



# ARBA ROOTS ALBUM OF THE YEAR CONTEST AND ENTRY INFORMATION



Primary pdf and printed version

See additional details and updates at the related ARBA Awards web-page  
<http://www.adelaiderootsandblues.org/roots-album-of-the-year.html>

## PREFACE

ARBA is to conduct its second competition for albums of Roots style recorded by South Australian musicians. Acts that have released albums in the twelve month period to 30th September 2016 are encouraged to enter by the closing date of Wednesday 19th October.

At intervals, entries will be advised at the contest web-page along with links to associated artist websites.

As well as other publicity, towards promotion of the competition and entered albums, radio and podcast presenters will be encouraged to air related tracks.

The album Finalists will be announced at ARBA web-pages in early November and the trophy for **ARBA Roots Album Of The Year** will be awarded at an ARBA 'Roots' event on Thursday 10th November .. see below.

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## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- \* Albums are to have been released in purchasable CD and/or digital form in the period of **1st October 2015 to 30th September 2016**
- \* An album may be **credited** to a solo artist, duo or band or be an assembly of tracks by a number of artists and/or groups
- \* At least half of the principal performers are to have been **resident** in South Australia in a major part of the eligibility period
- \* The release must contain a minimum of **6 tracks** and/or or be at least **25 minutes** in total duration
- \* The majority of audio content is to be in the musical style(s) of the broadly-accepted **roots** genre

*If applicable, acts may enter multiple associated albums*

*A release may only be entered in one of ARBA's Roots or Blues album competitions*

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## ENTRY ROUTINE

- \* A completed copy of the **official entry form** is to be completed by a member or agent of the recording act(s) and passed over, forwarded by email or sent by post to reach an appointed contest coordinator by the closing date of **Wednesday, 19th October**.

*A printed copy of the entry form can be gained from coordinators or downloaded via the contest webpage  
See contact details for contest coordinators, email and ARBA postal addresses at the top of the entry form*

- \* Five hard **copies** of the related album are also to reach a contest organiser by the above deadline.

*Burned copies of any digital-only releases are to be provided along with printed copies of related artwork  
It is suggested that act representatives contact an organiser to confirm entry intentions and related transfer arrangements*

- \* After judging, copies of albums will be **retained** and utilised for ARBA fund-raising activities or offered to a charitable cause.

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## JUDGING

- \* An appointed panel of **judges** (see later) will assess the entered albums in late October.
- \* Via a prescribed points process, the judges will have regard to the following **criteria**:

Roots Content, Musical Appeal, Musicianship (Vocal and Instrumental Performances)  
Originality, Audio Quality, Artwork/Design, Credits/Information

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## FINALISTS / AWARD PRESENTATION

- \* The **top three** album Finalists will be announced at the contest web-page at **1st November** or close.
- \* An engraved trophy will be presented to the act that recorded the adjudged **ARBA Roots Album Of The Year** at an ARBA 'Roots' event to follow the official launch of the Deep South Festival at The Gov on **Thurs, 10th November** (more details to come).

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