

Karen's Korner

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WIN AT VIC. CM AWARDS

Well, here we are again,... much later than expected so please accept my humble apologies. While determined to take a step back this year, it seems my plans have become somewhat thwarted with many projects urgently needing attention. By the time you get this, work will have commenced on the upcoming Bluegrass album, the song selection taking far longer than expected but now complete. It will be a solo album this time but of course once again featuring the talents of Martin and some other of our wonderful muso friends. Also for those interested, we are working on a traditional Gospel album full of acoustic instruments & harmony vocals.

Good News! as I've achieved Top honours for the 2nd year in a row at the Vic. & National Country Music Awards. This Award was in the "Bluegrass & Traditional Country" Section & was a really special award to win considering my long time love of Bluegrass and (particularly) traditional Country Music... a great way to start 2004!

Thanks to everyone who went out of their way to catch up with me at Tamworth. I'm sorry if I was not 'myself',... sometimes it all gets too much. Tamworth



can be quite a draining & emotional time for an artist in many ways and some years more so than others,... but I survived once again.

I don't know how much longer I can do this but I hope you've enjoyed the music I've made,... and however long it continues, thanks for sharing the ride! Once again, sorry for the lateness of this newsletter, I just can't seem to stay on top of it all at the moment,... Anyway,...catch you later!

SECOND WIND - 11 AWARD NOMINATIONS

It was great to witness the wonderful response given to the latest Country album by the media. It was tipped to bring great media success over the last year and in addition to rave reviews and Top 10 Chart success for the initial 3 singles, the Album has received no less than 11 Award Nominations overall.

Following 3 Finalist Nominations in the Australian Independent Country Music Awards - in the Female Vocal, Single of the Year & Bush Ballad categories (and a win in the Female Vocalist category!), it also recieved a Top 10 Finalist Nom in the Female Vocal category of the Australian Country Music "Golden Guitar" Awards. The Victorian Country Music Awards (National Section) brought more success with the announcement of 4 Nominations - 2 being Top 5 Finalist

Nominations (and a win!) in the Bluegrass & Traditional Country and Duo categories (the latter being for the collaboration with Singer/songwriter Grant Richardson) and also 2 Top 10 Nominations in Female Vocal & Best Independent Release categories.

In addition to these the album also received 3 Finalist Nominations in the TIARA Awards - in the Female Vocal, Bush Ballad & Collaboration categories (again for the collaboration with Grant Richardson). It's a great shame we don't have the advertising dollar to get it 'out there' and heard,... but I live in hope.

Thanks everyone for those gig tips that some sent me... we plan to come to Vic, WA & Qld this year & hope to pick up gigs at some of those venues,... hope to see

EMAIL GIG UPDATE LIST

I've had lots of comments about why my newsletter isn't in email form & although a lot cheaper & easier, the reason is that I don't have the 'know how' nor finances to do this. However, I would like to be able to keep those who are on email more regularly updated with news and gigs. So if you can, please Email me and I'll put you on my list (don't worry, you won't be bombarded with emails... just one occasionally if we are in your area.) Email me at: KarenLynne@bigpond.com



Win for 'Bluegrass and Traditional Country Music' Category - 2004

Latest Tour

TOP 10 SUCCESS!

Good news as the 2nd single release from the Second Wind album "I'll Just Pretend" makes it to a healthy Number 6 position on the Major Australian 'Country Tracks' Chart... Thanks again to you all for requesting it, it's a great song...

Thanks also to all my overseas friends & Djs, who likewise supported the latest overseas single 'Till you loved Me' - it received some great comments and good airplay. Due to an unfortunate set of circumstances I was unable to receive information relating to the progress of this single at that particular time, so I was unable to follow it up properly. It was therefore left to do it's own will!

Amazingly I'm told it still reached Number 7 on the DJ voted European/UK Airplay Chart Of most played songs!

This song has just been released in Australia, so please request your local Country DJ to play it.

