

# Karen's Korner

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## Aust. Independent CM Awards "Female Vocalist" Of the Year

Good News as yet another Big win comes our way for 2003! Following the "Best Independent Release" Award for our Bluegrass CD,... it's great to report that I picked up the major Female Vocalist Award at the Aust Independent Country Music Awards. I was also lucky enough to be asked to sing at the Awards night, so receiving the Award in person was an extra highlight.

As always the competition was excellent quality and all the entries were worthy of the win, but after having been nominated in this category for all 4 of my albums, ... it was certainly a great feeling to take it home this time.

Whilst we tend to place major importance on the Aust. CM "Golden Guitar" Awards, I'd just like to say that winning at the Indie Awards is very special as ALL the competitors are competing on a fair and even playing field.

As independent Artists, we are all totally responsible for the making, promoting & funding of our albums, organising our gigs etc - unlike the "Golden Guitar" Awards where Independents are competing against major Record Company artists who get much easier access to Managers, Promoters, Booking Agencies, large budgets & per-

sonnel to assist them in keeping up their career profile. This means unfortunately that Independent Artists will always be at a disadvantage when competing,.. still I persevere!



2003 Aust.Independent Female Vocalist Of the

## 2ND SINGLE CHARTING AT No. 13

The 2nd single release from Second Wind album "I'll Just Pretend" has gently edged its way into the Top 20 on the major Australian Country Tracks Chart, currently at No.13 It's great to know it's getting airplay... hopefully we can get it up to the Top 10. Thanks again to all those who have requested it.

To all my over-

## 2ND SINGLE FOR UK & EUROPE

seas friends & supporters, please listen out for the latest single "Till you loved Me" released a few weeks ago. This single will be coming out on the UCM71 Compilation... & if you know a local DJ please request it.

## Bluegrass Album Reviews

Last newsletter I included some of the latest album Reviews for 'Second Wind', however I've never listed any reviews received for any of my other albums, so here's some review excerpts received for our Blue Mountain Rain Bluegrass album, (remember they make great chrissey pressies!)

"..... features the haunting voice of

"...the singing & playing is first class & the choice of material is excellent..."

(Cap News Mag)

Karen Lynne,.. and the vibrant instrumentation of Acoustic Shock,.. it's that slightly folk style & mix of traditional and

non-traditional songs that make this album just that little bit different..."

(Country Update Mag)

".... With a team like (this) it's hard to imagine how you'd get anything But great sounds,... a quantum leap in Bluegrass recordings in Australia, (it) sets a new standard..."

(Webmaster, Bluegrass Australia)

"...just superb,...hard to pick out the best tracks because they all shine,... the wait has been well worthwhile,...."

(Cap News Mag, Aust)

".... Bluegrass at it's best,... a good selection of songs that will

Anyway,... more reviews & info next Newsletter,.. PS don't forget to catch "Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock" in Tamworth if you go,.. it will may be the last time you see us for quite a while!...

## Greetings & Merry Christmas to you All!



A big hello to you all,..here we are once again with Christmas about to descend on our lives, and although a busy time, it is a great time to catch up on friends and family. Please take time to do this, it's something that gets so lost in these busy times. Some great news this month with Awards won and rave CD reviews rolling in,.. but some Chaos also as I've had to instigate some changes in my music formats and office procedures for the year ahead to ensure that I can continue to bring you great music and keep in touch,..... (and stay within the ever tightening budgetary constraints),... Have a great Christmas,.. Best Wishes from myself and Martin,.. take time to relax & enjoy it and don't forget to take a little time to review the year just

## Festival & Other Highlights

All those in the Wollongong/South Coast area please help to promote our big "Celtica On Rye" Concert - a joint Celtic and Bluegrass Night at the Illawarra Leagues Club on 12th December 2003. The gig will feature great Bluegrass from "Karen Lynne and Acoustic Shock" &

also great Celtic Music from Wollongong Band "Madd Marianne" & will be a good night. Tickets are \$10 (if Pre-bought) and can be purchased direct from me.

Apologies for not being able to let you know that (although not booked for the actual festival), I was

invited down to Mildura to sing at the Awards and so did a couple of spots - thanks to those who especially sought me out. Also Thanks to those who came down to our gig at Crawdaddy's Restaurant, Penrith - this is a new venue that is willing to put on Live Bluegrass music, please support it over the

next few months otherwise it will die a natural venue Death & we don't want that to happen do we?... please tell your friends about it,.. they are running Country, Cajun, Blues & Bluegrass Music, ... and need support - look them up!

