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John Farnham makes special guest appearance at Queensland Music Festival's epic *You're The Voice* concert to sing out against domestic violence alongside Katie Noonan, Kate Ceberano, Isaiah and over 2,500 choristers

Legendary Australian singer John Farnham joined forces with Queensland Music Festival (QMF) Artistic Director Katie Noonan, fellow Australian music icons Kate Ceberano and Eurovision finalist Isaiah and over 2,500 choristers to sing out against domestic violence with a very special guest appearance at QMF's epic [You're the Voice](#) concert in Brisbane at South Bank Piazza at 5pm on Saturday 29 July.

John Farnham joined QMF's concert for one special song - to sing his iconic 'You're The Voice' alongside Noonan, Ceberano and Isaiah and the mass choir.

John Farnham and manager Glenn Wheatley, said they were honoured to be part of QMF's powerful *You're The Voice* initiative.

"We are proud to have 'You're the Voice' associated with such fine talent and such a worthy cause."

Queensland Premier and Minister for the Arts Anastacia Palaszczuk applauded QMF, and Artistic Director Katie Noonan, for its vision of affecting positive change through its month long program, including the *You're the Voice* initiative.

"I thank all involved in this initiative, and this incredible finale, for making a difference, and for not sitting in silence.

"Special thanks to John Farnham for his rousing anthem and for getting behind this extraordinary cause.

"I continue to urge all Queenslanders to use your voice to speak out against domestic and family violence - it has no place in our community.

"The Queensland Government is proud to support the Queensland Music Festival and its *You're The Voice* initiative which has shone a light on the issue of domestic and family violence and united thousands of people across the country."

Katie Noonan is passionate about using music to educate, inspire and change the world, as well as helping everyone to find their musical voice.

"I'm so proud of the positive response from the Australian community and music industry in rallying together to support Queensland Music Festival's *You're The Voice* initiative. It is an honour to have John Farnham raise his voice alongside thousands from across the country to sing for change. *You're The Voice* is a testament to the power of music being able to make a difference," Ms Noonan said.

The monumental, mass rendition of Farnham's iconic 'You're the Voice' was a powerful finale to the *You're The Voice* concert, and QMF Artistic Director Katie Noonan's first festival, uniting thousands of Australian voices in a strong, musical stand against domestic violence.

More than 4,500 people, including 135 choirs from Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia were involved in the initiative, either by singing at the Brisbane event, holding a local event, or joining the sea of voices via livestream.

QMF livestreamed the concert so that people from every corner of Australia who wanted their voice to be heard on this issue could sing in unison with those at event in Brisbane at South Bank Piazza.

In addition to the *You're The Voice* event, Katie Noonan and the Sony Foundation brought together Australian music stars Archie Roach, Troy Cassar-Daley and Montaigne to join Kate Ceberano and Isaiah to release a charity single on iTunes to raise funds to support young people affected by domestic violence.

Sony Foundation will donate all profits from the sale of the single to DVConnect, which provides 24/7 crisis response in Queensland for those living with domestic or family violence – click [here](#) to buy the single and [here](#) to view the video.

To help raise awareness, QMF is working closely with the Allison Baden-Clay Foundation and the Luke Batty Foundation. Donations can be made at allisonbadenclayfoundation.org.au and lukebattyfoundation.org.au.

For domestic and family violence support call DVConnect: Womensline 1800 811 811, Mensline 1800 600 636.

You're The Voice is presented by Queensland Music Festival, Brisbane City Council, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, and Aurizon, and supported by Cornerstone Living, Brisbane Airport Corporation, Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, The Courier-Mail and The Sunday Mail, Seven Network, APN Outdoor, Rio Tinto, Brisbane Marketing and Australia Council for the Arts and Actrua.

For more information and to register interest in singing in *You're The Voice*, please visit qmf.org.au.

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You're The Voice has received financial assistance from the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland's Queensland Arts Showcase Program.

The *You're The Voice* project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

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