

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Hermitude Headlining Sidney Myer Music Bowl Australia Day Event: 'Shortlisted!'**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Coopers AMP is please to announce that 2012 Coopers AMP winners Hermitude will headline the Sidney Myer Music Bowl Australia Day Event called 'Shortlisted!'.

Shortlisted! – is being held for the first time at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl as part of the official Australia Day celebrations on Sunday January 26. The free event will run from 6-8pm, and we think it's fitting that the 2012 Coopers AMP winners Hermitude will be headlining the concert where the Shortlist for The 9<sup>th</sup> Coopers AMP will be announced.

There will be live performances at Shortlisted! by a select group of other artists, with further announcements to be made in the coming weeks.

### **Inaugural Highly Regarded List Announced**

As the judging process for the 9th Coopers AMP approaches its concluding stages, for the first time in the history of the Coopers AMP a Highly Regarded list of 25 albums that the judging panel have deemed worthy of their own recognition is being announced. These albums sit in their own category alongside the Longlisted artists: the final Longlist announcement will be made next week, and all Longlisted albums will then be under consideration for the final Shortlist of nine which will be announced at a free concert at The Sidney Myer Music Bowl on Australia Day, January 26, 2014 and, ultimately, for the Coopers Australian Music Prize itself. The winner of the 9<sup>th</sup> Coopers AMP will receive \$30,000 courtesy of PPCA.

Deciding which albums will or won't make the Longlist is a difficult and contentious process for the judging panel but it's a responsibility they take very seriously and for the last six months they have been intensively listening to as many qualifying albums as possible and vigorously discussing their merits.

As a result, every year there are many fine albums that only narrowly miss inclusion on the Longlist so this year it has been decided to specifically acknowledge those albums ahead of the final Longlist announcement. These are all albums that the judging panel hold in very high regard.

#### **The following albums have been Highly Regarded by The Coopers AMP judges:**

**Alex Hahn & The Blue Riders** - 'The Wallflower'  
**Bliss N Eso** - 'Circus In The Sky'  
**Cash Savage & The Last Drinks** - 'The Hypnotiser'  
**Crystal Mercy** - 'The Fisherman's Daughter'  
**Deborah Conway & Willy Zygiel** - 'Stories Of Ghosts'  
**Emma Louise** - 'Vs. Head Vs. Heart'  
**The Grapes** - 'Western Sun'  
**Hungry Kids Of Hungary** - 'You're A Shadow'  
**Jinja Safari** - 'Jinja Safari'  
**King Gizzard & The Wizard Lizard** - 'Float Along - Fill Your Lungs'  
**Major Chord** - 'Transition'  
**Mantra** - 'Telling Scenes'  
**Melody Pool** - 'The Hurting Scene'  
**Mr. Grevis** - 'My Escape'

**Monique diMattina** - 'Nola's Ark'  
**Ngaire** - 'Lamentations'  
**RUFUS** - 'Atlas'  
**Seja** - 'All Our Wires'  
**Snakadaktal** - 'Sleep In The Water'  
**Sticky Fingers** - 'Caress Your Soul'  
**Stolen Violin** - 'Temperate Touch, Tropical Tears'  
**Suburban Dark** - 'Second Front'  
**Sweet Jean** - 'Dear Departure'  
**Underground Lovers** - 'Weekend'  
**Unity Floors** - 'Exotic Goldfish Blues'

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JUDGES OF THE 9TH COOPERS AMP: Dave Faulkner (Chairperson), Chris Berkley, Mikey Cahill, Renee Geyer, Mike Glynn, Chris Johnston, Tim Levinson, Shannon Logan, Nate Nott, Christopher Powell, Bernard Zuel.

PATRONS OF THE COOPERS AMP: Marianna Annas, Sebastian Chase, Michael Chugg, Bill Cullen, Colin Daniels, Patrick Donovan, Jessica Ducrou, Anne Haebich, Catherine Haridy, Craig Hawker, Sally Howland, Ian James, Tim Janes, Philip Mortlock, John O'Donnell, Michael Parisi, Damian Trotter.