FREE GIVEAWAY!
Just send me the Country, Folk or Bluegrass program Presenter's Name & phone Number of your local Community Station & go into a draw for a Labour Of Love Tapes. There'll be a couple of

Thanks to everyone who caught up with me at Tamworth. I'm sorry I couldn't take the Bluegrass band with me this year, but sometimes it's just not financially viable. Regardless, there were still some lovely shows. The TSA Songwriters Concert was - as always, a fantastic show and thanks also to Arthur & Berice Blanche who asked me to guest on their wonderful concert. It was a real highlight for me - especially meeting Arthur and the Webb Brothers, who I heard while I was growing up (thanks to Dad's love of Country Music).

Thanks also to Trevor Knight (also now on the Shoestring label) and his efforts in organising the Shoestring Showcases, they were really nice shows featuring many of the artists that are distributed by Shoestring.

Special thanks go to Kym Warner and Carol Young - of the 'Greencards' Bluegrass Band (& Rod McCormack) for giving myself and my Banjo playing husband Marty, a great feature spot on the Bluegrass Spectacular. Even though they now reside in Texas, USA most

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Tour News Cont.

of the time, it was lovely to catch up with them in the flesh for the first time in 3 years. They have a great new album out which will do great things for them I'm sure.

Great to meet some new friends & supporters at Apollo Bay Music Festival and the little town of Stanley!... Thanks for coming to our gigs - and special thanks to my little 'sis Liz who filled in with the Bluegrass Band for the Apollo Bay gig. It was fun & she was great!... & it will happen again I'm sure! Huge apologies for missing the SCCMA Festival at Dapto... I was incredibly sick with the Flu... a singers nightmare!... hopefully I'll get another chance next year.

Thanks also to John, Gillian, Gina & others who sent gig tips to me... I will try!. We are planning to visit Vic, WA & hopefully Qld so please support the gigs if you are in the vicinity, it may be a long time before I get there again!. Also hoping to take a Bluegrass band to the UK & Europe in 2005 (here's hoping!)... Anyway, Best wishes & Take care all!

GIG GUIDE

- Sun 21st March Guest spot on Pat Drummond's Show - Jamberoo Hotel, Jamberoo
- Thurs 25th March Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne - School Fundraiser Stanley Comm. Hall
- Sat, 27 - 28 March Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock & w/Pat D, Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic.
- Sun, 4th April Karen Lynne Solo Spot on Sth Coast CM Assoc Fest, Dapto Lges Club
- Sun, 11th April Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond & Marty, Winterfolk fest, Everglades, Leura
- Wed, 11th April Karen Lynne Solo Spot, Bill Kelly Show, Ingleburn RSL
- Sun 18th April Guest spot on Pat Drummond's Show - Jamberoo Hotel, (To Confirm Ring ME)
- Fri & Sat 23 - 24 Apr Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond, St Albans folk Festival, St Albans
- Sun, 25th April Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Australiana Show, Mt Kembla Hotel, Mt Kembla
- Mon, 26th April, 2pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Nelson Bay Bowlo Club)
- Thu, 20 May Goonawindi Memorial Club with Pat Drummond and Murray Hartin
- Fri, 21 May The Mungandi Show, Mungandi Showgrounds with Pat Drummond & Murray Hartin
- Sat, 22 May The Mungandi Show, Mungandi Showgrounds with Pat Drummond & Murray Hartin
- Sun, 23 May The Mungandi Show, Mungandi Showgrounds with Pat Drummond & Murray Hartin
- Wed, 26 & 27 May The Australian Cotton Growers Trade Fair, Moree Showgrounds 12.30PM with Pat Drummond and Murray Hartin
- Sun 30th May Guest spot on Pat Drummond's Show - Jamberoo Hotel, Jamberoo
- Sat 5th June Guest spot on Pat Drummond's Show - Drover's Camp Family Restaurant, Hunter Valley, Near Maitland, Bookings Req -Ring Neil Jones 02 4938 1009
- Sun, 6th June Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Wisemans Ferry Inn, 12.30pm
- Sat, 19 June With Pat Drummond, Nevertire Hotel, Nevertire near Warren, NSW
- Sat, 20th June Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Squatters Chair Winery, Dubbo for Details Ring Pam Scott 0408 726 887
- Sat, 26 June With Pat Drummond, Elmslea Guest House, Bungendore near Canberra ACT House Concert, Details Ring Toni and Miles Flanagan 02 6238 1651
- Sun, 27 June Jamberoo Hotel, Jamberoo near Kiama, 2pm
- Sun, 4 July Pat Drummonds' Album launch "THE CHESS SET", Unity Hall Hotel Balmain 7.30PM -10PM Free Entry. Albums On Sale
- Tues, 6 July With Pat Drummond, Parramatta Mall Amphitheatre, Parramatta (Lunchtime) 12.15 and 1.15 PM (To Confirm ring me 0407 603 277)
- Thurs, 8 July Solo Spot on Hillbilly Heaven Country Show - Canterbury Hurlestone RSL, 8pm
- Fri, 9 July The Clarendon, Katoomba with Pat Drummond and Brent Parlane Please Prebook for this gig Ring 4782 1322
- Sat, 10 July With Pat Drummond, Gartleman's Winery, Hunter Valley (To Confirm ring me 0407 603 277)
- Sun, 11 July With Pat Drummond, Wisemans Ferry Inn, Wisemans Ferry on Hawkesbury River, North West of Sydney 1PM (To Confirm ring 0407 603 277)
- Thu, 15 July With Pat Drummond, Merry Muse Folk Club Canberra For Details ring Bill Arnett on 0407 434 469, Polish White Eagle Club 7.30PM
- Fri, 16 July Beechworth Town Hall 7.30PM, Beechworth Victoria With Pat Drummond, Bernard Boland and Neil Higgins
- Sun, 18 July With Pat Drummond, The Banfield Theatre, Phillip Island, Please Prebook for this gig. Details Ring Rick Banfield On 03 5952 2621 or 0417 521 763
- Fri, 23 July Clifton Hill Hotel, Clifton Hill With Pat Drummond and Brent Parlane Please Prebook for this gig Ring The Clifton Hill Hotel 03 9489 8705

