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THE 7TH ANNUAL CMC MUSIC AWARDS

BROADCAST LIVE AND ONLY ON FOXTEL'S CMC NEXT THURSDAY MARCH 23 AT 8.30PM AEDT

Also available to stream instantly on Foxtel Play

ANNOUNCING PRESENTER LINE-UP

Including LITTLE BIG TOWN, *Nashville* star CHARLES ESTEN, *Real Housewives of Sydney* star MELISSA TKAUTZ and local country music favourites ADAM BRAND & TROY CASSAR-DALEY

Foxtel and **Country Music Channel (CMC)**, Australia's only destination for country music today announced presenters for the **7th Annual CMC Music Awards**, broadcast **LIVE** on **Foxtel's CMC** next **Thursday March 23 at 8.30pm AEDT** (and encored on FOX8, Saturday March 26 at 3.30pm) from **The Star Gold Coast** (currently Jupiters Gold Coast and transitioning to The Star Gold Coast early 2017)**.**

Host **MORGAN EVANS** returns from Nashville to host the Awards featuring a stellar line-up of local and international guests performing and presenting including Grammy Award winning group **LITTLE BIG TOWN** who will present two Awards as well as perform their brand new single *'Better Man'.*

Joining them are international guests who will also present and perform including local country music star **TRAVIS COLLINS** who is up for three awards, **THE McCLYMONTS** and **TROY CASSAR-DALEY** who are also nominated. Performing at the Awards is **LEE KERNAGHAN** who is up for two awards and the recipient of the CMC Hall of Fame as well as **KIP MOORE** and **CRAIG CAMPBELL** who performs a duet with Troy Cassar-Daley in a CMC television exclusive.

Star of the hit US television series *Nashville* on Foxtel's *showcase*, **CHARLES ESTEN** makes his first trip to Australia and will present at the Awards. Charles plays Deacon Claybourne on the series and joins the 7th Annual CMC Music Awards straight off the back of non-stop touring across North America with his *Nashville* co-stars.

International country music guest **TYLER FARR** and local country greats **ADAM BRAND**, **ADAM HARVEY, JAMES BLUNDELL** join **CAITLYN SHADBOLT** and **CHRISTIE LAMB** to present.

From the most talked about television series, *The Real Housewives of Sydney* on Foxtel's *Arena*, Sydney housewife **MELISSA TKAUTZ** joins the list of presenters.

To round up the prestigious line-up of presenters is former Brisbane Broncos Captain and *Fox League* commentator **COREY PARKER,** who returns to present and take up his role once again as CMC Awards Queensland ambassador.

Former two-time *CMC Female Artist of the Year,* **AMBER LAWRENCE** and two time nominee at the 7th Annual CMC Music Awards will host the red carpet welcoming celebrities including international guests**, ERIC PASLAY, DREW BALDRIDGE** and **MICHAEL RAY** as well as British country music duos **WARD THOMAS** and **THE SHIRES**.

Also walking the red carpet are Award nominees **THE WOLFE BROTHERS, JASON OWEN, FANNY LUMSDEN, JASMINE RAE, MISSY LANCASTER, SUNNY COWGIRLS, TROY KEMP** and **VIPER CREEK BAND.**

Plus **CATHERINE BRITT, BIANCA DYE, SPIDA EVERITT, TIM DORMER** (Big Brother winner), **MICHAEL DUFFY** and **CARLENE DUFFY** (The Block), Brisbane Broncos **DAVID MEAD, JARRYD McNEIL** (Nitro Circus), **JACK MARTIN** and **JARROD HARBROW** from the Gold Coast Suns and **NATHAN REARDON** and **JAMES PEIRSON** from Brisbane Heat cricket team.

Limited tickets are still available and fans can purchase tickets to the 7th Annual CMC Music Awards at **ticketek.com.au.**

The **7th Annual CMC Music Awards** kick off a star studded week in country music with **CMC Rocks QLD 2017**, Australia's premiere Country and Roots Festival to follow which is now sold out. Now in its epic tenth year, CMC Rocks will feature performances by global superstars **Dixie Chicks** who headline the Festival and who will be joined by a first class international and local performance line-up including **Little Big Town, Kip Moore, Lee Kernaghan** and many more. CMC Rocks QLD 2017 will be held over three days and nights from **Friday March 24, Saturday March 25** and **Sunday March 26, 2017** at Willowbank near Ipswich and will telecast on CMC in April.

Foxtel and CMC are proud to partner with **Tourism and Events Queensland** to bring the CMC Music Awards to Queensland for the third year. CMC Music Awards 2017 and CMC Rocks QLD are part of the *It's Live! in Queensland* events calendar, showcasing Australia's best live events in Australia's best destinations.

The **7th Annual CMC Music Awards** will broadcast **LIVE on Thursday March 23 at 8.30pm** AEDT on Foxtel's CMC and is also available to watch on Foxtel's streaming service, Foxtel Play. Following each broadcast, customers can watch The **7th Annual CMC Music Awards** any time via Foxtel On Demand, which is available on internet connected iQ boxes, Foxtel Play or enjoyed on the move via Foxtel Go, Foxtel's mobile app. Foxtel Go and Foxtel On Demand are included with all Foxtel and Foxtel play subscriptions at no extra cost.

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