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# **The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual CMC Music Awards Finalists Announced**

## **TROY CASSAR-DALEY AND CRAIG CAMPBELL TO PERFORM AT THE AWARDS**

After six huge weeks of voting, **Foxtel's Country Music Channel (CMC)** today announced the finalists for the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual CMC Music Awards**, before the winners are revealed **Thursday March 23 at 8.30pm AEDT** during the **LIVE broadcast on CMC** hosted by **MORGAN EVANS**. The **CMC Music Awards** are also available to stream instantly on **Foxtel Play**.

Also announced today, music star **TROY CASSAR-DALEY** will team up with international country music rising star **CRAIG CAMPBELL** and join a stellar line up of previously announced international and local artists including **LITTLE BIG TOWN, KIP MOORE, LEE KERNAGHAN, THE McCLYMONTS** and **TRAVIS COLLINS**.

The finalists for **The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual CMC Music Awards 2017** are as follows:

### **CMC AUSTRALIAN ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Adam Brand  
Amber Lawrence  
Lee Kernaghan  
O'Shea  
Travis Collins

### **CMC INTERNATIONAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Blake Shelton  
Brad Paisley  
Carrie Underwood  
Florida Georgia Line  
Keith Urban

### **CMC MALE AUSTRALIAN ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Adam Brand  
Lee Kernaghan  
Travis Collins  
Troy Cassar-Daley  
Troy Kemp

### **CMC FEMALE AUSTRALIAN ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Amber Lawrence  
Caitlyn Shadbolt  
Chelsea Basham  
Jasmine Rae  
Kasey Chambers

### **CMC NEW AUSTRALIAN ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Fanny Lumdsen  
Imogen Clark

Jason Owen  
Missy Lancaster  
Weeping Willows

#### **CMC GROUP OR DUO OF THE YEAR**

The McClymonts  
O'Shea  
Sunny Cowgirls  
The Wolfe Brothers  
Viper Creek Band

#### **CMC AUSTRALIAN VIDEO OF THE YEAR**

Chelsea Basham- One of These Days  
O'Shea- The Truth Walks Slowly  
The McClymonts- House  
Travis Collins- Call Me Crazy  
Wolfe Brothers- This Crazy Life

#### **CMC INTERNATIONAL VIDEO OF THE YEAR**

Carrie Underwood- Heartbeat  
Florida Georgia Line- H.O.L.Y.  
Keith Urban- Wasted Time  
Kelsea Ballerini- Peter Pan  
Tim McGraw- Humble & Kind

#### **HALL OF FAME AWARD**

Lee Kernaghan

#### **ARIA HIGHEST SELLING AUSTRALIAN ARTIST**

Adam Brand and The Outlaws (self-titled)

#### **ARIA HIGHEST SELLING INTERNATIONAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR**

Keith Urban- Ripcord

Four time GRAMMY® Award winner **KEITH URBAN** will be awarded on the night with an *ARIA Highest Selling International Album Award* for his eighth American studio album "*Ripcord*" as well as being nominated in two categories, *CMC International Video of the Year* and *CMC International Artist of the Year*.

**TRAVIS COLLINS** who will perform at the awards tops off an already successful start to the year with three Golden Guitar Awards under his belt and follows this up with three nominations in the categories *CMC Australian Video of the Year*, *CMC Australian Male Artist of the Year* and *CMC Australian Artist of the Year*.

The CMC Music Awards 2017 will celebrate the road paved by **LEE KERNAGHAN** by honouring him with the **CMC Hall of Fame Award** which recognises artists who have had an impact on Australian country music beyond their own.

The *ARIA Highest Selling Australian Artist* will be awarded to **ADAM BRAND AND THE OUTLAWS** for their successful self- titled album "*Adam Brand and The Outlaws*".

**TROY CASSAR-DALEY** and **CRAIG CAMPBELL** team up at the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual CMC Music Awards** to perform an exclusive live acoustic duet. Troy said of the performance: "Craig and I have been friends for a long time and share a real love for traditional Country, it's going to be great to sing with him again."

Troy Cassar-Daley has earned his place as one of Australia's leading country music artists and has a reputation amongst his peers in the Australian music industry as being the most loved and respected singer/songwriters. Across his 30 year career, Troy has received 4 ARIAs, 35 Golden Guitars, 2 APRA Song of the Year awards and 4 CMAA Entertainer of the Year Awards and has sold in excess of 450,000 albums and received Gold and Platinum records. This year Troy was the 50th inductee into the prestigious Australasian Roll Of Renown and is such an incredible honour for Troy.

Troy has dominated the charts with successive hit albums and is currently touring his latest album "*Things I Carry Around*" which took out the 2017 CMAA Album Of The Year and is currently touring nationally. Described as 'like opening up a large suitcase and having memories and family pictures and sounds and scents and tears and laughter and heartbreak all tumble out around you; a case full of life in all its variations'.

As one of Country's brightest rising stars **CRAIG CAMPBELL** launched onto the Country music scene in 2011 and continues to exist in a perfect sweet spot between tradition and modernity.

Campbell is responsible for smash hits 'Outta My Head' and 'Keep Them Kisses Comin', and has five consecutive US hit singles and over half a million downloads to his name. Success with hits and countless shows, he has kept his eyes on his mission to bring his fans true country music with a spin all his own, through timeless songs that tell his life story. His latest single, 'Outskirts of Heaven', a ballad with a sweeping Nineties style twang is charting in the US and showcases his vocal abilities and it is Campbell like he's never been heard before, but it's actually the truest to himself yet.

On performing with Troy, Craig said: "I'm very excited to be back in Australia for CMC Rocks this year! Especially pumped to perform with my good buddy Troy Cassar-Daley. More than anything I'm excited to see all my Aussie fans!!"

It is the hottest ticket for Australia's country music fans who can purchase tickets to the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual CMC Music Awards** at [ticketek.com.au](http://ticketek.com.au) and for further information visit [countrymusicchannel.com.au](http://countrymusicchannel.com.au).

The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual CMC Music Awards** kick off a star studded week in country music with **CMC Rocks QLD 2017**, Australia's premiere Country and Roots Festival to follow which is now sold out. Now in its epic tenth year, CMC Rocks will feature performances by Global superstars **Dixie Chicks** who headline the Festival and who will be joined by a first class international and local performance line up including **Little Big Town, Kip Moore, Lee Kernaghan** and many more. **CMC Rocks QLD 2017** will be held over three days and nights from **Friday March 24, Saturday March 25 and Sunday March 26, 2017** at Willowbank near Ipswich and will telecast on CMC in April.

Foxtel and CMC are proud to partner with **Tourism and Events Queensland** to bring the CMC Music Awards to Queensland for the third year. CMC Music Awards 2017 and CMC Rocks QLD are part of the *It's Live! in Queensland* events calendar, showcasing Australia's best live events in Australia's best destinations.

The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual CMC Music Awards** will broadcast **LIVE on Thursday March 23 at 8.30pm AEDT** on Foxtel's CMC and is also available to watch on Foxtel's streaming service, Foxtel Play. Following each broadcast, customers can watch The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual CMC Music Awards** any time via Foxtel On Demand, which is available on internet connected iQ boxes, Foxtel Play or enjoyed on the move via Foxtel Go, Foxtel's mobile app. Foxtel Go and Foxtel On Demand are included with all Foxtel and Foxtel play subscriptions at no extra cost.



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