

## WAM REVEALS WINNERS FOR 2024 SONG OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY ACT BELONG COMMIT & HEALTHWAY



[Left to right] Song of the Year Grand Prize Winner: Rein Mali | Runner Up: Joan and The Giants | Second Runner Up: Good News Now We Can Eat All the Vampires. [Credit supplied](#)

After the eagerly anticipated live awards night at Freo.Social, West Australian Music (WAM) are delighted to announce the winners of the 2024 WAM Song of the Year competition presented by Act Belong Commit & Healthway. This exciting mix of emerging and established artists echo the diversity and talent within the West Australian contemporary music scene and demonstrates why we're so incredibly proud of it.

Taking out the coveted overall grand prize was **Rein Mali ft CHISEKO** with their song *Game of Love*, a song that "has taken the Australian R&B scene by storm. Boasting 11 Spotify editorial placements and receiving airplay on esteemed platforms like Triple J and CADA Radio." With a highly anticipated third single to be released soon and exciting projects on the horizon, taking out the prestigious grand prize is a well-deserved accolade to reflect his rising success.

**Joan and The Giants** were declared runner up for their 'Rock' category winning song, *Born in the Wrong Time* and 'Folk' category winner **Good News Now We Can Eat All the Vampires** were announced as second runner up for their song, *The Miner*.

The winner of the 'Act Belong Commit' category this year was Sofia Gale, with her song "Laugh." Sofia, a 16-year-old singer-songwriter from Perth, has previously received three nominations for the WAM Song of the Year awards, winning the 'Schools 14 Under' category in 2023.

**Healthway Chief Executive Officer Colin Smith** congratulated Sofia for being recognised again with an award, this time winning the Act Belong Commit category.

"Thank you for your uplifting song that inspires us all to look after our own mental health and wellbeing," he said.

"Congratulations to all the winners and nominees, and to WAM for organising such a great event that supports and encourages the music community to look out for their own and others' mental wellbeing," he said.

Healthway is proud to partner with WAM to promote the Act Belong Commit health message.

The 2024 Song of the Year live event featured performances by nominees Boox Kid, Claudia Tripp, Drea, LUCI and MAGE, delivering a dynamic and diverse performance program befitting of this big celebration of WA songwriting talent.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed panel of judges for 2024: Adam Dance, Andy Kelly, Ash McGregor, Claire Pannell, Clive Hodson, Damien Binder, Delilah Rose, Em Burrows, Hayley Ayres, Kailyn Crabbe, Karen Simmonds, Kelly Gudgeon, Kyron Smithson, Luanne Scheier, Marika Bailey, Mark Lloyd, Matt Perrett, Minky Gardner, Olivia Guiffre, Osric Powell, Paul Clarke, Rachel Goad, Reece Delaney, Rhian Todhunter, Sandy Marwick, Shan Navajan, Sze Tsange, Tenille Elkins, and Will Marwick.

Congratulations to all winners and nominees.

## WAM SONG OF THE YEAR 2024 WINNERS

### GRAND PRIZE

**WINNER** *Game of Love Rein Mali ft CHISEKO*

**RUNNER UP** *Born in the Wrong Time Joans and The Giants*

**SECOND RUNNER UP** *The Miner Good News Now We Can Eat All the Vampires*

### ACT BELONG COMMIT

Presented by **Healthway** | Studio Sponsor **Sundown Studio**

**WINNER** *Laugh Sofia Gale*

### OTHER NOMINEES

*Beautiful Day Sophian*

*Feelin' Fine Sgt. Hulka*

*Friends Drea*

*Harmony Rholea*

### BLUES/ROOTS

Presented by **Xpress Magazine** | Studio Sponsor **James Buchanan**

**WINNER** *Raised by Rivers Sash Seabourne*

### OTHER NOMINEES

*Everything's Divine Finn Pearson Band*

*Feelin Fine' Sgt. Hulka*

*Is this Love Helen Townsend*

*Rhiannon Blues Simone Keane*

### COUNTRY

Presented by **Country Music Club of Boyup Brook** | Studio Sponsor **Poons Head**

