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Eloise Nolan with Award Winner Roger Mason and Ian James, Managing Director, Mushroom Music.

The Australasian Performing Rights Association (APRA) and the Australian Guild of Screen Composers (AGSC) announced the winners of this year's APRA/AGSC Awards, Monday November 3 at The Hordern Pavilion at Fox Studios in Sydney.

Screen Composer *Roger Mason*, published by ABC Music Publishing, won the award for 'Best Music in a Television Series or Serial', for *'MDA - Episode 8'* (Series 1). (Roger also composed the emotionally resonating theme to the ABC's *'Australians At War'* series which also earned an award at the 2002 ABC Gold Manuscript Awards.) *David Chapman's* music for *'Enough Rope with Andrew Denton'* also won in the category of 'Best Television Theme'. ABC Television Promotions were again featured this year with a nomination for David Chapman's ABC TV Ident *'ABC - Cloth'*, also published by ABC Music Publishing.

"It's so exciting that each year music written for the ABC's various productions has featured at these prestigious awards", said Head of ABC Music Publishing, *Eloise Nolan*. "It best illustrates the highly successful creative collaborations which occur at this essential level between composer and producer - a process we're delighted to be part of."

The night featured a 46 piece orchestra, ably lead by the President of the AGSC, *Art Phillips* and fellow conductor, *Bill Motzing*. The evening also included a musical tribute to *Elmer Bernstein*, the man behind *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Age of Innocence* and *The Ten Commandments*, amongst others, who was unable to attend due to ill-health. After the award presentations concluded, the industry audience moved on to wine, dine and catch-up until the small hours . . .