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Australian music stars Kate Ceberano and Isaiah to join Katie Noonan
to sing out on domestic violence with choirs across the country
during Queensland Music Festival

Australian music icons Kate Ceberano, alongside X Factor winner and Eurovision grand finalist Isaiah will take to the stage with Artistic Director Katie Noonan during Queensland Music Festival (QMF), to sing for change about domestic and family violence.

The monumental musical event *You're The Voice* will culminate in a moving, mass rendition with a 2000-strong choir singing John Farnham's powerful anthem at 5pm on Saturday 29 July at Brisbane's South Bank Piazza, a fitting finale to the 2017 festival.

Ms Noonan is calling for singers in community, school and professional choirs and individuals across the country to join forces with the star line-up and register to be part of the *You're The Voice* choral concert in July. So far more than 3000 people, including 111 choirs from Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia have signed up to be involved. Registrations are open until Friday 30 June at qmf.org.au.

QMF will livestream the concert through its website and social media channels so that men, women, boys and girls from every corner of Australia who want their voice to be heard on this issue can sing in unison with those at the Brisbane finale event.

In addition to the *You're The Voice* event, Katie Noonan and the Sony Foundation have brought together Australian music stars Archie Roach, Troy Cassar-Daley and Montaigne to join Kate Ceberano and Isaiah to create a charity single which was released on Tuesday 30 May on iTunes to raise funds to support young people who are victims of domestic violence. All profits from the sale of the single will be donated by Sony Foundation to DVConnect who provide 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.

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 this initiative. It is a testament to the power of music being able to make a difference," Ms Noonan said.

"I believe that if you can talk, you can sing. Whether as part of a choir, part of a community or on your own, we're calling on all Australians to join us at 5pm on Saturday 29 July to raise their voices and sing for change."

Premier and Minister for the Arts Annastacia Palaszczuk said the Queensland Government was proud to support the Queensland Music Festival's *You're The Voice* initiative designed to unite communities in voice and speak out on the issue of domestic and family violence.

"Uniting in song is a powerful way for communities, schools, choirs and individuals to stand up together and create a society that is connected, respectful, inclusive and feels safe," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"Now not only can the community participate in the *Not Now, Not Ever* initiative, *You're The Voice* provides another creative avenue to bring this important issue to light.

"I would like every Queenslander to register and sing *You're The Voice*."

The Honourable Quentin Bryce, AD CVO, Chair of the [Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland](#), will be the Patron of the event. She said *You're The Voice* would send a powerful message of unity and solidarity with those members of our community who need our voice.

[Dr Jonathon Welch AM](#), Founding Artistic Director of the award-winning [Choir of Hard Knocks](#) and [School of Hard Knocks](#), has come on board as Choral Director of the program to help recruit choirs, work with choral directors leading up to and during the concert, and conduct the choirs.

Dr Welch said choral singing can bring huge social benefits.

"Our School of Hard Knocks 'No Excuses' women's choir and MEN ALOUD! programs in Melbourne have had a huge impact for those who have experienced family violence, saying that the music has given them a voice and empowered them to start healing and turn their lives around through shared singing," Dr Welch said.

There will be a program of smaller choir performances during QMF 2017 leading up to the big night.

It doesn't matter if they have only ever sung in the shower, QMF wants *You're The Voice* to be a socially inclusive event that anyone can take part in, even if they're just singing in their sitting room.

To help raise awareness, QMF is working closely with the [Allison Baden-Clay Foundation](#) and board member and Allison's sister, Vanessa Fowler, Rosie Batty and the [Luke Batty Foundation](#), and [DVConnect](#).

Aurizon Managing Director and CEO Andrew Harding said Aurizon is proud to be a presenting partner of this important project.

"The safety of our employees and others is our highest priority and this initiative builds on the work we are doing to help prevent domestic violence and support those affected," Mr Harding said.

"Employees from across Aurizon will be joining choirs to raise their voice and help put an end to domestic violence."

QMF (7–30 July 2017) is a biennial festival that brings music to every corner of Queensland with more than 100 events over three weeks.

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.

EVENT DETAILS

EVENT: *You're The Voice*

DATE: Saturday 29 July 2017 (smaller choir performances from Friday 7 July)

TIME: 5pm

VENUE: South Bank Piazza, Brisbane (finale concert will also be live-streamed at qmf.org.au)

TICKETS: Free

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Queensland Music Festival is an initiative of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Queensland Music Festival is a state-wide celebration of music with a vision to transform lives and communities through music.

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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You're The Voice lyrics

We have the chance to turn the pages over
We can write what we want to write
We gotta make ends meet, before we get much older

We're all someone's daughter
We're all someone's son
How long can we look at each other
Down the barrel of a gun?

You're the voice, try and understand it
Make a noise and make it clear
Oh-wo-wo-wo, oh-wo-wo-wo
We're not gonna sit in silence
We're not gonna live with fear
Oh-wo-wo-wo, oh-wo-wo-wo

This time, we know we all can stand together
With the power to be powerful
Believing we can make it better

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