



Media Alert:

***On Song* finalists Bo-Min Weon (Cairns) and Kasey O'Donoghue (Charters Towers) selected to play Brisbane gig at *Green Jam* with mentor Jack Carty on Friday, 28 July**

Queensland Music Festival (QMF) is thrilled to announce that Bo-Min Weon (Cairns) and Kasey O'Donoghue (Charters Towers) have been selected as the two *On Song* finalists who will perform alongside award-winning singer-songwriter Jack Carty at QPAC's ever popular free live music program *Green Jam* at the Melbourne Street Green this Friday from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Bo-Min is a leader of Trinity Anglican School Orchestra and sings in the choir at Cairns Korean Uniting Church. Kasey started out busking with her family at the age of seven, and plays with her brother and sister in the country music band *Homegrown*.

Premier and Minister for the Arts Annastacia Palaszczuk praised Queensland Music Festival and all involved in *On Song*.

"*On Song* is a wonderful professional development opportunity which is helping two young singer-songwriters from Cairns and Charters Towers, in addition to the four participants in the initiative, to bring their music dreams into reality," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"Bo-Min Weon and Kasey O'Donoghue, supported by their mentor Jack Carty, are set to shine on stage at QPAC's *Green Jam this Friday*.

"I hope other primary and secondary school singer-songwriters and musicians from regional and remote Queensland are inspired to take part in this life-changing experience and to take steps to progress their careers," she said.

"The Queensland Government is a proud supporter of QMF, and this year has helped it to realise several programs that focus on youth, social cohesion and community revitalisation—including *On Song*."

Friday night's gig is the culmination of QMF's *On Song* touring program where six regional and rural school kids from across Queensland were selected for the opportunity to learn from the amazing, award-winning singer-songwriter Jack Carty.

On Song provides a chance for finalists to dive into the world of music with a seasoned professional and to refine their craft and learn about the music industry through workshopping original songs.

QMF Artistic Director Katie Noonan congratulated the finalists and said she was wowed by the many talented young artists across regional and remote Queensland who entered the *On Song* competition.

The two finalists will take to the *Green Jam* stage on Friday, 28 July to premiere new work, following a mentorship with Jack Carty. The indie chart-topping musician, who has performed to audiences across Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand, and was a recipient of the 2015 APRA Professional Development Awards, will complete the lineup.

Green Jam, presented by QPAC and supported by Heritage Bank, is the perfect way to welcome the weekend with new 'flavours' to help wrap up the working week. *Green Jam* chefs will serve up mouth-watering eats with a Mexican street food menu and a selection of refreshing beverages will also be available.

On Song is presented by QMF and Brisbane City Council, and supported by APRA AMCOS, the Queensland Government through the Playing Queensland Fund, RØDE Microphones, and the Australia Council for the Arts.

QMF is an initiative of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

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

EVENT DETAILS

EVENT: *On Song Finalists and Jack Carty at Green Jam*

DATE: Friday, 28 July

TIME: 5.30pm - 7:30pm

VENUE: Melbourne Street Green, QPAC, Cultural Precinct, South Bank

TICKETS: FREE - just turn up!

INFORMATION: 136 246 or www.qpac.com.au

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