**2020 QUEENSLAND MUSIC AWARDS
WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

**Thelma Plum wins Album Of The Year with ‘Better In Blak’, and The Jungle Giants win Song Of The Year with ‘Heavy Hearted’**

The **2020 Queensland Music Awards (QMAs)** took place tonight at **The Fortitude Music Hall** celebrating the artistic and commercial success of Queensland music over the last 12 months, featuring performances from some of the best the state has to offer including **Jaguar Jonze**, **Cub Sport**, **Nat Dunn**, **Busby Marou** and **Order Sixty6**.

Leading the winners at this year’s QMAs is **Thelma Plum** winning **Album Of The Year** with her critically-acclaimed debut album **‘Better In Blak’**, an album telling the story of a Gamilaraay woman’s culture, heritage, love and pain, offering incredible strength, courage and heartbreaking tenderness.

**The Jungle Giants** took out the **Song Of The Year** and the **Pop** category for their latest release **‘Heavy Hearted’**, their first release following their third album **‘Quiet Ferocity’**.

“2019 was a stellar year for Queensland music and tonight we got to celebrate some of our finest homegrown talent who are at the forefront of Queensland artists making big waves on the national and global music front,” said QMusic CEO **Angela Samut**.

The Queensland Government’s **2020 Billy Thorpe Scholarship** was awarded to **Harry Phillips**, who will receive $10,000 to record his next release along with career planning advice from **Chugg Entertainment**. Supported by the Queensland Government through **Arts Queensland**, the Scholarship is now in its 12th year and has supported emerging musicians including **Song Of The Year** winner **Sam Hales (The Jungle Giants)** and **Jeremy Neale** in their developing years.

**Harry** is a singer-songwriter from Brisbane who has written with some of the most established names in the Australian music scene, as well as several high-profile international songwriters. **Harry** is such an important artist in that his music carries a social message. The support **Harry** will receive from the **Billy Thorpe Scholarship** will allow **Harry** to grow his career and continue telling his stories through song.

The **QMusic Honorary Award** was presented to Sony Music Executive **Denis Handlin** in recognition of his 50-year tenure at Sony Music Entertainment where he has developed and supported local artists, driven charitable contributions and successfully overseen the Asia Pacific region over the last 10 years.

Icon of the Brisbane punk scene and lead singer of Blowhard, **Brentyn ‘Rollo’ Rollason** was posthumously honoured with the **Grant McLennan Lifetime Achievement Award** after decades of leading the way and inspiring others in the music industry with his work on stage and through Splurt Records.

**The Kite String Tangle** won two awards, the producer and songwriter’s latest **‘P()L4R’** took out the **Electronic / Dance** and **Video** categories. The Video Award presented to the production team responsible for the music video with producer **Caitlin Johnston**, director **Lucus Thyer**, production **Liam Connor** and director of photography **Brian Lowe**.

The incredible commercial success of Queensland music was on show through the night with **Amy Shark** winning the **Highest Selling Single** award for **‘Mess Her Up’**, **Conrad Sewell** winning the **Highest Selling Album** award for **‘Life’** and **Nat Dunn** winning the **Export Achievement** award. All three artists were at the awards celebrating Queensland music.

Central Queensland was heavily represented at the QMAs with Rockhampton locals **Busby Marou** rising to the top in the **Blues / Roots** category with their Torres Strait Meriam Mer language titled single **‘Naba Norem’** and Woorabinda rising-star **Miiesha** winning the **Remote** category for her sophomore release **‘Drowning’**.

**Jaguar Jonze** picked up the **Singer Songwriter / Folk** award fresh off her shoulder-dislocating performance on Eurovision Australia Decides, she also finished the night with a show-stopping performance of her single ‘**Kill Me With Your Love’**.

Pop-rock up-and-comer **Hope D** was awarded the inaugural **QMusic** **Emerging Artist Of The Year** award after years of frantically playing Brisbane stages, her debut single ***Swim*** launched her to the top of music consciousness in May last year.

Noosa sisters **Oh Harlow** won the **Country** award for their single **‘Give It A Miss’**.

Gold Coast four-piece **Eliza & The Delusionals** took out the **Rock** category with their song **‘Just Exist’** and fellow rockers **DZ Deathrays** took home the **Heavy** category with their hit **‘Still No Change’**.

Brisbane’s expert on late nights, **Carmoflague Rose**, was awarded the **Hip-Hop / Rap** award for his single **‘Sele’**.

Thursday Island hip-hop artist **Mau Power** won the **Indigenous** award with his moving single **‘Arrived ft. Marcus Corowa’** and fellow Far North Queenslander, **Leanne Tennant** took home the **Regional** award for **‘Bring It All Back’**.

