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WAMi AWARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

The **WAMi Awards** recognize the top achievers in Western Australian music. Year after year, Western Australian acts have produced some of Australia's most loved and highly acclaimed albums, not forgetting to mention a stellar bunch of up and coming artists. Last night at the 2009 WAMi Festival Media Launch in Perth, the WAMi Award nominees were unveiled!

Fresh off the national V Festival tour, WA's newest label signees, **Tame Impala** lead the charge with a massive ten WAMi Award nominations including *Most Popular Act*, *Favourite Newcomer* and *Most Promising New Act*. Flying the flag for the independents, **Birds of Tokyo** and **Sugar Army** both racked up five WAMi Award nominations, with **Birds of Tokyo** once again nominated in the *Most Popular Album* category.

Battling it out for *Most Popular Album* sees some local favorites rack up the nominations. **The Painkillers** picked up their first WAMi Award nomination for their album *Love Cancer*, **Abbe May and the Rockin' Pneumonia** were nominated for *Howl and Moan*, ex-pats **Snowman** for their freakishly good album *The Horse, The Rat and The Swan*, and last year's winners **Birds of Tokyo**, for their sophomore album *Universes*, which was certified with Gold sales in February this year.

Fresh off the back of coming in at #10 on the triple j Hottest 100 with his single *Jimmy Recard*, **Drapht** scores his first WAMi Award nomination since 2007 for that very song in the *Most Popular Single/EP* category. Other nominees include previous WAMi Award winners **End of Fashion** for their single *Fussy*, the lovely **Felicity Groom** for *Treasures* and **Tame Impala** for their *Self Titled EP*, which was released through Modular.

In the *Most Popular New Act* and *Favourite Newcomer* categories **Boys Boys Boys!**, **Apricot Rail** and **Tame Impala** score a nomination in both, with **Will Stoker and Embers** rounding out the fourth nomination place for *Favourite Newcomer* and **The Scotch of St James** for the *Most Promising New Act* category.

RTRFM's breakfast host **Peter Barr** is again nominated in the industry only voted category for the *Golden WAMi Award*, the winner of this award for the past two years - could Barr make it a hat-trick? Pete Barr battles it out with RTRFM's Music Director **Dave Cutbush** and the two female Golden WAMi nominees - **Kristy Pinder** (former PIAF Contemporary Program Manager) & **Steph Edwardes** (Manager, Sugar Army). The

Golden WAMi nominees are nominated based on their contribution to the WA music industry over the past year!

Voting for the public voted WAMi Awards is open to anyone in the world. The voting is open now at <http://wam.asn.au> or www.perthnow.com.au (.). Voting closes at 5pm AWST Thursday 30 April.

The WAMi Award winners will be announced at the WAMi Awards Night at Metro City in Perth on Thursday 7 May. Hosted by **Tex Perkins** (Australian rock and roll icon), the WAMi Awards will include live performances by the **Kill Devil Hills**, indigenous act **Djiva**, Next Big Thing winners **Project Mayhem** and more to be announced. Tickets are on sale now from www.moshtix.com.au and the usual outlets.

The 2009 WAMi Festival runs from May 6 – 10 (metro), with the Regional WAMi Tours & Events taking place from May 12- 24.

For all WAMi Festival information, including the full list of WAMi Award nominees and the WAMi Festival Guide, head to <http://wam.asn.au> <<http://wam.asn.au/>> (.).

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