



**EMBARGOED UNTIL 6.30PM AEST MONDAY 24 JUNE**  
**2013 HELPMANN AWARDS NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED**

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The nominations for the **2013 Helpmann Awards** have been announced simultaneously at events in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart and Perth. This is the first time the Nominations events were held concurrently in 6 cities and a first for Adelaide, Hobart and Perth.

The events in each city were attended by the local Performing Arts community in support of **The Helpmann Awards** and what they represent. The Nominations were announced by various acclaimed performers including *David Atkins OAM, Christie Whelan Browne, Chloe Dallimore, Sharon Millerchip, Catherine McClements, Simon Gallaher, Cameron Goodall, Rob Mills and Erika Heynatz* to name but a few.

Live Performance Australia (LPA) received an incredible 822 entries across 41 categories this year, making it one of the highest number of entries ever received in **The Helpmann Awards** 13 year history.

NSW Minister for Tourism and Major Events, **George Souris**, congratulated the nominees of the **2013 Helpmann Awards** and said Sydney is proud to host this prestigious Australian event for the 13<sup>th</sup> year in succession.

“The Helpmanns are the premier awards event for the live performance industry. Our investment in the **2013 Helpmann Awards** and the staging of them in Sydney reaffirms the NSW Government’s commitment to the arts and further strengthens Sydney’s position as the live performance capital of Australia,” Mr Souris said.

Chief Executive, Evelyn Richardson, said “**The Helpmann Awards** are the pinnacle ‘night of nights’ event for our industry, recognising the very best in live performances that annually attract over 17 million people to shows across the country with revenues topping \$1.3 billion.”

“This year we are also delighted to announce two additional Awards which will be presented at the ceremony. The **Best Special Event Award** will be presented to **White Night Melbourne, Victorian Major Events Company on behalf of the State Government of Victoria**. An Award will also be given for **Outstanding Theatrical Achievement: for the design, creation and operation of King Kong - the creature**. The Industry Awards Panel and **Helpmann Awards Administration Committee** felt strongly that this ground breaking Australian creation, the first of its kind in the world, was worthy of individual recognition.”

The Helpmann Awards also incorporate the Brian Stacey Award for Emerging Australian Conductors. This year the Brian Stacey Memorial Trust announced Carolyn Watson as the winner of the award, also receiving an \$8000 prize. Carolyn is a gifted musician and will use her prize money in further developing her talent and skill in musical direction and conducting.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Helpmann Awards will be presented live in Sydney at SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July hosted by Eddie Perfect and Christie Whelan Browne, and broadcast on Foxtel's Arena.

The NSW Government, through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW, is a strategic partner for the 2013 Helpmann Awards.

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TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT 9AM**

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**13th ANNUAL HELPMANN AWARDS  
MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY  
Showtime: 7pm  
SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE  
[www.helpmannawards.com.au](http://www.helpmannawards.com.au)**

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*The Helpmann Awards are the premier awards event for Australia's vibrant live entertainment and performing arts industry. They celebrate the significant contribution the sector makes to the greater Australian community and recognise distinguished artistic achievement and excellence across the major disciplines of Australia's live performance industry, including musical theatre, contemporary music, comedy, cabaret, opera, classical music, theatre, dance and physical theatre. The Helpmann Awards also incorporates the JC Williamson Award for outstanding contribution to the Australian live performance industry.*

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