FundRaisers

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EMAIL NEWSLETTER

As I said on page 1, I don't have the know how or up to date software to set up this Newsletter in E-mailable form... but as it costs nearly \$1000 a year to produce, unfortunately I must look at other ways to reduce it's cost. I do not want to have to attach any sort of fee to it as some artists do... but I was wondering if there were those out there who would be happy to receive a simplified "Email" Newsletter containing the same Info & jpegs, but in a basic text form?... if you would consider it, contact me for a "Trial" one. Email me Karen-Lynne@bigpond.com

Apologies for the Door Charge at Wagga pub gig!... as sometimes happens we didn't know about it!!

"MARTHA'S NEW COAT" - FIRST SCREENING

Remember that little Oz movie that used our song "This Ring" in it as a feature part?... Well, it got it's first TV screening a little while ago... and it seems quite a few of you watched it. Apart from having to warn my mum about a few naughty words... (of which - after 6 children she probably has heard before!...) it seems to have received a good response & although the actors were largely unknown, they were praised for their realism and honest approach to a subject difficult to deal with (young runaways) and quite common in our society. Well Done!

Got a 2004 CM Calendar yet?... it's not too late to get one for a keepsake... Now on special for \$10 when purchased through this Newsletter... & yes we feature in it this year!

This is the 7th Edition of my little Newsletter!... If you missed the earlier editions & would like Backcopies, just send stamped self-addressed A4 Envelope to P. O. Box 1000, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782, Aus-



Singing with Laurel Edwards, Kel Ann Brandt, Donna Fisk & Merelyn Carter at Vic CM Awards

DEBUT ALBUM: LABOUR OF LOVE



As I commenced this Newsletter long after the release of my first album "Labour of Love" I thought I should take some time to go back & revisit it. I have never yet showcased it in a Newsletter so I thought some of you might be interested to know a little about it. I never really set out to record, but I was doing a lot of gigs and singing at the Sth. Coast CM Assoc. at shows & I had many people who wanted me to make my first record,... yes, 'record',... (now that makes me feel old!). One of my muso mates Gary, did a bit of writing and decided he was going to do just that,... so i went along for the ride. It was fascinating & extra special when Gary allowed

LOL Album Reviews

This little debut album put me on the Australian Music 'map' so to speak,... and after my first 2 Aust. CM 'Golden Guitar' Award Nominations I remember telling marty my new nickname was "That girl"... as at the Awards party while being introduced to people they'd kind of think for a moment and then say,... "Oh, your thaaaat girl" (i.e. very few there had ever heard of me!). Anyway,... here's some Excerpts from the reviews that followed,...

