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SUPPORT FOR YOUNG SONGWRITERS

Local singer/songwriter to share her skills

Youth Arts Queensland is excited to announce the return of the *Amplify* songwriting series for young musicians. Heading to Caboolture in early November, the 5-week workshop series will provide young musicians with the opportunity to work with singer/songwriter Simone Pitot to create and complete a song of their own to performance-ready standard.

Releasing her debut EP in 2009, Scene Magazine describes Simone Pitot as 'A future star- pure and simple'. More recently, the Redcliffe based musician has been writing new material with her band 'The Albums, an ensemble of talented gentlemen fusing old country sounds of banjo, mandolin and fiddle, with a laptop and electric guitar.

Program coordinator, Cassey Russell, is excited about Pitot coming back on board to facilitate 'Simone has facilitated song writing workshops for a number of years and I find her techniques easily translated and useful for young people at very different levels musically'. Whether you're a beginner wanting to learn the skills in how to approach song writing or have a book of songs and are looking to gain hints and tips to build on them, Amplify is for you'.

Amplify, along with Band Camp, Band Aid and Manage Me forms part of the Moreton Bay A-Venue program. A-Venue is an initiative funded by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. It provides funding to regional Queensland councils to develop local programs that assist young emerging musicians aged between 15 and 30 to develop their skills and professional opportunities in the music industry.

"There is so much talent in our region, we really need the ongoing support," says Russell.

"A-Venue allows young musos to show their talent and get new skills and not be held back by hurdles they would encounter without a program like this."

Youth Arts Queensland's Transit Lounge Caboolture program, who delivers A-Venue, worked with Moreton Bay Regional Council to secure funding for the next three years, providing local young musicians with skills development, mentoring, networking, showcasing opportunities and continued support up until June 2013.

Bookings for the *Amplify* song-writing workshop series are still open. Places are limited. To book, call 5433 2444 or email transit.lounge@moretonbay.qld.gov.au.

What:	<i>Amplify</i> song-writing workshop series with Simone Pitot
Where:	Caboolture Memorial Hall Supper Room
When:	every Friday, 6:00 – 7.30pm from November 5 th - December 3 rd
Who:	young people aged 15 - 30
Cost:	gold coin donation
Bookings:	call Transit Lounge Caboolture on 5433 2444
For more info:	email transit.lounge@moretonbay.qld.gov.au or visit www.myspace.com/avenuemoretonbay

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