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PPCA AND THE AUSTRALIA COUNCIL ANNOUNCE RECORDING GRANTS

The PPCA and the Australia Council today announced the recipients of six grants totaling \$75,000 offered under a joint initiative between the two organisations.

The partnership, first launched in October 2013, offers assistance to Australian artists to create new sound recordings.

PPCA was delighted to again partner with the Australia Council, drawing on the Council's extensive expertise managing peer assessed grant programs for the arts sector.

Australia Council Chief Executive Tony Grybowski said: "Our partnership with PPCA is an important part of the Council's longstanding commitment to working closely with industry. We are excited to see another talented and diverse group of artists supported to make new Australian music through this highly successful initiative."

PPCA Chief Executive Officer, Dan Rosen, said: "We are extremely pleased to have been able to partner with the Australia Council for a third successive year to give local artists an opportunity to create and record new music. We wish all of the recipients the very best with their recording endeavours. We look forward to hearing the recordings that emerge as a result of this funding. I would also like to thank the Australia Council for their ongoing assistance and look forward to our continuing partnership."

After a rigorous application process, recipients of the third PPCA Australia Council grants have been chosen across a range of genres from electronica to jazz and contemporary singer-songwriters.

-) Sydney Singer/Songwriter **Martha Marlow** to record and release an album of original work with the Australia Youth Orchestra.

-) Melbourne-born jazz pianist and composer and 2015 ARIA Award winner **Barney McAll** will record and release a new album.
-) Brisbane-based Singer-Songwriter **Robbie Miller** will use the grant funds to support the mix, mastering and marketing of his forthcoming release.
-) 22 year old Canowindra-born **Sophie Payten** aka Gordi will use the grant funds to support the mix, mastering and marketing of her forthcoming release.
-) **Sean Congues** with Melbourne-based five piece band Northeast Party House will record their second full-length album.
-) New York-based, Australia-bred Fascinator aka **Johnny Mackay** (from Children Collide) will record his second full-length solo album.

PPCA represents thousands of Australian recording artists when their music is used in public. In 2015 PPCA distributed almost \$33 million to its registered artists and record labels. Registration for Australian artists is free. Go to www.pcca.com.au.

The Australia Council is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body. The Council supports artists and arts organisations to create and present artistically adventurous work, and delivers national and international strategic activity which develops markets and audiences for Australian work.

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