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Luke Dickens from Australian Idol launches the ACMF National Songwriting Competition in Martin Place Sydney

The Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF) launched the 2009 National Songwriting Competition today at 12.45pm in Martin Place. The audience was treated to the talents of several previous winners of the National Competition as well as a special guest performance from Luke Dickens, runner-up of Australian Idol 2008.

The Ambassador for the National Songwriting Competition, Dicko from Australian Idol, says "I am thrilled and honoured to be involved in this year's ACMF competition and I encourage all budding songwriters to put pen to paper and enter".

Entry in the competition is FREE. Entry forms have been mailed to all Primary & Specific Purpose Schools and Secondary Schools Australia wide. This program has been endorsed by the Federal Minister for Education and a letter has been sent with all entry forms encouraging teachers to engage students in this activity. There are categories for all different age groups.

ACMF Founder, Don Spencer OAM said "music is food for the spirit and the competition encourages students of all ages to be creative and imaginative. Writing a song is your own creation."

The quality of entries for 2008 was incredibly high, making judging difficult for our elite band of judges which included Dicko (Australian Idol), Erana Clarke (Australian Idol), Cameron McGlinchey (artist), George Ellis (conductor Sydney Youth Orchestra), Amanda Pelman (Chugg Entertainment) as well as high profile music publishing representatives.

A highlight of the competition is the opportunity for winners to perform or have their winning composition performed, at the opening night of the Sydney Festival. Once again, winning compositions from the 2009 competition will be selected to be performed at the First Night Concert in Hyde Park in January 2010.

The prize pool for this year's competition has grown enormously. As in previous years, all winners receive monetary prizes to be used for musical equipment or tuition for both themselves and their school. This year, we have added a number of unique musical experience prizes such as having their winning song produced by a top Australian Producer.

The competition is open until late September. To find out more and to enter, visit www.acmf.com.au.

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