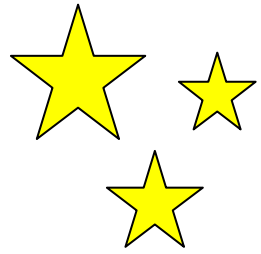


Experience the talents of
Merilyn Steele



A soulful & versatile vocal style, vivacious personality with heartfelt songs that evoke every emotion - that's the magic of Merilyn!

After the success and string of awards that came with her debut CD **'This Passion'** comes the much anticipated follow up album **'Extraordinary Daze'**. With her latest offering comes both a brand new sound and fresh new image for Merilyn. This album is the result of a journey of events, emotions and places travelled. The new album covers controversial topics like the story of Hermannsburg in NT about the first Aboriginal mission and stolen generation in Australia and her views on the politics of war in another.

Sydney born and bred, it's hard to figure where Merilyn's influence to be a singer/songwriter came from. Although both her Mum and Grandmother played piano, it was mostly for a hobby. It was Merilyn's Dad who bought her first guitar when she was just 12 and began taking her to music lessons. From there her love for music developed.

Growing up her musical tastes were influenced by her parents who were fans of Johnny Cash, Linda Ronstadt, Lynn Anderson and Dolly Parton. Today her influences are more contemporary and include Kasey Chambers, Shania Twain, Bonnie Raitt and Lee Kernaghan.

Merilyn has appeared at many festivals including Tamworth annually and others such as Kempsey Trucking festival, Wauchope, the Heritage Miners festival Port Kembla, Blue Water festival at Port Stephens, Tooleybuc Muster and Barham Stampede.

She's been instructed by some of the best in the industry including songwriting workshops with Kasey Chambers, Bill Chambers, Garth Porter, Graeme Connors, Beccy Cole & Catherine Britt to name a few. Merilyn has been support act to entertainment greats like Lucky Grilles, Chad Morgan and Normie Rowe.

Merilyn has a driving passion for her music and a craving to perform. Particularly, she loves the feedback and buzz she gets from a live audience. An experienced performer, she has worked successfully for many years with her duo around Sydney, the east coast and festivals. She has now formed the **Merilyn Steele Band** to enable her to showcase her songs and talents and is eager to tour the country and share her songs with audiences throughout Australia and beyond. Merilyn and the band released their first videoclip on CMC in 2009 which has sparked much interest from both media and fans alike. Expect to see more clips from Merilyn in 2011 and appearances at many more festivals to come.

Milestones and stuff to brag about:

2010 – Videoclip & single of 'Driven' to be released Oct to radio, CMC, TVS, Nu Country and rage

2009/2010 – Videoclip of 'Information Blues' with airplay on CMC, Channel 44 (TVS), Nu Country & rage

2009 – Top 5 finalist for Lyrics Only and Contemporary Song of the Year with Katherine CM Awards NT for 'The Spirit of Hermannsburg'.

2009 – Top 5 finalist for Comedy/Novelty song Katherine CM Awards NT for 'Information Blues'.

2009 - Nominated finalist with Tamworth Songwriters Assn for Children's Song of the Year with 'If I Were a Bird'

2007 - Winner - Female Vocalist of The Year – Horsham CM Awards, VIC

2007 - Finalist for Best Group/Duo, Horsham CM Awards VIC for 'When It Rains'.

2006 – Top 50 MusicOz finalist (#49) with 'Forever' for Best Country Artist of The Year

2005 – Top 100 MusicOz finalist (#84) with 'You Don't Wanna Know'

2005 – 2nd place Finalist for Independent Artists EP Award, Tas & NZ for EP 'Forever'.

2005 - Semi-finalist for both 'Ten Less Candles' & 'Charades' with Tamworth Songwriters Assn in Pro Section

2004 – 3rd Place winner in Open Section Tas.NZ Songwriters Awards for the title song, 'This Passion'.

2003/04 – Twice State Finalist in the NSW 'Champion of Champions' quest, Steel City CM Club, Newcastle.

"Well crafted songs....you'll understand why Merilyn Steele is more than just another girl singer". Denise Torenbeek, Country Update

"A wonderfully positive new album...great song writing and Merilyn's vocals are strong and vibrant as ever". Deb Minter, Capital News

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