

WAM REVEALS WINNERS FOR 2023 SONG OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY ACT BELONG COMMIT



[Left to right] WAM Song of the Year winners Dulcie, Joan & The Giants, RinRin. [Credit supplied](#)

With the live awards event at Freo.Social now ticked and toasted, we're proud to announce the winners of the 2023 WAM Song of the Year competition presented by Act Belong Commit. The results echo the diversity and talent amongst both emerging and established artists in the West Australian contemporary music scene, and why we're so rightfully proud of it.

The Grand Prize for this year was taken out by **Dulcie** with *Test Drive*, a song that *"captures the feeling of being in a one-sided relationship - the kind where you doubt your partner's intentions are aligned with yours, or if you're being led on."* Ashleigh, Saskia and Timieka embark on another national tour in a week's time, and the Grand Prize is a great note to send them on their way. **Joan & The Giants** 'Rock' category winning song, *Cool Kid*, was declared Runner Up and 'Heavy/Metal' category winner **RinRin** received Second Runner Up for her song, *Guns and Grenades*.

The 2023 WAM Song of the Year live event featured performances by nominees Georgie Aué, Dal Jones, Codee-Lee and Steve Hensby Band, and was both a timely and fitting celebration of WA songwriting talent.

Congratulations to all winners and nominees.

WAM SONG OF THE YEAR 2023 WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE

WINNER *Test Drive* Dulcie

RUNNER-UP *Cool Kid* Joan & The Giants

SECOND RUNNER-UP *Guns and Grenades*
RinRin

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Presented by **Healthway** | Studio Sponsor
Vision Studios

WINNER *Kaya* Dal Jones

OTHER NOMINEES

Head Above Water Sophian, *Stand Up*
Iconyx, *Shine* Go Bananas with Lisa and
Minky, *Talk to a Mate* The M8s

BLUES & ROOTS

Presented by **Studios 301** | Studio Sponsor
Real2Reel/James Newhouse

WINNER *Receiver* Sash Seabourne

OTHER NOMINEES

Fill My Cup Siobhan Cotchin, *Forget What I*
Told You Sgt. Hulka, *Rosy Retrospection*
Redcliffe, *Sorry Yo Yo Sun*

COUNTRY

Presented by **Country Music Club of Boyup**
Brook | Studio Sponsor **John Butler Studio**
at Fairbridge

WINNER *Down to the Wild Stuff Now* Bill
Lawrie (*Sea Swallow*)

OTHER NOMINEES

Girls Like You Olive Mae, *On the Run*
Codee-Lee, *Rattlesnakes* Steve Gibson,
Where the River Meets the Sea Savannah
Solomon

ELECTRONIC

Presented by **Will Hear** | Studio Sponsor
Soundbaker Studio

WINNER *We've Got Time* Anna O

OTHER NOMINEES

FADE Skyuka, *I'm Gonna Give You*
Everything Kelea, *Mind Reader* JADE RICH,
Siren Call S.P.L

EXPERIMENTAL

Presented by **RTRFM** | Studio Sponsor
Tunafish Recording Company

WINNER *Novae* Matt Tondut

OTHER NOMINEES

A Feeling Apart Daniel Sutherland/The
Arborist, *Mall Grabbing* Dead Tooth Hottie,
Snake Mermaid Milk, *The Ancients Have*
Passed Away Like Running Water, Never to
Return Samarobryn

FOLK

Presented by **Ditto Music** | Studio Sponsor
Shanghai Twang Studios

WINNER *This Storm* Cameron Alexander

OTHER NOMINEES

Don't Wanna Go Home Sunny Day,
Honeymoon Phase King Ibis, *Memory* Sam
McGovern, *When the Curtains Close*
Siobhan Cotchin

GLOBAL

Presented by **Zaccaria Concerts** | Studio
Sponsor **John Butler Studio at Fairbridge**

WINNER *Here's to Life* Daniel Susnjar

OTHER NOMINEES

Desert Cry Georgie Aué, *Jamtown in*
Mukinbudin FT *General Justice* Steve
Hensby Band, *Karabakh Variations* Mark
Cain, *Kurrbili Thalu* Warralgurniya

HEAVY/METAL

Presented by **X-Press Magazine** | Studio Sponsor **Sumo Sounds**

WINNER *Guns and Grenades* RinRin

OTHER NOMINEES

Relapse The Harvest Trail, *SINNER* MAGE, *Still Bleeds My Heart* All this Filth, *Worms* Pot Plant House Party

HIP HOP/NEW R&B

Presented by **Milk Bar** | Studio Sponsor **Studio 156**

WINNER *Own Worst Enemy* Madoc Plane

OTHER NOMINEES

Ain't Nothing but a Cloud FT Drea Mariah Hlatywayo, *Foolish* S.P.L, *GOLD* Jordan Anthony, *Yellow ft. Mali Jo\$e* Drea

JAZZ

Presented by **Bandzoogle** | Studio Sponsor **Crank Recording**

WINNER *One Planet* Maximillian Wickham

OTHER NOMINEES

Desert Cry Georgie Aué, *Junction* Kate Pass, *Search for Echoes* Chris Foster Trio, *Slippery Slope* Daniel Susnjar

OUTSTANDING INDIGENOUS

Presented by **Nannup Music Festival** | Studio Sponsor **Pavement Studios**

WINNER *The Weekend* Joan & The Giants

OTHER NOMINEES

Beat the Odds Inkabee, *Kurrbili Thal* Warralgurniya, *Stand Up* Iconyx, *The Battle* Boox Kid

OUTSTANDING REGIONAL

Presented by **Musible** | Studio Sponsor **Oracle Sound**

WINNER *Don't Wanna Go Home* Sunny Day

OTHER NOMINEES

Clocks Kris Nelson, *Fade Away* RATSALAD, *Girls Like You* Olive Mae, *Heavy* Oceanique

POP

Presented by **Rosemount Hotel** | Studio Sponsor **Artisan Music**

WINNER *Test Drive* Dulcie

OTHER NOMINEES

Higher Jordan Anthony, *Hit and Miss* Elianie, Calvin Bennett, *Somebody, Nobody* Have a Good Day, *Who Are You After Me?* Angie Colman

PUNK/HARDCORE

Presented by **City of Melville** | Studio Sponsor **Poons Head**

WINNER *Punch in the Face* RATSALAD

OTHER NOMINEES

All or Nothing Crosscheck, *Cyclones with Microphones* Pot Plant House Party, *Guns and Grenades* RinRin, *Real World* Noah Skape

ROCK

Presented by **Sorrento Strategic Music** | Studio Sponsor **Blondel Recording Studios**

WINNER *Cool Kid* Joan & The Giants

OTHER NOMINEES

What Have You Done? Triangle Fight, *Immi* Matt Zambon, *Town of the Living, Dead* ELI GREENEYES, *Waiting* Beach Bleach

SCHOOLS 15-18

Presented by **Art Gallery of WA** | Studio Sponsor **Blueroom Sound**

WINNER *Illusion* CENTRE

OTHER NOMINEES

80 Increment, *Higher* Jordan Anthony, *Mirrors* Charli Rose Smith, *Sentimental* Rio Berryman

SCHOOLS 14 UNDER

Presented by **The Quest** | Prize Sponsor **The Y HQ**

WINNER *In Your Eyes* Sofia Gale

OTHER NOMINEES

Life Skye Colcott, *Stop Signs* Elianie, *What's Important* Aerilyn Jones, *When She Leaves* Me Luka Babich

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