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Queensland Music Festival announces the winners of its 2017 *Score IT!* competition for young film composers

Last night at an exciting awards ceremony at Griffith Film School in Brisbane, Queensland Music Festival (QMF) announced the winners of its annual statewide film-scoring competition *Score IT!*.

QMF has been on the lookout for the screen composers of the future since February 2017 for the competition, and received an amazingly high standard of submissions from music students across Queensland.

Secondary school students from across Queensland entered 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).

Brisbane-born, award-winning Hollywood composer and orchestrator Cameron Patrick, of *Spiderman*, *Homecoming*, *Zootopia*, *Star Trek Into Darkness* and *Jurassic World* fame, announced this year's winning composers. Mr Patrick was joined on the judging panel by QMF Artistic Director Katie Noonan, representatives from Griffith Film School, Queensland Conservatorium and PixelFrame.

Hudson Beck (Year 11) of Moreton Bay Boys' College was awarded first place in the *Score IT! Plus* category for his composition, which involved the extra challenge of composing for a specified instrumentation and submitting a written score.

Beck was given the extraordinary opportunity to have a one-on-one masterclass with Mr Patrick, as well as have his piece played live by Queensland Griffith University chamber ensemble at the awards ceremony and professionally recorded for his portfolio.

The *Score IT! Plus* category also awarded Nava MacDonald (Year 12) from Craigslea State High School in second place; Samara Behrendt (Year 11) from QACI (Queensland Academy for Creative Industries) in third place; and Natalia Carter (Year 11), also from QACI, an Honourable Mention.

In the *Score IT! Junior* category, Elliëna Escott (Year 9) from Trinity Lutheran College took out first place; William Elvin (Year 8) from Indooroopilly State High School was awarded second place; Lachlan Moulds (Year 10) from The Rockhampton Grammar School was awarded third place; and Flynn Fitzgerald (Year 9) from Marist College Ashgrove was awarded an Honourable Mention.

Matt Bettinson (Year 12) from Citipointe Christian College won first place in the *Score IT! Senior* category, while Hudson Beck took out another prize and was awarded second place; Aidan Burne-Johnston (Year 12) from Anglican Church Grammar School was awarded third place; and Rebecca Armour (Year 12) from Ferny Grove State High School was awarded an Honourable Mention.

All *Score IT!* winners 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.

Queensland Premier and Minister for the Arts congratulated the winners of this year's *Score IT!*, an initiative that has once again provided a wonderful opportunity for budding composers to flex their music muscle and compose their own original piece of music for film.

"I am delighted that QMF's *Score IT!* continues to nurture emerging artists and musicians, enabling them to participate and share in the creation of music and ultimately change and enrich lives."

"The Queensland Government is proud to support Score IT! and QMF.

"QMF delivers outstanding legacy programs and projects, engaging schools, and connecting and empowering communities across the state by sharing the joy and beauty of music," the Premier said.

QMF Artistic Director Katie Noonan was overwhelmed by the quality and number of the entries for the 2017 competition.

"I have been inspired by the beautifully melodic compositions submitted by this year's talented winners, and am so impressed with the overall high calibre of entries," Ms Noonan said.

"Queensland Music Festival's *Score IT!* has showcased the wealth of talented young composers from across the state, placing winners under the mentorship of Cameron Patrick. The future is bright for our composing talent."

Mr Patrick said he was once again astounded by the quality of the submissions.

"Every year that I am involved with *Score IT!*, I am always blown away by the quality of the submissions Queensland Music Festival receives, across all the categories," Mr Patrick said.

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

Cameron will also present a lecture on *Composing for Film* this Friday 28 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 supported by Griffith Film School Griffith University, Queensland Conservatorium – Griffith University, Queensland School of Film and Television, the Queensland Government through the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, PixelFrame and RØDE Microphones.

This program has received additional support from the Queensland Government through the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, as part of its commitment to maintaining and building safe, connected and cohesive communities.

EVENT DETAILS

EVENT: *Score IT!* Cameron Patrick Public Lecture: Find Your Voice

DATE: Friday 28 July 2017

TIME: 1pm

VENUE: Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, Ian Hanger Recital Hall

TICKETS: Adult \$15, Concession \$12

BOOKINGS: For more information or to book visit qmf.org.au or contact qtix on 136 246.

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