



# SONG COMPETITION

This year's songwriting competition offers two starting points for aspiring songwriters to explore as they get creative

This year's songwriting competition takes its themes from the 2021 ASPIRE production *The Masked DJ*. Young composers and songwriters can use one or both of this year's two inspirational concepts to write their original song:

## MASKS

After 2020 we are all way too familiar with face masks, but what other kinds of masks could you use as inspiration? As well as physical masks you wear there are also the metaphorical masks we all wear at times to pretend to be something we are not or to fit in. The idea that everyone wears a mask of some kind is a strong theme in *The Masked DJ*.

## DANCE MUSIC

Use the genre of dance music to inspire your tune. We encourage entries from writers who use technology to create their music.

### WEEK 10, TERM 4 2020

Entries can be uploaded to the ASPIRE website

### WEEK 6 TERM 1 2021

Entries close: Friday 5 March 2021

### WEEK 8, TERM 1 2021

Workshopping of shortlisted songs:  
Monday 15 March 2021

### WEEK 9, TERM 1 2021

Songwriters Showcase Performance  
where the winner will be decided:  
Thursday 25 March 2021

As with last year's competition, after entries close shortlisted finalists will have the opportunity to workshop their song with professional musicians. The winner will be decided at a live concert where a panel will judge the songs. This year there will be both a primary and secondary winner, both of whom will receive a \$300 Muso's Corner Voucher and have their song professionally recorded at Tommirock Studios.

## HOW TO ENTER

Video or record yourself singing and/or playing your composition, even if this is a work in progress, and save it as an **mp3** file. Attach a **copy** of your lyrics and music e.g. the chords you play with your song. However, writing out your song isn't compulsory. We really want to hear your song! You will be able to enter and upload your files to the ASPIRE website from **Week 10, Term 4 2020** and entries close Friday 5 March 2021.