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Culture Club announced alongside Jessica Mauboy, Dami Im and Paul Kelly for 6th AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel

In the lead up to Australia's biggest film and television Awards, the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) has announced that iconic UK pop group **Culture Club** will be performing at the 6th AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel, alongside Australian artists **Paul Kelly**, **Jessica Mauboy** and **Dami Im** like you've never seen her before.

Culture Club's performance at the Awards Ceremony will be their only televised performance and will feature the original band line up: singer **Boy George**, guitarist and keyboardist **Roy Hay**, bassist **Mikey Craig** and drummer **Jon Moss**. **Culture Club** are returning to Australia for an Encore Tour in mid-December, which will see them perform in some capital cities and several winery shows. Australia's love affair with **Culture Club** continues and their June tour saw them sell out shows and perform to rave reviews.

Boy George said he was "Thrilled to be coming back to Australia and to be performing at Australia's biggest celebration of film and television."

The Grammy Award winning group will bring their own unique style and performance to the AACTA Awards. Selling more than 150 million records worldwide, with multiple worldwide number one singles including *Do You Really Want to Hurt Me* and the BRIT Award-winning *Karma Chameleon*, **Culture Club** are one of the true icons of the world music scene.

ARIA Award winning actress and Sony Music recording artist **Jessica Mauboy** will return to perform at the AACTAs four years since her show-stopping performance at the 2nd AACTA Awards, where she also won the AACTA Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in **THE SAPPHIRES**. Jessica currently stars in **THE SECRET DAUGHTER** on Channel 7, which was recently picked up for a second season which will air in 2017. The soundtrack to the series is this year's ARIA longest running Number One album.

Following her success at the 2016 *Eurovision Song Contest*, **Dami Im** will perform live on stage for the 6th AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel in a tribute to the 20th anniversary of AFI, Oscar, Golden Globe and BAFTA Award winning Australian film, **SHINE**. The classically trained pianist has achieved great success since winning *X Factor Australia* in 2013, including three ARIA top ten albums and multiple nominations for the World Music Awards and Channel [V] Awards.

"I'm thrilled to be performing at the 6th AACTA Awards and honouring David Helfgott and *Shine*'s 20th anniversary," said Dami. "It's such an iconic Australian film and I am excited to be a part of the celebration."

Australian music luminaries, **Paul Kelly** and **Charlie Owen**, will take the stage together for a special performance during the Ceremony's 'In Memoriam' segment. The duo recently collaborated and released a collection of funeral songs on an album titled *Death's Dateless Night*.

The 6th AACTA Awards presented by Foxtel will be held at The Star Event Centre in Sydney on Wednesday 7 December, televised on Channel 7 with an encore screening on Foxtel.

Tickets to see Culture Club, Jessica Mauboy, Dami Im and Paul Kelly at the Ceremony are on sale now from \$99 and available from www.aacta.org.

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