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Three promising singers from the Eyre Peninsula are chasing stardom after benefitting from the **Whyalla Recording Scholarship**.

Winners **Shakira Lea Fauser**, 19, of Whyalla, and **Liberty Tuohy**, 18, of Port Neill and Runner-Up **Jaylee Daniels**, 15, also from Whyalla released their songs to the world on Sunday thanks to the Scholarship.

In an amazing achievement for South Australian, and Regional music, **Jaylee's "Papa's Song"** has reached **NUMBER 7** on the **iTunes Australia Country Music Chart** while **Shakira Lea "I Miss You"** is at **NUMBER 18**.

Liberty Tuohy's "Time Stays The Same" is selling strongly on iTunes **Australia Pop Chart** and streaming services.

She will launch the tune to the **Triple J** and **Double J Unearth networks** within two weeks.

The inaugural Scholarship was launched in August, 2016, by Whyalla's one-stop music shop **Stormfront Productions**, a **Brand SA Hall Of Fame Inductee** for services to country music and arts.

The Scholarship provides the opportunity and resources for a young regionally-based original musician aged 12 to 21 to audition for and then win a professional recording studio package worth more than \$10,000.

A "who's-who" of musicians feature on the songs including **Grammy Award Winner Andrew Synowiec**, **Jim Riley** from platinum-selling group **Rascal Flatts** and mastering in New York by **Randy Merrill**, who has been recently acclaimed for the **"A Star Is Born"** Soundtrack.

Stormfront's **Mark Tempany** and **Alison Hams** have worked since October guiding the talented trio through their first professional recording experience and readying them for an International release of their music.

"In 25 years of studio recording, I have never seen three young people achieve such amazing results on their first venture - and I just cannot wait for the world to hear these kids and fall in love with their songs," Mr Tempany said.

Jaylee Daniels' "Papa's Song" is a tribute to her late grandfather.

According to the studio, this bluegrass song will have everyone singing around the campfire as soon as they hear it.

Shakira Lea Fauser's "I Miss You" is dedicated to anyone who's experienced loss and found a way to heal.



TRIBUTE: Whyalla Recording Scholarship runner-up Jaylee Daniels has written a song that is sure to be popular around the campfire.

This power ballad showcases her emotive vocals and sincere message, which is backed by electric guitar. It features a sing-along chorus and will likely move many to tears.

Liberty Tuohy's "Time Stays The Same" tells the story of **Liberty's** life and is very relatable for anyone who has grown up in the 2000's.

With a truly unique sound and ultra-cool vibe that blends blues, folk, pop and country, **Liberty** and her wealth of original music are waiting to be discovered.

"Not working in studio conditions much before, and certainly not to the highest professional standards, the three prize winners have seen first-hand what goes into recording and releasing music and that it doesn't happen easily or overnight," Mr Tempany said.

Ms Hams said: *"**Liberty, Shakira and Jaylee** all now have the opportunity to showcase very different songs, styles and personalities and in **Jaylee's** case a story that's important to her whole family."*

"Papa's Song" is a tribute to **Jaylee's** beloved late grandfather as she follows his footsteps with a passion for country music.

*"My papa **Rusty Kelly** was well known for playing the bones and spoons and singing **Slim Dusty** songs around the campfire. Releasing my song is a dream come true and keeps his memory alive,"* she said.

The toe-tapping folk track features **Alan Jackson's** fiddle player **Bobby Bowlin** and **Jim Riley** from **Rascal Flatts** on drums.