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Queensland Music Festival's Score IT! competition recognises the state's budding film composers

Winners of Queensland Music Festival's (QMF) state-wide *Score IT!* competition were announced last night at an awards ceremony held at Griffith Film School in Brisbane. The annual competition received a record number of entries in 2016 from talented music students across Queensland.

This year's awards were attended by the prestigious judging panel including award-winning Brisbane-born, Los Angeles-based composer Cameron Patrick. Cameron has previously orchestrated scores for blockbuster films including *Inside Out*, *Jurassic World* and *Star Trek*.

Joining Mr Patrick on the expert panel included QMF Artistic Director and platinum selling musician Katie Noonan, and representatives from Griffith Film School, Queensland Conservatorium and PixelFrame. Australian film legend Bruce Beresford (*Mao's Last Dancer*) also attended the ceremony as a special guest.

Entrants were required to create an original score to accompany a short animation produced by Griffith Film School. Submissions were sorted into three separate categories: Score IT! Junior (Years 7-10) Score IT! Senior (Years 11-12) and Score IT! Plus (Years 7-12). The Score IT! Plus category involved the added challenge of composing for a specified instrumentation and submitting a written score.

Sixteen-year-old Harry Ottley of John Paul College was awarded first place in the Score IT! Plus category for his composition. Harry was given the extraordinary opportunity to have a one-on-one master class with Cameron Patrick, as well as have his piece played live at the awards ceremony and recorded with Queensland Griffith University live chamber ensemble.

Harry is no stranger to Queensland Music Festival, having displayed his musical talents as lead alto in the community orchestra for *Under This Sky*, QMF's epic 2015 festival production featuring 700 Logan locals performing on stage.

All Score IT! finalists were invited to take part in an exciting array of activities this week held by QMF partners Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, Griffith Film School and Queensland School of Film and Television designed to help the budding film composers improve their skills.

QMF Artistic Director, Katie Noonan, said the rise of entrants and standard of the entries for 2016 was outstanding.

"The applications have significantly grown since last year; it's been great to see this, especially since *Score IT!* is now an annual competition," she said.

"I was inspired by the wealth of interesting melodic ideas presented and seriously impressed with the quality of our winners - really amazing and absolutely professional standard results".

Cameron Patrick said he was astounded by the quality of the submissions.

"Every year that I'm involved with *Score IT!*, I'm constantly amazed at the calibre of the submissions we receive across all categories," he said.

"The creativity, the quality of the scores, and the maturity of musical expression involved never ceases to amaze me."

Cameron will also be presenting a lecture on *Composing for Film* this Friday 29 July 1pm at Ian Hanger Recital Hall, Queensland Conservatorium. For tickets and further details please visit qmf.org.au.

Score IT! is presented by Queensland Music Festival and Brisbane City Council and proudly supported by Griffith Film School Griffith University, Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, Queensland Government through the Department of Education and Training, the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body, and the Queensland School of Film and Television.

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SCORE IT! 2016 WINNERS

Score IT! Junior (Years 7 – 10)

First Place: Izak Everett (Marist College Ashgrove)

Second Place: Jessica Pickett (Lourdes Hill College)

Third Place: Jamie Horay (Cleveland District State High School)

Honourable Mention: Parker Asnicar (Marist College Ashgrove)

Score IT! Senior (Years 11 – 12)

First Place: Joe Kondo (Northside Christian College)

Second Place: Jarvis Hill (Queensland Academy for Creative Industries)

Third Place: Hudson Beck (Moreton Bay Boys' College)

Honourable Mention: Nava MacDonald (Craigslea State High School)

Score IT! Plus (Years 7 – 12)

First Place: Harry Ottley (John Paul College)

Second Place (Tie): Georgia Lloyd (St Paul's School) & Sophia Evans (Queensland Academy for Creative Industries)

Third Place: Joshua Robinson (St Peters Lutheran College)

Honourable Mention: Hudson Beck (Moreton Bay Boys' College)

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