

Melbourne Prize for Music 2025

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NEWSLETTER

This year we celebrate over two decades of the annual Melbourne Prize with the Melbourne Prize for Music 2025 & Awards; one of Australia's most valuable arts prizes.

From us all at the Melbourne Prize Trust, we extend our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful New Year.

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The 2025 music prize has been made possible through the generous support of our many partners and patrons, acknowledged below. Many have been with us since the prize began 21 years ago and we are grateful for their enduring community investment.

We thank our three judges, Missy Higgins, Genevieve Lacey and Ben Northey whose expertise and dedication have been invaluable. Thank you to our many volunteers who give their time so generously.

We had record entries this year and thank the music sector for supporting the Prize; Victoria is fortunate to have a thriving music scene.

We congratulate the winners and finalists and extend our thanks to the many entrants across this year's award categories.

Please enjoy the photos in this Newsletter, courtesy of our videography partner, Kine Graffiti.

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 PARTNERS AND PATRONS

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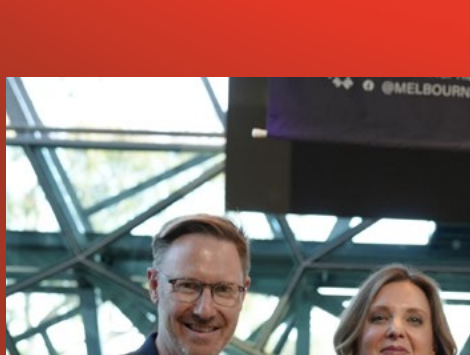


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SINGER/SONGWRITER
MISSY HIGGINS

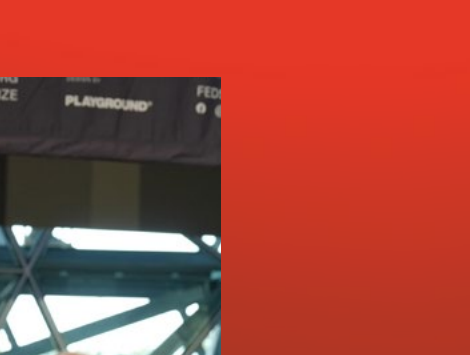
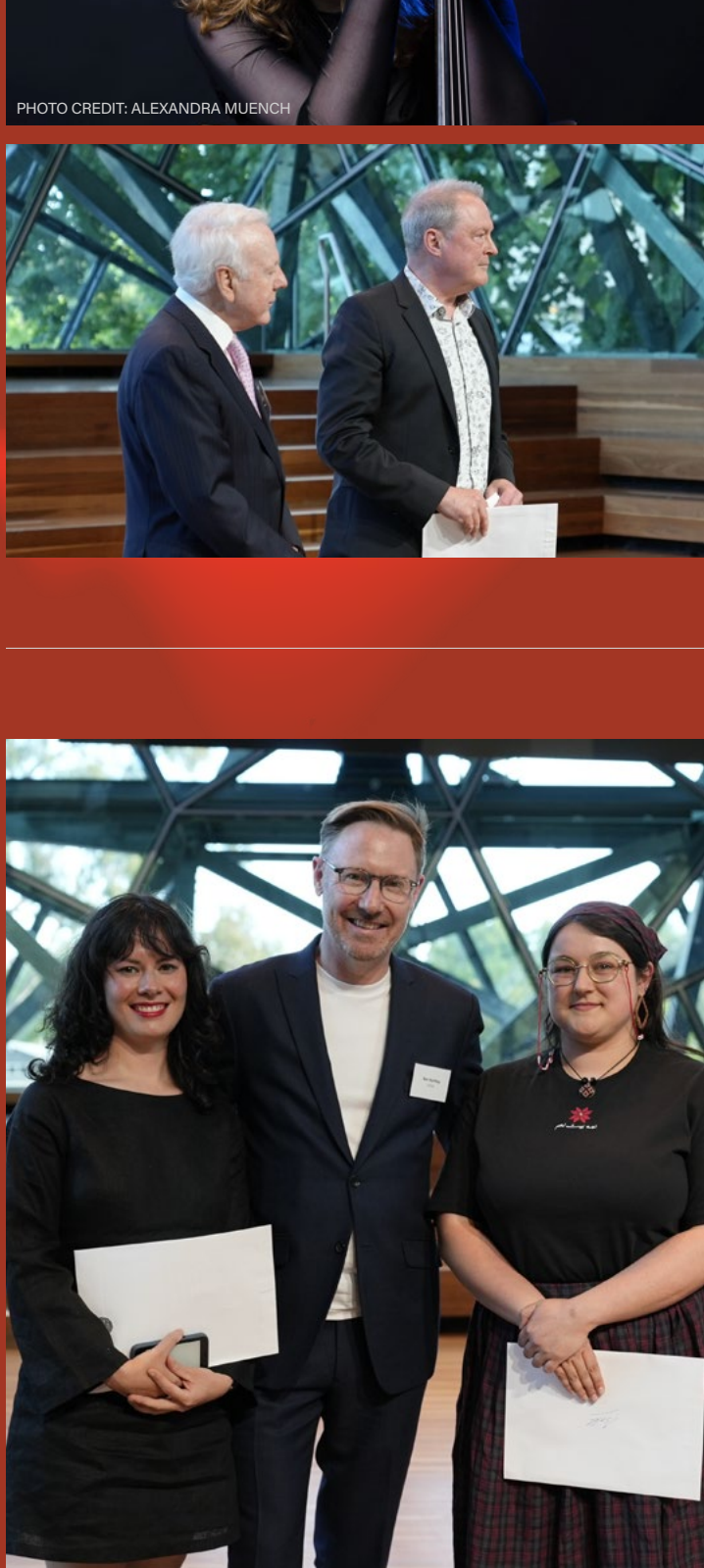


