



Best Country Music Album 2009 Terms & Conditions of Entry

Conditions of Entry

1. Entry is open to New Zealand Country Music Musicians.
2. Only one entry / nomination per artist is allowed.
3. For this category to progress there needs to be a minimum of four (4) eligible entries.
4. The entry form must be signed by the nominating company or person acknowledging they have fully read and complied with the Conditions of Entry.
5. All nominees must sign the Entry Form, confirming their entry into the award category.
6. Nominations for recordings in the Best Country Music Album category must be accompanied by six (6) copies on Compact Disc.
7. Anyone found lobbying judges for their votes will have their entries disqualified.
8. It is important for the success of the awards event that nominators ensure nominees are available to attend the Awards Presentation on Friday May 29, 2009 at the St James Theatre, Gore. Nominators must meet all costs (accommodation, transport, etc) for their nominees and personnel to attend the Awards Presentation.
9. All nominators agree to accept the decision of the judges as final. Under no circumstances will correspondence be entered into with entrants, their nominators, or any other person, or any interviews granted in respect of judging decisions. All publicity in respect of the awards shall be the prerogative of the NZ Country Music Awards Committee. Any entries by the nominator shall constitute full acceptance of these conditions. These conditions will be the basis for the terms of reference of the judging panel.
10. All entries will be accepted online through the NZ Music Awards Website. No manual entries will be accepted.
11. Final entry is at the absolute discretion of the Eligibility Sub-committee of the New Zealand Country Music Awards Committee.
12. RIANZ must receive all entries by 5pm on **Monday 02 March, 2009**.

By completing the online nominations process and entry form, you agree, without limitation or qualification, to be bound by, and to comply with, these terms and conditions of entry and any other posted guidelines or rules applicable to any individual. All such guidelines and rules are hereby incorporated by reference to the Terms & Conditions of Entry.





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ELIGIBILITY

1. RECORDINGS

- (a) Only recordings released in New Zealand during the period **1 December 2007 to 31 December 2008** are eligible.
- (b) Release is defined as the date the recording was officially commercially available through retail channels.
- (c) A recording nominated in the Best Country Music Album category, may not be entered into any other genre category of the New Zealand Music Awards.
- (d) All recordings must be sold through retail channels to be eligible for the Best Country Music Album Award.
- (e) Re-released recordings are not eligible.
- (f) Multi-artist compilations are not eligible.
- (g) Where the entered release comprises more than one disc, the discs must be sold only as "one set" to qualify.
- (h) An album constitutes recordings (or a recording) with a playing time of over 25 minutes or of six different songs or more.

NOMINEES

All nominees:

- (a) Must be New Zealand citizens; (by birth or citizenship) **OR**
- (b) Have been granted permanent residency in New Zealand **OR**
- (c) In the case of groups, a minimum of 50% of the group must qualify under 2 (a) or 2 (b) above.

2. ELIGIBILITY

All entries will be reviewed for eligibility by the Eligibility Sub-committee of the New Zealand Country Music Awards Committee, which reserves the right to make final judgment on artist and product eligibility.

The Eligibility Sub-committee will provide notice citing reasons for any entries being deemed ineligible.





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The entrant will have five (5) days from such notice to respond, at which time the Eligibility Sub-committee will review the entry and make a final decision.

DEFINITION: BEST COUNTRY MUSIC ALBUM

SOLO ARTISTS AND GROUPS ARE ELIGIBLE. ONLY ALBUM RECORDINGS ARE ELIGIBLE AND MUST HAVE BEEN RELEASED WITHIN THE ELIGIBILITY PERIOD (01 DECEMBER 2007 TO 31 DECEMBER 2008). ARTISTS WORKING PRIMARILY WITHIN THE COUNTRY MUSIC GENRE ARE ELIGIBLE. GREATEST HITS OR "BEST OF" ALBUMS BY ARTISTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. RECORDINGS NOMINATED CANNOT BE ENTERED INTO ANY OTHER GENRE CATEGORY

