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DOUBLE HONOUR FOR ALISON

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AN HONOUR: Whyalla music educator Alison Hams, left, receives her SA Women's Honour Roll induction from Governor Frances Adamson AC, right. Photo: supplied.

Local music educator Alison Hams has capped a hugely successful week with two massive honours that recognise her achievements in the music industry.

Ms Hams was inducted into state government's SA Women's Honour Roll and named the Best Music Educator at the South Australian Music Awards in two jam-packed days.

Alison runs Stormfront Productions with her husband Mark Tempany, helping to educate and train the next generation of musicians in Whyalla through theory and practical experience.

She was inducted to the Honour Roll at a formal reception at Government House in Adelaide by South Australian Governor Frances Adamson AC on Wednesday, November 17.

"It was lovely to get that inside look and to meet the Governor herself, it was really special," Alison said.

The Honour Roll was established in 2008 to celebrate the achievements of women who go above and beyond in their contributions to the state's community as leaders and champions of change.

Alison's induction was based on her lifetime achievements in the music industry, and in music education, as well as her ongoing dedication to community philanthropy.

"We do what we can for community and charity and try to instill in the next generation to not just be good musicians but to be good people," she said.

"We tell them to use their gifts and talents for the right reasons and put out music that matters."

The following evening she attended the South Australian Music Awards presentation night at the Old Adelaide Gaol where she was named the Best Music Educator by a panel of National Music Industry experts.

Ms Hams entered the awards to help spread the message about the work that Stormfront does in the regions, and the judges certainly took notice of their achievements.

"I was genuinely shocked to win...there were seven finalists in that award and everyone else was from Adelaide so I wasn't expecting my name to be read out," she said.

"In my acceptance speech I was excited to say I was there representing the regions, a lot of what we do is really important in getting young regional talent out there."

"To be named Best Music Educator is just amazing against such incredible competition - and it really puts Whyalla and what we do on a national stage."



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Alison also received the Best Music Educator award at the South Australian Music Awards. Photo: supplied.