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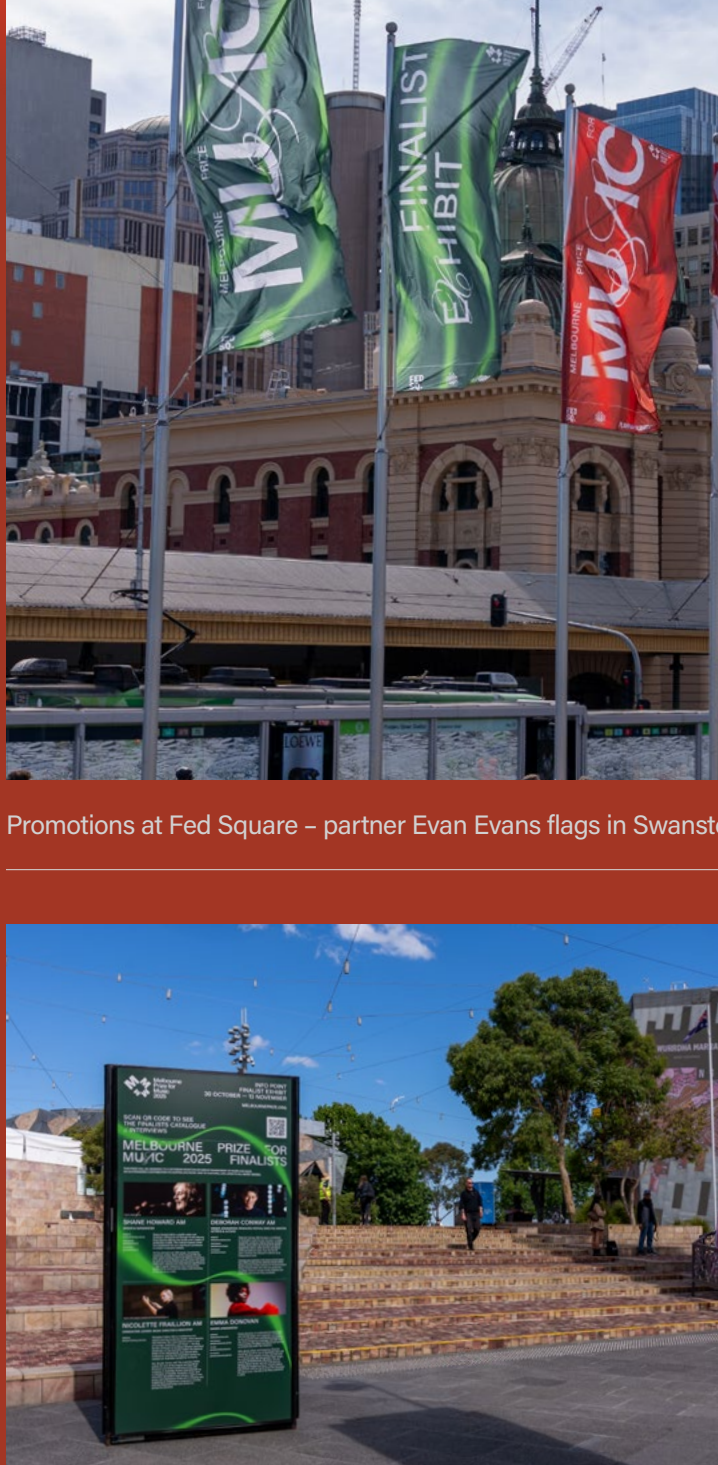
Supported by Major Patron

Shane Howard AM
SINGER AND SONGWRITER
Winner
Melbourne Prize for Music 2025 (\$60,000)
Shane Howard AM.



