awards will be announced on the night of the 2010 Bell Awards Ceremony:-

- **The Bell Award for Best Australian Jazz Vocal Album**
(For a CD led by or featuring a vocalist)
- **The Bell Award for Best Contemporary Australian Jazz Album**
- **The Bell Award for Best Classic Australian Jazz Album**
- **The Bell Award for Best Australian Jazz Song of the Year**
- **The Bell Award for Best Australian Jazz Ensemble of the Year**

(Based on recordings and/or live performances, and achievements within the past year)

- **The Bell Award for Young Australian Jazz Artist Of The Year**
(For musicians up to and including 25 years of age)
- **Graeme Bell Hall of Fame**
(Recognising outstanding artistic achievement, and contribution to Australian Jazz)

*** Nominations close 10 February 2010 ***

SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Best Australian Jazz Vocal Album**

Album led by or featuring a vocalist; featuring one or more Australian vocalists.

Based on assessment of the nominated CD. CD to have been released in Australia between 1st January 2009 and 31st December 2009.

- **Best Contemporary Australian Jazz Album**

Predominantly instrumental album; 'modern' or 'contemporary' in style, in the view of the nominator. Featuring Australian artists; or in the case of CDs recorded overseas, led by an Australian artist, or featuring a majority of Australian band members.

Based on assessment of the nominated CD. CD to have been released in Australia between 1st January 2009 and 31st December 2009.

- **Best Classic Australian Jazz Album**

Predominantly instrumental album; in the 'classic jazz' style (including traditional, dixiel and swing & mainstream), in the view of the nominator. Featuring Australian artists; or in the case of CDs recorded overseas, led by an Australian artist, or featuring a majority of Australian band members.

Based on assessment of the nominated CD. CD to have been released in Australia between 1st January 2009 and 31st December 2009.

- **Best Australian Jazz Song of the Year**

The Best Jazz Composition of the Year is a song that was released for the first time during the period between 1st January and 31 December 2009. The composition can be a collaboration with an overseas and Australian composer however one of the composers of the song must be Australian. This category restricts the entries to one per composer (a collaborative team is considered as one composer and no one in the team can be nominated a second time in this category).

- **Best Australian Jazz Ensemble of the Year**

For bands of any style or size; based in Australia, or comprising Australians currently living overseas.

Based on assessment of performances live or on CD; and achievements as nominated by or to the judges; from 1st January 2009 and 31st December 2009.

- **Young Australian Jazz Artist of the Year**

For musicians up to & including 25 years of age (as at 31st December 2009) living in Australia, or Australians currently living overseas.

Based on assessment of performances live or on CD, from 1st January 2009 and 31st December 2009.

This Award can only be won once.

- **Hall of Fame Award**

Recognises outstanding artistic achievement, and contribution to Australian jazz.

Based on assessment of performances live or on CD; and achievements as nominated by or to the judges.

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