## USA BLUEGRASS SINGLE HITS No.6

As many of you will remember, I told you that we had placed a couple of Bluegrass Singles onto the US Market in an attempt to create some radio interest for Aussie Bluegrass. Well I'm happy to report that they are slowly getting noticed and I'm now gradually getting in touch with quite a number of US Bluegrass Radio Presenters who have been very interested in our

Bluegrass project. Not only have we received terrific feedback (and these are Bluegrass Radio DJs who should certainly know what they are talking about!) but have also received, and continue to receive some airplay. The single went to many stations originally and although our results weren't immediate, the songs are still being 'discovered' and continue

to pull interest and create feedback through the HMG Airplay Reports. Based on these Airplay Reports our song 'This Ring' has slowly travelled up the HMG Chart and got to Number 6, a great achievement considering none of these DJs had any reason to support us. Great to hear that I have

"This Man I Love" - No.1 on Hot FM Radio

achieved my second Number One Chart Hit on the "Hot

FM" Radio Chart with the first single "This Man I Love". Whilst I've not yet achieved a No.1 on the Aust. Country Tracks Chart, previously "Grandma Used to Say" from my debut album "Labour of Love" also received this honour at Hot FM. Special thanks to the Hot FM Radio team & listeners for requesting and Playing the track.

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...check it out,...

## GIG GUIDE (Based on Current Info known - Details may change)

Sat, Nov 1, 1pm - Karen Lynne & Friends Trio, Winmalee Shopping Centre, Forecourt Stage  
 Tues, Nov 4, 12.30pm - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Smithfield RSL  
 Tues, Nov 11, 11am - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Remembrance Day Singalong Show, Seven Hills Toongabbie RSL  
 Fri - Sat, Nov 14 & 15 - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, "Music at the Creek", Braidwood Folk Festival  
 Sat - Sun, Nov 15 & 16 - Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, "Music at the Creek", Braidwood Folk Festival  
 Thurs, Nov 20, 8pm - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, "Trad'n Now" Magazine Showcase, Harpe Hotel, Tempe  
 Fri - Mon, Nov 21 to 23 - Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock, Harrierville Bluegrass Convention, Harrierville, Vic  
 Tues Nov 25, 8pm - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Singalong Show, Wakehurst Golf Club  
 Sun, Nov 30, 6pm - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, New Vineyard Hotel, Windsor  
 Sat, Dec 6, 7pm - Karen Lynne Solo, Oak Flats Bowling Club, Oak Flats  
 Sun, Dec 7, Time TBA - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Family Show, "Much Park" Pagewood  
 Fri, Dec 12, 8pm - "Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock" & "Madd Marianne" Celtic Band, 'Celtica On Rye' Concert (in conjunction w/ill Folk Club) Illawarra Leagues Club, Tickets \$10 (prebooked) or \$12 door, Tickets & Details (02) 4757 3292  
 Sun, Dec 14, 1pm - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne (& Band), Mean Fiddler Hotel, Dural  
 Fri, Dec 19, Time TBA - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Allan Caswell, Angela Hayden & the Red Hot Country linedancers! Ryde Eastwood RSL "Country Christmas Show"  
 Sun, Dec 28, 1pm - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Jamberoo Pub, Jamberoo (**Tentative Booking - Contact me to Confirm**)  
 Wed, Dec 31, 8pm - Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, The Chalet, Medlow Bath, Tickets \$110 (Includes Dinner)  
 Dates - TBA, 8am, Karen Lynne Solo, Various Spots at the Bush Brekky, City Bowling Club, Tamworth  
 Dates & Times - TBA, Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock - The Pub/Southgate Hotelv (**Tentative Booking - Contact me to Confirm**)  
 Dates & Times - TBA, Guest spot on Pat drummond's Show - Longyard Hotel (**Tentative Booking - Contact me to Confirm**)  
 Mon, Jan 19 & Tues, Jan 20, 4.30pm Karen Lynne, Solo spot at the Tamworth Shoestring Showcase, with Trevor Knight, Pat Drummond, Mark Tempany, Allan Caswell, K'crasher and others (**Tentative Booking - Contact me to Confirm**)  
 Tues, Jan 20, 4.30pm Karen Lynne - Shoestring Showcase, Jubilee Park, (Bicentennial Park)  
 Wed, Jan 21, 11.30 - 1.30pm, Karen Lynne - Guest appearance on the Arthur Blanche & Webb Bros Show, Tamworth Diggers Club  
 Wed, Jan 21, 8pm - Karen Lynne - Appearance on the TSA Songwriters Showcase, West Tamworth Leagues Club  
 Sat, Jan 25, 7pm Karen Lynne & Acoustic Shock - Nth Tam Bowlo - Andrew C's Supper Club (**Tentative Booking - Contact me to Confirm**)  
 Mon, Jan 26, 2pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Nelson Bay (02) 4757 3292 for Details  
 Thurs, Feb 19, 8pm, Karen Lynne Solo, Rooty Hill RSL, Bob Howe & HillBilly Heaven Country Show  
 Sat, Feb 7, 2pm, Pat Drummond & Karen Lynne, Private Party, Glenbrook



Unfortunately I cannot confirm Tamworth Gigs at this time, if you need to know finalised times, Call (02) 4757 3292

## "SHOESTRING RECORDS" WINS AWARD!

Good news as Australian Distribution Company "Shoestring Records" takes out the "Independent Record Company of the Year" Award at the Annual CMAA "Australian Country Music Achiever Awards". Shoestring is run by good friend/musical partner Pat Drummond and his wife Carol - who have been pivotal in getting much Independent product into our Australian Retail outlets who previously would not consider taking it. Well Done Shoestring!. As I stated last Newsletter - I had been voted to perform on this most prestigious night as the Independent Artist Representative. It was a pretty stressful & scary gig for me, as performing is always at its most difficult when you are up there in front of all your peers!... (and they were all there!... from Kasey Chambers to Troy Casser Daley!, .... not to mention every Promoter, Producer, Agent & Manager in the business as well!...), I don't remember much about the performance, but was told I did well & didn't even forget my words (which is an achievement in itself!).

