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**TIA GOSTELOW**  
**AMY SHARK**  
**THE JUNGLE GIANTS**  
**VIOLENT SOHO**  
**CUB SPORT**  
**BALL PARK MUSIC**

**THEY ALL DID IT.**

APPLY BY 31 OCT: [QUEENSLANDMUSICAWARDS.COM.AU](http://QUEENSLANDMUSICAWARDS.COM.AU)

**2020**  
QUEENSLAND MUSIC AWARDS

Amy Shark, 2019 QMA. Photo: Bianca Holderness

*Amy Shark, 2019 QMA Performer. Photo by Bianca Holderness.*

## **Entries Extended for 2020 Queensland Music Awards and Billy Thorpe Scholarship**

The deadline for entries for the 2020 Queensland Music Awards (QMAs) and the Billy Thorpe Scholarship has been extended until **midnight Thursday 31 October 2019** for Queensland songwriters and filmmakers to enter their songs and videos.

Produced by QMusic, the 2020 Awards have enjoyed a flood of **published and unpublished entries** across 15 **self-nominating** genre categories. And with the recent announcement of the **\$24,000 Song Of The Year promotional prize**, courtesy of **The Music and Hit Network**, as well as the new QMusic **Emerging Artist Of The Year Award** sponsored by **Noisegate**, the QMAs present an unrivalled opportunity for musicians from across the state to catapult their careers onto a national stage.

Adding to the appeal, over **90** music industry executives have been enlisted to uncover **Queensland's best new music** including programmers and tastemakers from across Australia. Songwriters will have their music heard by representatives from **Sub Pop, Spotify, Dew Process, Dark Mofo, WME, Village Sounds** and **Primary Wave** to name a few.

Filmmakers entering the Music Video category will have their entries viewed by **key creative directors and content programmers**. Judges include the Head Creative Director of Entertainment, Movies and Music at **Foxtel**, Producer and Programmer of **ABC Rage** and Creative Director and Video Artist Rachael Johnson (**Vera Blue, Angus and Julia Stone, Cat Power**).

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Emerging musicians and duos are also encouraged to apply for the 2020 Billy Thorpe Scholarship. Funded by the Queensland Government, the Scholarship has a long history of supporting Queensland's most promising songwriters including **Sam Hales** (The Jungle Giants), **Greta Stanley**, **Jeremy Neale**, and most recently, **Jaimee Fryer** (Pool Shop) from Brisbane. Now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, the Scholarship provides **\$10,000** to record with an established producer, and receive career-planning advice from **Chugg Entertainment**. Applications are free, and the deadline has also been extended until **midnight Thursday 31 October 2019**.

The eighth annual **QMAs** will take place at **The Fortitude Music Hall** on **Tuesday 3 March 2020**. Tickets will be available purchase early next year with an early bird offer to all QMusic members.

**Entries for both the Queensland Music Awards and the Billy Thorpe Scholarship close midnight Thursday 31 October 2019, via the [QMAs website](#).**

For more details, entry information and a list of previous winners, visit [www.queenslandmusicawards.com.au](http://www.queenslandmusicawards.com.au)

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Watch the 2019 QMA highlights video [here](#).

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**2020 QMA Self-Nominating Categories  
Self-Nominating Categories & Awards**

Schools (grades 6 - 12), Pop, Rock, Heavy, Singer-Songwriter / Folk, Blues / Roots, Soul / Funk / R'n'B, Country, Hip-Hop / Rap, Electronic / Dance, Jazz / Popular Intercultural, Indigenous, Video (for filmmakers only), Regional, Remote

**Major Awards**

Emerging Artist Of The Year (NEW), Song Of The Year, Album Of The Year, Billy Thorpe Scholarship, Export Achievement Award, Grant McLennan Lifetime Achievement Award

**People's Choice Awards**

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

**Acknowledgements**

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