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## **COMPETITION UNEARTHES NEW ABORIGINAL ARTISTS: ALUKURA ALBUM RELEASED 26 FEB**



***Alukura album excerpts*** >> <https://soundcloud.com/caamamusic/alukura-album-excerpts-all-8-tracks>

**Released by CAAMA Music on Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>. Distributed by CAAMA Music and online via Ditto.**

Last year Australia's longest running Indigenous music label *CAAMA Music* ran a nationwide competition to uncover a new crop of female Aboriginal singer-songwriters, and the result is ***The Alukura Compilation***, featuring a song from each of the eight women and released by CAAMA Music on 26 February.

For the *Alukura Competition* (Alukura meaning 'women's place' in the *Arrernte* language) CAAMA Music selected eight talented women from all corners of Australia to record at their studios in Alice Springs. During the recording process the women participated in song writing and music business workshops to further their careers. The group were also mentored by musical duo *The Stiff Gins* [Nardi Simpson and Kaleena Briggs] whilst connecting to the country and culture of Central Australia.

*"Seeing these women grow in confidence and skill has been the ultimate success of this program and CAAMA Music is glad to have been a part of it. We're excited to see what's next for these eight talented artists",* says Micheal 'Miko' Smith, Manager of CAAMA Music.

For most of these women it was their first time recording in a professional studio and from this invaluable experience they received knowledge and contacts to support and grow a successful musical career. Since taking part in this competition all of the artists have made great progress towards their goals of being professional musicians. To find out more about their experiences & upcoming plans, organise an interview by emailing [cmpromotions@caama.com.au](mailto:cmpromotions@caama.com.au)

**INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE ACROSS AUSTRALIA. Turn over for details...**

**Track 1. Alice Skye - Horsham, Victoria**

[www.onepagelink.com/aliceskye](http://www.onepagelink.com/aliceskye)

*"I take great pride in my heritage and to combine both music and my background brings me an unexplainable amount of pride and happiness"- Alice Skye*

**Track 2. Djonna - Hobart, Tasmania**

[www.onepagelink.com/djonna](http://www.onepagelink.com/djonna)

*"I have a fascination with the role of story and the storyteller in culture and hope to explore its roots and relevance in modern contexts to modern audiences" – Djonna*

**Track 3. Kelsey Iris - Brisbane, Queensland**

[www.onepagelink.com/kelseyiris](http://www.onepagelink.com/kelseyiris)

*"This experience has connected with me in so many ways, spiritually, culturally and musically" – Kelsey Iris*

**Track 4. Kristal West - Weipa, Queensland**

[www.onepagelink.com/kristalwest](http://www.onepagelink.com/kristalwest)

*"I believe I have a lot of space to grow and I truly believe this is the opportunity I have been waiting for" – Kristal West*

**Track 5. Dora Smith - Broome, Western Australia**

[www.onepagelink.com/dorasmith](http://www.onepagelink.com/dorasmith)

*"I believe I have raw talent and would love to share it. I am ready to get out there and be acknowledged as an artist" – Dora Smith*

**Track 6. Miranda Garling - Darwin, Northern Territory**

[www.onepagelink.com/mirandagarling](http://www.onepagelink.com/mirandagarling)

*"I feel I have so much to offer the music industry" – Miranda Garling*

**Track 7. Bec Gollan - Adelaide, South Australia**

[www.onepagelink.com/becgollan](http://www.onepagelink.com/becgollan)

*"My vision is to be an artist who gives back to her community through music by working with young people in a musical capacity" – Bec Gollan*

**Track 8. Thaylia - Sydney, NSW**

[www.onepagelink.com/thaylia](http://www.onepagelink.com/thaylia)

*"I believe music is my true authentic swing. It is what I was placed here upon this earth to do" - Thaylia*

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