

HARMONY DAY SONGWRITING COMPETITION “Making Our World a Better Place”

General Rules of the Competition

The following information describes how to enter the Harmony Day Songwriting Competition (*Competition*). By entering the Competition each entrant agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions.

Songs

Songs must express the theme of the competition (*“Making Our World a Better Place”*) but need not include any of these words

- Songs (both lyrics and music) must be original.
- Songs may be entered in any one of four categories:
 - Category 1 – Pop, Rock and Country
 - Category 2 – Jazz and Blues
 - Category 3 – R&B, Rap and Hip Hop
 - Category 4 – Indie, Folk, Choral and Classical
- Where an entrant is uncertain of the appropriate category for his or her song, the song may be submitted on the basis that the judges will determine the appropriate category.. The judges also have the right to reclassify a song if they think it necessary
- The judges may reject any entry that they consider to contain inappropriate language or sentiments
- Maximum length is 4 (four) minutes

Entrants

- All entrants must attend a secondary school in Australia (i.e. school years 7 to 12) at the time of entry into the Competition
- Songs do not have to be performed by the songwriter(s), but the performer must be enrolled in a high school at the time of recording. The performer, if he or she is not the songwriter, does not qualify for a prize
- Songs can be written by more than one person (for instance someone who writes the lyrics and someone who writes the music). In such a case, any prize(s) awarded will be shared equally between the songwriters

Submission of entries

- To enter the Competition, entrants must follow the directions on the entry form which is available on our website **www.movingforwardtogether.com.au**
- Songs must be submitted on CD and must be accompanied by a copy of the lyrics
- Composer's name and date of birth **MUST** be printed clearly on the actual CD
- While the quality of the recording will not be a part of the judging criteria, songs must be clearly audible to the judges
- Entrants may enter up to 3 songs
- There is no entry fee
- All entries must be received no later than 8 April 2011 or such later date as the judges may determine, to be eligible for judging in the Competition
- All entrants and, where appropriate their parents or guardian, will be required to sign a form stating that the song is written by them and granting a license to the Harmony Day Songwriting Competition Committee to use or make a sound recording of the song
- For the removal of doubt, entrants will retain all copyright and other intellectual property rights in any song entered by them in the Competition

Judging

- A panel of judges, consisting of music educators and experienced musicians, will be appointed by the Harmony Day Songwriting Competition Committee to judge the Competition
- The judges decisions on all matters in connection with the Competition will be final and no correspondence will be entered into
- The judges will adopt the following criteria when judging each entry:

Lyrics

Criteria	Mark awarded
Originality	10%
Expression of the theme of the competition (not necessarily using either of the words 'Harmony Day')	30%
Imagery used	10%

Music

Criteria	Mark awarded
Originality of melody	20%
Suitability of melody to lyrics	20%
Rhythm	10%
Total	100%

Prizes

- All entrants will receive a certificate or other token of appreciation for their entry
- A prize of \$ 500 will be awarded to the winner in each Category
- A further prize of \$500 will be awarded to the overall winner
- Prizes will be awarded at the ceremony at which Harmony Day Poster Competition prizes are awarded each year
- Prize winners will be requested to perform their winning song. If they do not wish to perform it themselves and cannot find someone to do so the Committee will either play the recording of the song or find someone to do so

Promotion

- Each entrant agrees that should his or her song be selected as a prize winner, the Harmony Day Songwriting Competition Committee will be licensed to use the sound recording of the song as submitted and also have the right to make and publish a sound recording of the song for publicity purposes in connection with the Competition (or any future competition) without any compensation for a period of 12 months commencing from 14th April 2011.

Indemnity

- Each entrant, by entering into the Competition, agrees to indemnify and hold the members of the Harmony Day Songwriting Competition Committee and each of the judges harmless from and against any claims inconsistent with the song not being an original song composed by the entrant. Each entrant also agrees to release, indemnify, and hold members of the Harmony Day Songwriting Competition Committee and each of the judges harmless for any liability, damages, or claims for injury or loss to any person or property relating to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, his or her participation in the Competition.