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# Brooke Boney and Tommy Little co-host the 2023 ARIA Awards

The Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) is thrilled to announce that Nine Network's *TODAY* News and Entertainment presenter, Brooke Boney, and comedian and radio host Tommy Little will co-host the **2023 ARIA Awards** in partnership with YouTube on Wednesday, 15 November at the Hordern Pavilion.

Brooke and Tommy will join an illustrious list of entertainers and artists who have previously hosted the Awards including Andy Lee, Bob Geldof, Dannii Minogue, G Flip, Guy Sebastian, Hamish Blake, Hugh Jackman, Keith Urban, Megan Washington, Molly Meldrum, Natalie Imbruglia, Richard Wilkins, Rove McManus, Ruby Rose, Ruel and Sir Elton John.

Brooke Boney, a proud Gamilaroi woman and respected journalist, television presenter and reporter for the *TODAY* show, has become a familiar face across Australian screens. Having previously worked at NITV, SBS and Triple J, Brooke has a deep passion for entertainment and music with an incredible ability to connect with people and capture the hearts of viewers across the nation.

Tommy Little is the most exciting comedian of his generation, bringing his signature high energy and enthusiasm to the stage, night after night, year after year. His third Amazon Comedy Special *Pretty Fly For a Dickhead* was just released in April on Prime Video. Tommy is beloved across Australia as one half of popular national radio program *The Carrie and Tommy Show*.

With their combined wit, charisma, and passion for music, Brooke and Tommy are set to lead an unforgettable celebration of the year in Australian music, in a night filled with exceptional performances from Australia's top artists and exciting moments.

Brooke Said: "I'm absolutely thrilled to co-host the **2023 ARIA Awards** alongside Tommy. Music has the power to bring people together, and it's an honour to be a part of an event that celebrates the incredible talent within Australia's music industry. Tommy and I can't wait to bring our energy and love for music to the ARIA stage in Sydney, and we promise you a night filled with laughter, amazing performances, and plenty of celebrations. It's going to be a night to remember!"



Tommy Said: "Brooke Boney and I are the perfect Yin and Yang. She is professional, articulate and extremely hardworking, so I guess I will just do the other bits. I absolutely love Australian music but I am also tone deaf, so this is the closest I will ever get to an ARIA and I can't wait."

The **2023 ARIA Awards** will once again take place at Sydney's iconic Hordern Pavilion that has hosted many of the world's, and Australia's, leading performers. As the vibrant, creative hub of Australia, the Harbour City is the ideal location to celebrate Australian talent, against the backdrop of Sydney's booming music scene and 24-hour economy.

The **2023 ARIA Awards** are proudly supported by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

Watch the **ARIA Awards** live from 5.00pm AEDT, only on Stan. The live stream will be followed by a special presentation on Channel 9 from 7.30pm with performances and moments also available on the <u>@ARIA.official</u> YouTube channel.

- Live from **1.30pm AEDT:** Red Carpet on <u>@ARIA.official</u> YouTube channel
- Live from 5.00pm AEDT: The 2023 ARIA Awards in full, only on Stan
- **7.30pm:** A **2023 ARIA Awards special presentation** on Channel 9 and streamed outside of Australia on YouTube

#### The 2023 ARIA Awards Public Voting categories are still open: here

The **2023 ARIA Awards** public voting is open for Song Of The Year presented by YouTube, Best Video presented by YouTube, Best Australian Live Act, Most Popular International Artist and Telstra ARIA Music Teacher.

Voting closes at 11.59pm Wednesday, 8 November. The winners will be announced at the **2023 ARIA Awards** in partnership with YouTube on Wednesday, 15 November at the Hordern Pavilion.

#### Media Accreditation is now open: LINK

Media Accreditation will close 5pm AEDT Wednesday, 1 November. Media will be notified on Media Accreditation Access and collection details Thursday, 2 November.

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## **ABOUT ARIA**



The Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) is a national industry association with more than 100 members representing major and independent record producers, manufacturers, and distributors. ARIA acts as an advocate for the Australian music industry, administers the labelling code of practice, and compiles industry information and research. It also produces the ARIA Charts every week and the annual ARIA Awards. Most importantly, ARIA supports Australian music and creates opportunities for it to be heard.

We acknowledge First Nations people as the Traditional Owners and sovereign custodians of the lands on which we work and live. We recognise their continuing connection to Country and their respective nations across this continent and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We also celebrate the unique and inspiring creativity and songlines of the world's oldest living culture and give thanks for the immeasurable influence First Nations people continue to have over the music and art we all enjoy.