**WINNER** *FIFO Song: Where I'm Not Rhys Wood*

### OTHER NOMINEES

*Do or Die Mike Goodwin*

*Is this Love Helen Townsend*

*Leave the Light On Codee-Lee & Ray Jones*

*Rodeo Claudia Tripp*

### ELECTRONIC

Presented by **The Bird** | Studio Sponsor **Calvin Bennett Productions**

**WINNER** *Spirals Grievous Bodily Calm*

### OTHER NOMINEES

*Borderline Shrink Huey Brazadich*

*Corrections Kaikobad*

*Feet Pics Alannah Chapman, Calvin Bennett, lightheart*

*Supreme PROJECT BEXX*

### EXPERIMENTAL

Presented by **City of Melville** | Studio Sponsor **Encoder Sound**

**WINNER** *A Light Scalping SNAW*

### OTHER NOMINEES

*Conflagration Samarobryn*

*Shining Mermaid Milk ft. Juliet*

*Two Face UMBRA Trio*

*What We Found Beneath the Earth Panamuna Triangle*

### FOLK

Presented by **Nannup Music Festival** | Studio Sponsor **Dylan Olliviere**

**WINNER** *The Miner Good News Now We Can Eat All the Vampires*

### OTHER NOMINEES

*Crush Anna Schneider*

*Narcissist Joan and the Giants*

*River Song Angie Colman*

*Second Thought Maya Ixchell*

### GLOBAL

Presented by **RTRFM** | Studio Sponsor **JRF Studio**

**WINNER** *The Water Rochelle O'Reilly*

### OTHER NOMINEES

*Au Paradis Carlo D'amour*

*Ganga Kaleidoscope Avra Banerjee*

*Half Sun Half Moon Kohesia*

*Tapos Na (So Done With) RinRin*

### HEAVY/METAL

Presented by **Milk Bar** | Studio Sponsor **Oracle Sound**

**WINNER** *Miss Miserable RinRin*

### OTHER NOMINEES

*Black Rain MAGE*

*Mortal & Divine Mayatrix & the Psychics*

*Raindance Proclivity*

*Whisper Ivory Dusk*

### HIP-HOP/RNB

Presented by **Will Hear** | Studio Sponsor **Artisan Music**

**WINNER** *Game of Love* Rein Mali ft CHISEKO

**OTHER NOMINEES**

*A Prayer* Drea  
*Blind Eye* Madoc Plane  
*matter of time* Elianie  
*Reset* Racka Chachi

**JAZZ**

Presented by **Face to Face Touring** | Studio Sponsor **Crank Studio**

**WINNER** *Yawp!* Grievous Bodily Calm

**OTHER NOMINEES**

*Dijon* LUCI  
*Forest* Matt Smith Septet  
*Huey Lewy* Huey Brazadich  
*Some of the Nothings You Ain't* Gemma Farrell Quintet

**OUTSTANDING INDIGENOUS**

Presented by **City of Cockburn** | Studio Sponsor **James Newhouse/Real2Reel**

**WINNER** *Don't Waste Time* Boox Kid

**OTHER NOMINEES**

*Beneath My Feet* jax mika  
*Blow it Up* BilyaBeats  
*Follow the Music* Phil Bartlett  
*Forgotten Town* JoKeria

**OUTSTANDING REGIONAL**

Presented by **Perfect Pitch Publishing** | Studio Sponsor **Soundbaker**

**WINNER** *Dad Says I Need to Buy a TV* Sunny Day

**OTHER NOMINEES**

*Floating on Clouds* BMP  
*Holding On* Charlie Youngson  
*Living in a Tissue Box* Lyd Loui and the Star Sailors  
*Sleeping* Darcy Hay

**POP**

Presented by **I Heart Songwriting Club** | Studio Sponsor **Sumo Sounds Studios**

**WINNER** *Beautiful Day* Sophian

**OTHER NOMINEES**

*Favourite Part* Jordan Anthony  
*Nocturnal* Hey So Hungry  
*Patience* King Ibis  
*Wondering Why* RubyHoo

**WINNER** *READY2GO* Wesley Black

**OTHER NOMINEES**

*Condition of the Mind* Crosscheck  
*Happening to Me* Helena.  
*Same Wave* Levi James ft QB  
*Tapos Na (So Done With)* RinRin

**ROCK**

Presented by **Freo.Social** | Studio Sponsor **John Butler Studio**

**WINNER** *Born in the Wrong Time* Joan and The Giants

**OTHER NOMINEES**

*Cooling Embers* King Ibis  
*Give it Up* Siobhan Cotchin  
*Love You Later* Beach Bleach  
*Miss Miserable* RinRin

**SCHOOLS 14 UNDER**

Prize Sponsor **The Y HQ\***

**WINNER** *The Only Thing (That Matters)* Twelve Parsecs

**OTHER NOMINEES**

*Daydreamer* Izzy G  
*Hide From Me* Skye Colcott  
*If I was a Good Man* Luka Babich  
*Tired* Imogen Whyte

**SCHOOLS 15-18**

Presented by **James Buchanan** | Studio Sponsor **Blueroom Sound**

**WINNER** *Nocturnal* Hey So Hungry

**OTHER NOMINEES**

*Cassie Mariae* Cassandra  
*Ego Tripping* Rosalie Chilvers  
*Rescue Me* Angelina Curtis  
*Stayed Up* SOUR

**PUNK/HARDCORE**

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