

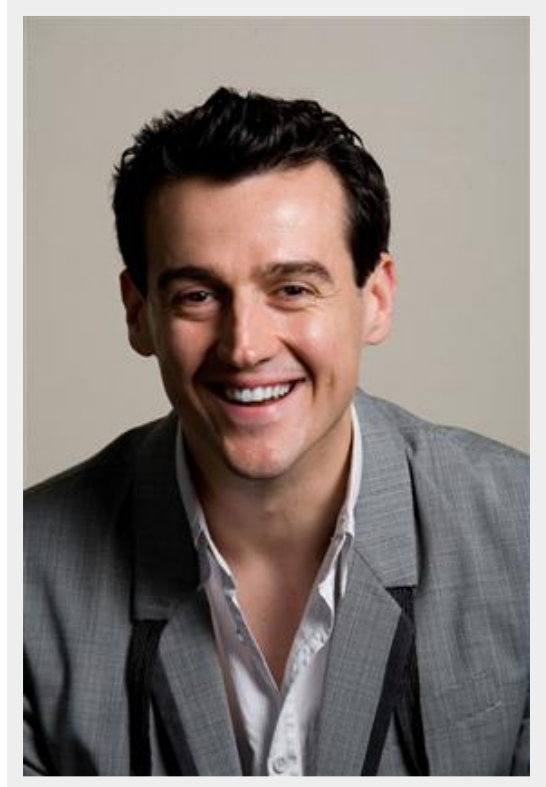
## Sam Moran

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### *Aria Awarded Musician and Children's Entertainer*

Sam Moran understands how kids think and how they love to be entertained.

The only performer to have starred on both ABC and Nickelodeon, he is perhaps best known by children and their parents as the former yellow Wiggle and as Sam on the kids' show, *Play Along With Sam*, presented on Nick Jr.



### **More about Sam Moran:**

Sam toured the world with the Wiggles 10 times over, including an unprecedented 18 sold-out shows at New York City's Madison Square Garden. To this day, Sam continues to appear daily as the Yellow Wiggle on Nick Jr (UK), Sprout! (US), Disney Channel (Latin America, Australia & parts of Asia), ABC (Australia) & KidsCo (Europe, Asia & Middle East).

As the Yellow Wiggle, Sam recorded over 10 albums & DVD releases in addition to two television series; winning five Australian Recording Industry Awards (ARIAs) as well as being entered into the ARIA Hall of Fame in 2011. He also recorded duets with some of the industry's biggest names, including Kylie Minogue, Keith Urban & Leo Sayer. In 2009, he received an Honorary Doctorate from Sydney's Macquarie University in the area of Children's Education and Psychology.

With a young family of his own, and an adult-contemporary album available worldwide through Sony Music, Sam entered a new chapter of his professional and personal life. 2013 saw the world premiere of Sam's new television series, *Play Along with Sam*, which is religiously screened in a dedicated weekday morning music block wrapped around Nick Jr.'s top rating programmes. Sam leads his young viewers on a playful journey through movement, music, letters, wordplay, imaginative games and problem solving - all firmly grounded in the Nick Jr. 'edutainment' philosophy.

In June of 2013, Sam released a 20-track compilation of original songs and educational tunes from

the new series of the same title, which debuted at number one on the Australian iTunes chart, and top ten internationally, and earned Sam his first solo nomination at the ARIA awards in the 'Best Children's Album' category. The award nomination added a gusto to Sam's earlier accolades, and was a celebration of his 15-year career as a children's entertainer. Sam's international reputation was further acknowledged when he presented the 'Preschool Category' at the 2013 International Children's Emmy Awards in New York.

2013 saw Sam's music and influence spread substantially via his live showcases, performing a Westfield tour of both New South Wales and Victoria, a Christmas NSW regional tour, and also headlining the first 'Little Splendour' stage the prominent Splendour in the Grass festival in Byron Bay. 2013 also saw Sam Moran announced as the first official ambassador of The Sebastian Foundation. He is also a national ambassador for Variety Children's Charity.

In 2014, Sam released his new album *We're Going To Dance* and toured his live show nationally. He also performed with the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) at the Perth Zoo, and headlined the 'Little Splendour' stage at Splendour in the Grass for the second year. 2014 also saw Sam nominated for the ARIA Award for Best Children's Album.

2015 was an exciting year with Sam releasing his 4th independent album *Boo!*, and touring the album and his live show regionally. The album was such a hit that Sam won the ARIA award for Best Children's Album. In 2016 Sam was nominated for the Best Children's Program Logie Award.

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