



MEDIA RELEASE

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THE 13th AMP

BEST ALBUM OF 2017

FREE public gig – ‘Shortlist Showcase’! March 7, 6pm, Arts Centre Melbourne forecourt

Paying homage to AC/DC’s 1976 performance on the back of a truck in Melbourne’s Swanston Street will be three of the 13th AMP Shortlisted artists Sampa The Great, HTMLflowers and Darcy Baylis who on Wednesday March 7 in scenes reminiscent of that famous Aussie music moment will each play songs from their Shortlisted albums for the ‘Shortlist Showcase’ event on the back of a truck in the Arts Centre Melbourne forecourt.

The free open to the public event is being held for the first time to celebrate the 13th AMP Shortlist and will be hosted by News Corp’s Mikey Cahill, who is also an AMP judge.

Commenting with his usual flare Cahill said, *"My fellow Australians, I'm jumping out of my pants to host a gig of this calibre. So long, pants. These three Shortlisted AMP artists all paddle with their own canoe. Darcy Baylis released a stomper of a record, Intimacy and Isolation, that my fellow AMP judge Chris Johnston described as 'the best electronic album Australia has produced in 13 years.'* HTML Flowers is the little engine that could, he is indefatigable and will surely bring plenty of local superstar guests (how good is Melbourne) to rip through tracks from Chrome Halo. And then there's Sampa The Great. Wow. I went on a Ferris Wheel with her last year at Laneway Festival in Fremantle and she was shitting herself. That's the only time I've seen her afraid. She will present her Birds and The BEE9 album to us on a warm March night without taking a backwards step."

Rapper Sampa Tembo, aka Sampa The Great said, *"I am very excited to perform some of Birds And The BEE9 at the AMP showcase in front of some amazing musicians. It's always exciting to bring the record to life and share more about the project with everyone."*

Melbourne artist and musician HTMLflowers (Grant Gronewold) said, *"I look forward to Sampa and Darcy Baylis making me look a talentless loser on the back of a truck."*

Singer/producer/songwriter Darcy Baylis said, *"Overwhelmed with excitement to be performing at such an iconic location with some of my favourite Australian artists. Being shortlisted still feels like a dream. Hope you can join me in it."*

The event will highlight to music fans Melbourne’s new Australian Music Vault located at Arts Centre Melbourne – free entry – so it’s an opportunity to come and experience ‘the vault’ and great live music...

This year's winner announcement will be made in Melbourne on Friday March 9, with the winner receiving \$30,000 in prize money courtesy of our Principal Partner [PPCA](#). As part of a new partnership with the Victorian Government, the AMP will call Melbourne home in 2018 and 2019.

The 13th AMP Shortlist in alphabetical order is:

[Beaches](#) – 'Second of Spring'

[Darcy Baylis](#) – 'Intimacy & Isolation'

[HTMLflowers](#) – 'Chrome Halo'

[Jen Cloher](#) – 'Jen Cloher'

[Jordan Rakei](#) – 'Wallflower'

[Liars](#) – 'TFCF'

[Paul Kelly](#) – 'Life is Fine'

[Sampa The Great](#) – 'Birds and the BEE9'

[The Vampires](#) – 'The Vampires Meet Lionel Loueke'

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