



## WAMiS 2008 The Power And The Passion

This week is huge on the *WAMI Festival* calendar and we've got the lowdown on where you can check out some of Perth's Prime local talent and events this weekend.

Naomi Pigram will be performing this afternoon at Fremantle Village Art Market for a free, all-ages event.

Tonight, Thursday, February 21, is the WAMi Awards at the Becks Music Box, hosted by Triple J's Caroline Tran and RTR FM's Peter Barr.

Friday, February 22, is the first date of the *WAMi Music Business Conference* at PICA which goes right through 'til Sunday, February 24. Friday will also feature *Crossthreads Music, Dance And Fashion Parades* at Forrest Place from 6pm as the Steps Youth Dance Company display their specially choreographed moves, dressed in locally designed fashion, to sounds of Schvendes as they perform live. *The Freo Friday! Showcase* will take over most of Freo's live venues with a host of WA talent on display and the *Funk Club* feature the Sunshine Brothers.

Saturday, February 23, is *Saturday Spectacular* at the Bakery, Bar Open, The Mustang Bar, Vultures and other various Northbridge venues with over 50 live performances spread out from 12pm 'til late. Note that the Kulcha Stage has been moved to Russell Square, Northbridge.

The City Of Bayswater will host the all-ages, free event *Boomshanka* whilst Chad Blondell will perform at the Riverview Church.

Sunday, February 24 the metro side of the WAMi Festival closes with *Gozzy Rock* at Pioneer Park in Gosnells, *The Aussie Rock Celebration Concert* at Claremont Showgrounds and Trent Williams and Jono McNeil at Riverview Church.

For all this and more information head to [wam.asn.au](http://wam.asn.au) and check inside this very issue of *X-Press Magazine*.

### AND THE WINNER IS.

The WAMi Industry Awards were announced at a special *WAMi Sundowner* presentation last Saturday at the Rosemount Hotel. Congratulations to all the winners...

#### Best DJ

*Presented by Kosmic Sound and Lighting*  
Osborne Park  
Dan the Man

#### Management Award

*Presented by X-Press Magazine*  
Steph Edwardes

#### Best Female Vocalist

*Presented by Media Arts & Entertainment Alliance*  
Abbe May (Abbe May and the Rockin' Pneumonia)

#### Best Sound Engineer (Live or Studio)

*Presented by Quantum Interactive*  
George Kailis

#### Best Record Producer/Engineer

*Presented by SAE Institute*  
Dave Parkin

#### Best WA Record Label

*Presented by Curtin University of Technology*  
Jarrah Records

#### Best Electronic Producer

*Presented by City of Fremantle*  
Pendulum

#### Best Bassist

*Presented by Kosmic Sound and Lighting*  
Cannington  
Roy Martinez (Dave Mann Collective, Cinema Prague)

#### Best Guitarist

*Presented by Kosmic Sound and Lighting*  
Osborne Park  
Ant Gray (Schvendes)

#### Best Male Vocalist

*Presented by RED FM and WA FM*  
Brendon Humphries (The Kill Devil Hills)

#### Best Drummer

*Presented by Mega Music*  
Pete Guazzelli (Fall Electric)

#### Best Instrumentalist

*Presented by RTR FM 92.1*  
Tristan Parr (Schvendes, Fall Electric)