

MUSIC: COUNT US IN 2019

National Songwriting Competition - Brief



Over half a million young voices joined in song -
The same song, on the same day, at the same time.
Help us write the song that stops the nation!

Music: Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia's biggest school initiative; celebrating music and music education across the country. The program comes together on our national Celebration Day when over half a million students sing the same song, at the same time all around Australia.

We will use the MCUI National Songwriting Competition to help us write the 2019 Program Song. A small group of finalists will be selected to work in collaboration with each other, Program Ambassador John Foreman OAM and our 2019 Program Mentor (yet to be announced). Our Program Mentor in 2018 was Justine Clarke.

About the MCUI Program Song

The program song will be learned and performed by students of all ages and abilities. We are looking for song entries written by students that are catchy, optimistic and upbeat. Your song should be positive and not too tricky. It can be in any style or genre but remember to consider what will be popular amongst young people all over the country. Send us a submission that demonstrates your ability to write for young people.

Lyrics

What would you like to hear more than half a million young people sing about? We would love to receive entries about diversity, community, music and making music together but we would also like to hear about what is important to you. Think about issues that are important to you and other young people when you are writing.

Guidelines

- You may work on your own or with a co-writer(s). PLEASE NOTE: For a group entry to be considered in the competition a maximum of only TWO students must be nominated as the song writers for each composition.
- Your song (or song idea/excerpt) should be 2mins - 4mins in length
- Write in a key that is approachable for beginner singers (i.e. C, F, G or D major etc.)
- Keep the time signature straightforward (i.e. 4/4, 6/8 or 3/4 etc.)
- Write within a range that suits young voices (i.e. Middle C - D an octave above)

Other Information

- The 2019 Program Song will be developed collaboratively
- The song will be used to develop lesson plans and digital resources
- Finalists will receive a fee for their contribution to the 2019 Program Song
- Songwriters must be school students (K- 12) primary, secondary, home school etc.

Submit your entry - [MCUI 2019 Songwriting Entry Form](#)
Submissions are due by 10:00pm Sunday 17th March 2019.

Contact us with any questions - songwritingcomp@musicaustralia.org.au or 02 9519 9730

Music: Count Us In is a program of Music Australia, supported by the Australian Government through the Department of Education and Training.