17 year old alt-pop artist **HANNI** received the **Schools** award for her debut release **‘Wired’**, and neo-soul group **Pink Matter** took out the **Soul / Funk / R’n’B** category with their tune **‘Soul Fruit’**.

Pianist, **Sean Foran** took out the **Jazz** category for his release **‘Monkey’**, and **Matt Hsu’s Obscure Orchestra** won the **World Music** category with **‘Make Everything’**.

Queensland’s Sunshine Coast was on full show in the **People’s Choice Award** categories this year with the **Big Pineapple Music Festival** crowned as the **Festival Of The Year** for the third year in a row and **Solbar** taking the title of **Regional Venue Of The Year**. **The Triffid** was awarded **Metro Venue Of The Year** for the second year in a row.

The full list of winners is listed below and featured on the QMAs website.

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#QldMusicAwards

**2020 QMA WINNERS:**

**Album Of The Year - Presented by APRA AMCOS**

THELMA PLUM

‘Better In Blak’

**Billy Thorpe Scholarship - Presented by Queensland Government through Arts Queensland**

HARRY PHILLIPS

**QMusic Honorary Award**

DENIS HANDLIN

**Blues / Roots - Presented by Byron Bay Bluesfest**

BUSBY MAROU
‘Naba Norem’

Thomas Marou, Jeremy Busby

**Country - Presented by CMC Rocks**

OH HARLOW

‘Give It A Miss’

Tiana Dennis, Briannah Dennis, Nolan Wynne

**Electronic / Dance - Presented by The Big Pineapple Music Festival**

THE KITE STRING TANGLE

 ‘P()L4R’

Daniel Harley, Bridgette Amofah

**QMusic Emerging Artist Of The Year- Presented by Noisegate**

HOPE D

**Export Achievement Award - Presented by Lyrical Road**

NAT DUNN

**Grant McLennan Life Achievement Award - Presented by QMusic**

BRENTYN ‘ROLLO’ ROLLASON

**Heavy - Presented by The Tshirt Mill**

DZ DEATHRAYS

’Still No Change’

Shane Parsons, Simon Ridley, Lachlan Ewbank

**Hip-Hop / Rap - Presented by The Sound Garden**

CARMOUFLAGE ROSE

‘Sele’

Graham Herrington, James Angus, Matthew Khabbaz

**Highest Selling Single**

AMY SHARK

‘Mess Her Up’

Amy Shark

**Highest Selling Album**

CONRAD SEWELL

‘Life’

**Indigenous - Presented by TRYP Fortitude Valley Hotel**

MAU POWER

‘Arrived ft. Marcus Corowa’

Patrick Mau

**Jazz - Presented by Running Boards**

SEAN FORAN

‘Monkey’

Sean Foran

**Pop - Presented by Hit Network**

THE JUNGLE GIANTS

‘Heavy Hearted’

Sam Hales

**Rock - Presented by The Triffid**

ELIZA & THE DELUSIONALS

‘Just Exist’

Eliza Klatt, Kurt Skuse, Ashley Martin

**Schools (Grade 6 - 12) - Presented by JMC Academy**

HANNI

‘Wired’

Hannah Schloman, Marco Ghikas

**Singer Songwriter / Folk - Presented by Savannah In The Round**

JAGUAR JONZE

‘Beijing Baby’

Deena Lynch, Tim Tan

**Song Of The Year - Presented by Green Beacon Brewing Co**

THE JUNGLE GIANTS

‘Heavy Hearted’

Sam Hales

**Soul / Funk / RNB - Presented by Katarzyna**

PINK MATTER

‘Soul Fruit’

Kerry Raywood, Isobel De Leon, Megan Christensen, Elizabeth Scott

**World - Presented by Howard Smith Wharves**

MATT HSU’S ORCHESTRA

‘Make Everything’

Matthew Hsu, Ashleigh Finlay

**Regional - Presented by Azentro**

LEANNE TENNANT

‘Bring It All Back’

Leanne Tennant

**Remote - Presented by Telstra**

MIIESHA

‘Drowning’

Miiesha Young, Stephen Collins, Mohamad Komba

**Video - Presented by Nightlife Music**

THE KITE STRING TANGLE

‘P()L4R’

Caitlin Johnson, Lucs Thyer, LIam Connor & Brian Lowe for

**People’s Choice Awards - Presented by Oztix and The Music**

**Metro Venue Of The Year**

THE TRIFFID

**Regional Venue Of The Year**

SOLBAR

**Festival Of The Year**

BIG PINEAPPLE MUSIC FESTIVAL