Supported by

Vanessa Perica
COMPOSER AND CONDUCTOR
Winner
Beloura John Tallis Award for Emerging Composers 2025 (\$20,000)
L-R: Ben Northey judge, Vanessa Perica and Kristin Stegley.



Supported by
Dr Alastair Jackson AM
Charlotte Miles
CELLIST
Winner
Professional Development Award 2025 (\$10,000)
Above: Charlotte Miles
L-R: Award patron Dr Alastair Jackson AM, Howard Penny (award accepted on behalf of Charlotte Miles).



Supported by

Carolyn Schofield
SYNTHESIST, PIANIST AND COMPOSER
Isobel Caldwell
SINGER AND SONGWRITER
Winners
Falls Creek Musicians Residencies 2025 (\$1,000)
L-R: Carolyn Schofield, Ben Northey judge and Isobel Caldwell.

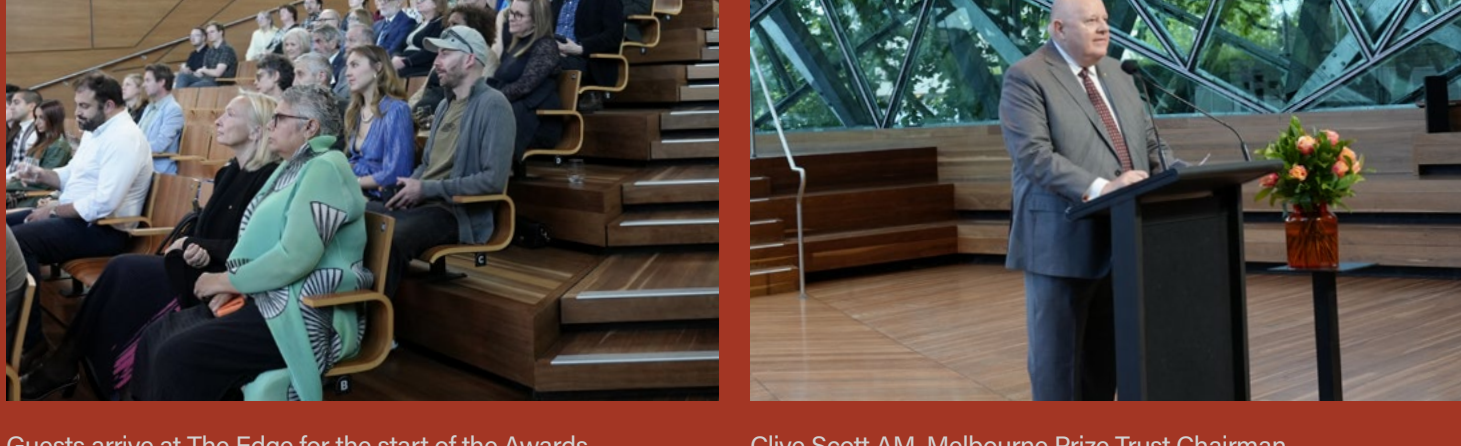


Supported by

Deborah Conway AM
SINGER, SONGWRITER AND GUITARIST
Winner
Civic Award 2025 (\$2,000)
L-R: Deborah Conway AM and Genevieve Lacey judge.



Promotions at Fed Square – partner Evan Evans flags in Swanston Street



Info point, posters and screen displays at Fed Square during the awards – 30 October to 13 November
Designed by Foundation Partner Playground



L-R: Ian Morrison, Roger Blythman OAM, Kristin Stegley, Dr Alastair Jackson AM, Howard Penny, Emma Donovan, Ben Northey, Nicolette Fraillon AM, Deborah Conway AM, Simon Warrender OAM, Genevieve Lacey, Shane Howard AM, Missy Higgins, David Richardson AO OBE and Clive Scott AM.



