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Queensland Music Festival seeks young film scorers

High school students across the Queensland could work with a Hollywood composer, or hear musicians play their composition live, thanks to Queensland Music Festival's popular film scoring competition *Score IT!*.

Now an annual event, *Score IT!* will run from 15 February until 20 May 2016 and challenge students across the state to create an original composition to accompany a short animation produced by Griffith Film School.

This year's entries will be judged by a panel of experts including renowned Brisbane-born, Los Angeles-based composer Cameron Patrick. Mr Patrick has a long list of credits including, motion pictures such as *Inside Out*, *Jurassic World*, *Star Trek Into Darkness* and many others.

There are three categories for entry: *Score IT! Junior (Years 7-10)*, *Score IT! Senior (Years 10-12)*, 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 the awards ceremony in July and the winner of *Score IT! Plus* will also hear their score performed live by the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University Ensemble.

Finalists will get the opportunity to take part in a masterclass with Mr Patrick.

QMF's new Artistic Director Katie Noonan said she could not wait for the scores to flow in from the state's budding composers in her first official duty.

"Every year judges are blown away by the high calibre of entries, so we decided that with such a wealth of talent across the state we should make the competition annual," Ms Noonan said.

"It is such an amazing opportunity for young composers to learn from some of the industry's best, including Cameron Patrick, who is so highly acclaimed and well-regarded in his field.

"I hope the experience inspires a lifelong love of music."

Cameron Patrick said he was excited to take part in the judging panel for another year.

"Without music it would be impossible to create emotional highs and lows of a film and *Score IT!* teaches students how to create an emotional connection between the audience and a piece of film," Mr Patrick said.

"It is a truly rewarding experience to be a part of *Score IT!* and see these young composers get lost in a story and thrive off their passion for music."

Score IT! is free to enter. To register and for more information visit qmf.org.au/scoreit

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 Queensland School of Film and Television.

Details

Competition Opens, Mon 15 Feb, 2016

Competition Closes, Fri 20 May, 2016

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Queensland Music Festival is a state-wide celebration of music with a vision to transform lives and communities through music.

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