"... 'Impressed' probably sums up my thoughts on the whole album,... songwriting, song selection, vocals, musicianship all first class" (Cap News)

"...an exemplary collection, projecting the love & unquenchable energy that has gone into it's making.."
(Nth Country News - UK)

"...a real listening album that will prick up a lot of ears..."
(Country Music Aust Mag)

"...it shines... an excellent album"(Country Update)

"...there is an out-of-the-ordinary, lingering excellence in Karen's voice..." (Country Music Roundup - UK)

Anyone receiving CDs via my mail order with broken cases should contact me for replacements if required.

me to record my first real song!. In those days you got an acetate disc to hear it "on vinyl" and I was tickled pink when I played my first 'record' (I've still got it!),... but I never had the money to actually print it. I decided to do a few demos,... & then that idea turned into a saleable cassette. 5 years later it had become a CD, & by that time I had 21 tracks!, some country, some bluegrass & some folk in style and I had to decide what kind of album I was going to re-release & which songs to use. I couldn't decide... I loved all those styles & decided that since this was probably the only CD I would ever make, I would mix the styles & stay true to myself. I think the Industry was a little 'intrigued' as to where exactly I 'fit',... but it was a great introductory album & was most definately ME!

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..the journey continues

suddenly I was on my own.

Pat was great, he invited me to many of his gigs,... he really believed in me - at a time when I didn't think anyone did, but he was so busy & I just couldn't promote the album on my own. I was getting quite depressed by the time June came around,... I needed to focus on something fresh,... so I went back to that new solo album I'd been working on the previous year & re-focused. I needed to write more songs so I rang my friend Heather -who was in the US,... & soon I was off to big 'merica all on my own!. Scary, but productive & I came back with 4 good songs and a better understanding of Right hand driving!. I got to go to the Australian Independent CM Festival (Mildura) for the first time and I had a ball!,... I picked up 2 Final Nominations,... but no awards that time, but I was there on the night to see Pat pick up "Indie Entertainer of the Year", I was very proud of him,... he deserved it. I finally thought I was focused again,... until whoops!,... another diversion,... Bluegrass!

I had always loved it & being married to Marty meant that I often tagged along to his "Acoustic Shock" band gigs, one day they asked me to sing a song,... & that was all it took,... I was off on a new path once again!,...



.... And So the journey continues!.....

"Six days In December" was a gorgeous album,... all Australian penned songs,... & country in style but folky in content, & although the songs carried a 'love' theme, they were all from real life stories. The CD got rave reviews & the songs got a wonderful response at the gigs but looking back I know that it didn't get the promotion it needed to get it heard. Even now, listeners are still 'discovering' it as a real gem. I was busy settling into my new home & moving my business to the Mountains, everything took time. At the same time Pat had been working with his Bush Poetry troupe "The Naked Poets" and they had just released their first CD,... it went wild!..

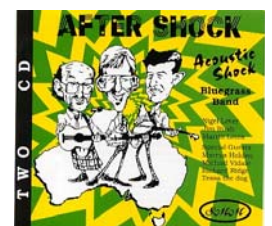
they sold thousands!,... great for the distribution company but such success took it's toll,... and our little album got a little left behind. I was also pretty vul-



Me, Pat, Liz Lord & Leigh

nerable around that time,... my band had been so much a part of my life and they weren't there anymore,... I really felt like

Anyone who likes traditional Bluegrass might be interested in buying Acoustic Shock's Double CD. One CD features the earlier lineup (without Banjo & with Marcus Holden on Fiddle) & the other features the later lineup with Marty. It's \$25 + \$3 post, and pretty traditional in style. Anyone who would like a copy should contact me.



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