Guitarist Dr Tim Willis prepares for the awards at The Edge



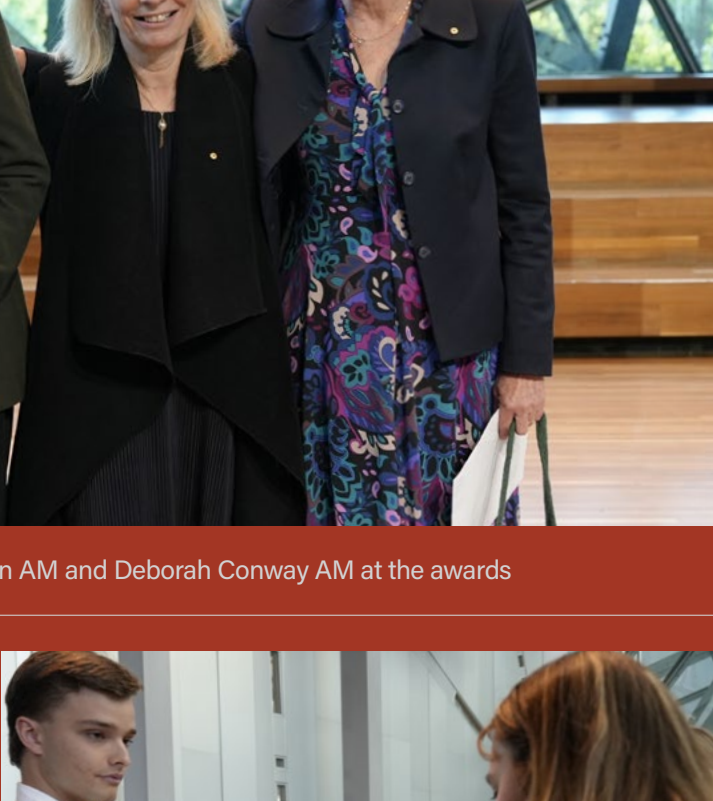
Guests arrive at The Edge for the start of the Awards



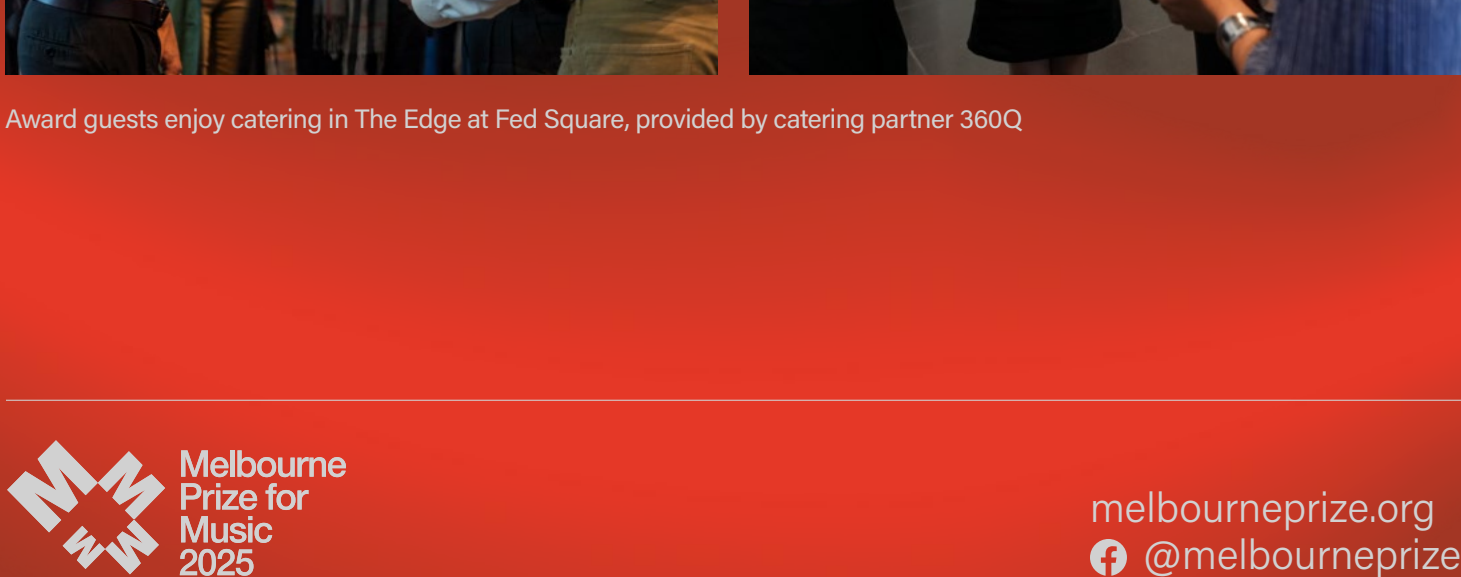
Clive Scott AM, Melbourne Prize Trust Chairman opens the awards



Councillor Philip Le Liu, City of Melbourne



Fiona Duncan, CEO Music Victoria addresses guests at the awards



L-R: Judges Ben Northey, Genevieve Lacey and Missy Higgins discuss the prize this year

L-R: Clive Scott AM, Ben Northey & Genevieve Lacey Judges, Shane Howard AM and Missy Higgins judge at the awards

L-R: Finalists Emma Donovan, Shane Howard AM, Nicolette Fraillon AM and Deborah Conway AM at the awards

Award guests enjoy catering in The Edge at Fed Square, provided by catering partner 360Q

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