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MEDIA RELEASE: SPLENDOUR, GRINSPON and 16 YOUNG SONGWRITERS

Sixteen young songwriters have been selected to perform live at this year's Lismore Young Songwriters Competition. The free event to be held from 5.30pm Friday 13 April at Southern Cross University's premier performance space, StudioOne29, will see finalists compete for thousands of dollars' worth of prizes. Prizes include three fully mastered track recordings thanks to Rockinghorse Studios, SAE Creative Media Institute Byron Bay, and Southern Cross University; a range of professional RØDE Microphones; paid gigs with Crankfest and the Lismore Lantern Parade; a professional photography session; access to APRA AMCOSS Workshops and more.

"We also have some very exciting news for finalists! We're thrilled to announce that Splendour in the Grass has come on board to help support the Young Songwriters Competition and is offering two double passes to the Splendour in the Grass festival this year for our two top performers. The Splendour crew are really keen to support up and coming musicians and have their own Splendour Busking Competition to help unearth local talent" says organiser, Amanda Shoebridge for Social Futures.

"We're also delighted that legendary Grinspoon guitarist, Pat Davern, will be joining our Judging Panel on the night to help with the mighty task of selecting winners from the talent pool."

"Our judges had a pretty difficult time trying to narrow down all the entries to just 16 finalists, the entries this year were exceptional" says Amanda. "We know we will have a winning concert this Friday 13th April with the performers the judges have selected – they all have star quality so it will be a fabulous show. There will be two major prizes, a people's choice award, and six runner up prizes awarded on the night."

The Lismore Young Songwriters Finals night is being held at StudioOne29 at Southern Cross University on Friday 13 April. Our local market and festival favourite, the delicious Pocket Curries will be serving dinner from 5.30pm so come with an appetite!

The Finals Concert is a FREE all ages event but seats are strictly limited, so be sure to book your tickets in advance at www.youngsongwriters.eventbrite.com

OUR 2018 FINALISTS

1. Anna and Jed – 'Silhouettes'



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we live and work and their continuing connection to land, water, sea and community. We pay respects to Australia's First Peoples, to their unique and diverse cultures, and to Elders past, present and future.

2. Ruby Robertson – ‘Rhythm of the sea’
3. Chloe Mason – ‘Drive’
4. August Bridge – ‘Head up high’
5. Monica Brandolini – ‘Bombinate’
6. Sasha Manitta – ‘All this pain’
7. Deep Honey – ‘Delusion’
8. Frequency – ‘Reeled In’
9. Bridget Brandolini – ‘Expired’
10. Mia Sansom – ‘I’m so over it’
11. Jordan Irish – ‘Dare’
12. Milly Deefholts – ‘Realise’
13. Amelia Lily – ‘You and Me’
14. E'an Lott - ‘Save me some pain’
15. Tahi White – ‘Change’
16. Minority Wives – ‘Static’

This year's Judging Panel

Pat Davern, Diana Anaid, Teddy Rhodes, Kate Stroud, Shelly Brown, Paul Pilsnenics from Rockinghorse Studios, Darren ‘Sideshow’ Bridge and a youth representative from **headspace** Lismore will make up our live judging panel.

The Lismore Young Songwriters Competition is proudly supported by Social Futures, Southern Cross University, The Northern Rivers Conservatorium, **headspace** Lismore, The Clubhouse and The NCIEA Dolphin Awards, with thanks to sponsors: Splendour in the Grass, RØDE Microphones, Rockinghorse Studios, SAE Creative Media Institute Byron Bay, Crankfest, Photography by Natsky, NORPA, The Deck & Lounge and Lismore City Council.

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