

Queensland Music Festival on hunt for young film scorers

Queensland Music Festival (QMF) is calling for budding high school composers to take part in *Score IT!*, a state-wide competition which could see their film score played by a live orchestra during the Festival (17 July to 2 August 2015).

The popular competition, which began in 2007, challenges students to create an original composition to accompany a short animated film produced by Griffith Film School.

Entries will be judged by a panel of experts including QMF Artistic Director James Morrison and Brisbane-born, Los Angeles-based composer Cameron Patrick. Mr Patrick is known for his work with Disney, Dreamworks, Warner Bros., Pixar, and Paramount Pictures on animated features including *Cars 2* and *Aladdin: Prince of Thieves*.

There are three categories for entry: *Score IT! Junior* (Years 7*-10), *Score IT! Senior* (Years 11-12), and *Score IT! Plus* (Years 7*-12). The *Score IT! Plus* category involves the added challenge of composing for specified instrumentation and submitting a written score.

Winners of each category will be announced at an awards ceremony during QMF on 30 July.

Score IT! Junior and *Score IT! Senior* finalists will participate in workshops at Fotomedia, whilst *Score IT! Plus* finalists will participate in a masterclass with Mr Patrick, with the winning *Score IT! Plus* composition to be recorded with the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University Ensemble and performed live at the awards ceremony.

QMF Artistic Director James Morrison said *Score IT!* was a festival favourite and presented a rare opportunity for young composers to learn from some of the industry's best.

"To have your work critiqued and potentially conducted by Cameron Patrick who is so highly acclaimed and well-regarded is a truly special experience," Mr Morrison said.

"It is exciting to think of the possibilities *Score IT!* may lead to for rising composers; we have had a number of past finalists further their passion and go on to study music at university.

"*Score IT!* is free to enter, and will open the eyes of young artists to the magical world of film-scoring."

Cameron Patrick will also give a public lecture, '*Music in Film: Guiding the Audience's Emotions*' on Friday 31 July 2015 at Ian Hanger Recital Hall, QCGU.

To register and for more information visit qmf.org.au.

Score IT! is presented by Queensland Music Festival and Brisbane City Council with the generous support of Griffith Film School, Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, and Fotomedia.

*Only Grade 7 students enrolled in secondary schools are eligible.

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