

# 2022 QUEENSLAND MUSIC AWARDS

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## QUEENSLAND'S 2022 MUSIC AWARD SEASON BEGINS

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2022 QUEENSLAND MUSIC AWARDS +  
\$10K BILLY THORPE SCHOLARSHIP NOW OPEN

Nominations close 11.59pm (AEST) on Thursday 21 October 2021 at [queenslandmusicawards.com.au](https://queenslandmusicawards.com.au)



Pictured: Sycco at 2021 Queensland Music Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Queensland Music Awards (QMAs), the ultimate celebration of the state's best emerging and established artists.

Judged by more than 100 leading national industry figures, last year's Song of the Year and Pop Award winner **Sycco** said, "Winning a QMA was a huge milestone for me, I did not expect to actually win at all, so there was a huge shock factor! To have that sort of support and recognition really means a lot."

Set to unveil her coveted *Song of the Year* plaque on Brunswick Street Mall this week for winning track, *Dribble*, the fast-rising pop star will be immortalised on the Valley Walk of Fame alongside Queensland legends like **The Bee Gees**, **Savage Garden**, **The Saints** and **Powderfinger**.

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“Having a plaque in the Valley is absolutely immense, I used to walk past those all the time and see big names that have inspired me so much - to be a part of that is unreal!!” she said.

QMusic CEO **Kris Stewart** urged all Queensland artists who’ve released a song or music video in the last 12 months to nominate by **11.59pm (AEST) on Thursday 21 October 2021**.

“From household names **Keith Urban, Amy Shark** and **Sheppard**, to emerging artists like **Jaguar Jonze, Jesswar** and **Hope D**, it’s clear that the talent coming out of Queensland has never been stronger,” Stewart says.

“The QMAs is Queensland music’s night-of-nights! And after what the industry has endured over the past year, not only will the 2022 Queensland Music Awards shine a spotlight on the state’s best music, it will be a celebration of the incredible tenacity and passion shown by all.”

Applications are also open for the prestigious Billy Thorpe Scholarship, a \$10,000 recording and career support package awarded annually at the QMAs, with past winners including **Sam Hales** of **The Jungle Giants**, **Jeremy Neale**, **Greta Stanley** and **Beckah Amani**.

Minister for the Arts Leeanne Enoch said the Palaszczuk Government recognises the power of music in telling our unique stories, with Queensland’s contemporary music sector a significant and dynamic contributor to the state’s diverse arts and cultural offering.

“The Palaszczuk Government’s support for live music includes annual funding to QMusic and the Billy Thorpe Scholarship,” Minister Enoch said.

“The arts, cultural and creative sectors are key to delivering the Palaszczuk Government’s plan for economic recovery from COVID-19, each year contributing \$8.5 billion into the state’s economy and supporting more than 92,000 jobs for Queenslanders.

“That’s why our Government has committed to more than \$79 million worth of initiatives to support the arts and cultural sector through COVID-19, including a \$22.5 million Recovery Package, and a further \$7 million in 2021-22 to support the state’s live music sector.



“Since the commencement of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Palaszczuk Government has invested nearly \$11 million in the live music sector through the arts portfolio, including direct funding support for 37 live music venues statewide.

“The Billy Thorpe Scholarship is a perfect way for emerging Queensland musicians to develop their skills and enhance their career in the live music industry, and I encourage aspiring Queensland musicians to apply.”

Produced and presented by QMusic, the QMAs ceremony takes place under the decadent chandeliers of The Fortitude Music Hall in Brisbane’s Fortitude Valley with live performances from the state’s most sought-after acts on **Tuesday 29 March 2022**.

Artists who have released songs and music videos between **1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021** are eligible to nominate across more than 20 wide-ranging award categories at [queenslandmusicawards.com.au](http://queenslandmusicawards.com.au).

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### **About Queensland Music Awards**

Celebrating the state’s brightest emerging artists and established legends, the Queensland Music Awards (QMAs) is a state-wide search for Queensland’s best new music. The QMAs recognise the diverse people and places that make contemporary popular music an invaluable part of the state's cultural heritage. The awards are judged by music industry professionals from across the country, catapulting the careers of finalists and winners into national significance.

### **About QMusic**

QMusic is Queensland’s music industry development association. The work of QMusic is critical to the success of Queensland’s contemporary music economy. It is the only significant and established not-for-profit organisation in Queensland dedicated to delivering sector development and major music events including the Queensland Music Awards (QMAs) and BIGSOUND to stimulate and grow the state’s music sector.

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## 2022 Queensland Music Award Categories

### Self-Nominating Awards

Blues / Roots Award  
Children's Music Award  
Contemporary Classical  
Country Award  
Electronic Award  
Folk Award  
Heavy Award  
Hip Hop Award  
Indigenous Award  
Jazz Award  
Pop Award  
Regional & Remote Award  
Rock Award  
Youth Award (Ages 10 - 17)  
Soul / Funk / R'n'B Award  
World Award  
Video Award

### Major Awards

Album Of The Year  
Billy Thorpe Scholarship - Presented by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland  
QMusic Lifetime Achievement Award  
Song Of The Year

### People's Choice Awards

Festival Of The Year  
Metro Venue Of The Year  
Regional Venue Of The Year

### Acknowledgements

Emerging Artist Of The Year Award  
Highest Selling Album  
Highest Selling Single

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