**VIC & QLD TOURS 2004**  
Preparations are in the wind to try and organise a few weeks touring down in the VIC & QLD areas,... If you know of a Folk, Country or Bluegrass Venue - Pubs, Clubs or any Country or other Music Club etc that would be interested in having us for a gig please contact me (02) 4757 3292 ASAP. Hopefully the tour would involve myself, a Bluegrass Band & the Australian show w/Pat Drummond so it would be a great night's entertainment. Please call me (02) 4757 3292 if you have any contacts/ ideas!

**Could anyone who bought (or knows anyone who bought), CDs from the product table at Harrierville Bluegrass convention, please contact me.**

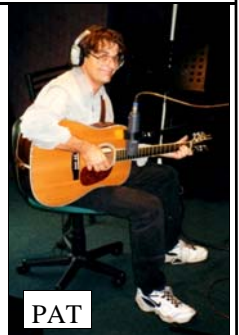
**... And the Journey continues!.....**

I returned from my honeymoon on a Sunday,... to a message to say I was due in the studio the following Tuesday to start the Pat & Karen collaboration album,... (if I'd known what I was getting into it probably wouldn't have happened at all). Rod Coe was chosen to produce - we wanted that really country

sound, especially as the song content was pretty folksy. He was great - not only as producer,... but a great arbitrator of sorts when needed (which was often). I admit I can be stubborn at times,... a will of iron even, but soon discovered that Pat was me - with 20 years experience!... Wow!, even Marty agreed I'd met my match!... but perhaps it was this clashing of wills - and so many artistic sparks that made it into such a beautiful album?... I laugh when I think about it, we couldn't agree on anything,... songlist, arrangements, vocal takes,... song order (even

who should sing each song!)... and I'm sure it would have remained 'title-less' if it wasn't for Carol, Pat's wife - and after having experienced the most artistically difficult 6 days of our lives to date,... "Six Days in December" seemed to be kind of poignant!. However, it is a great album and sadly didn't get the promotion it deserved at the time... but it's great that people are still 'discovering' it.

Christmas was indeed such a 'relief' after such a busy year and so many changes... I remember thinking that if I could get through all that then I'm sure I could survive anything... We awoke that Christmas morn to our first Wallaby in our backyard,... one of life's little treasured moments,... may we all have many many more... stay safe & happy!...& here's to 2004!!!



PAT



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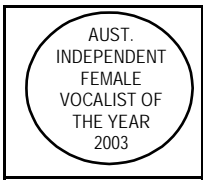
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### Gold Award Recognition Stickers for Albums

A note for all those supporters who have previously purchased "Blue Mountain Rain" and/or "Second Wind" albums. We now have little Gold Award stickers for booklets of bums,... if doesn't have would like to me, call 4757 3292 (KarenLynne@bigpond.com) & I'll send them via our next mailout.



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**A QUICK APOLOGY!** - Please know that I will always tell you if I know when gigs incur a door charge,...unfortunately I'm not always told about it!.....

Also please know I am required to tell you that my CDs Must 'officially' sell for \$30,.. however at gigs, on the web & thru the Newsletter I can give you a special discounted price - that being \$25.

### TIARA NOMINATIONS

**HOT OFF THE PRESS!**... More good news just to hand as I've just been informed that 3 tracks from the new album have received Top 5 Finalist positions in the TIARA (Tamworth Independent Artist Recognition Awards) these being in the Female Vocal, Bush Ballad & Collaboration (Duet w/Grant Richardson) Sections - to be announced at Tamworth 2004... wish me luck!

...Would U like to hear **Real Bluegrass** Music at the 2004 Mildura Independent CM Festival ?? Help us make it happen by writing to the festival Organisers & asking for **Real Bluegrass** to be added to the program: C/o P. O. Box 4054, Mildura, VIC, 3502.





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## LABOUR OF LOVE (1998)

Karen Lynne - First Solo Album  
KLF0704 - 001/SR 15 (16 Tracks)  
Contains a mix of both Traditional & Contemporary Country, Folk & Bluegrass (3 originals).

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## ALBUM ORDER FORM

## SECOND WIND - (2002)

Karen Lynne - Second Solo Album  
KLF0704 - 004/SR 38 (14 Tracks)  
Contains a mix of Traditional & Contemporary Country music including a duet with Grant Richardson. (3 originals)

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## SIX DAYS IN DECEMBER - (2000)

Karen Lynne & Pat Drummond - Duet Alb.  
KLF0704 - 002/SR18 (11 tracks)  
Contains a number of Duet & Solo tracks from Karen & Pat. All tracks are Australian and pure Country!.

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## BLUE MOUNTAIN RAIN - (2001)

Karen Lynne & Martin Louis - Bluegrass  
KLF0704 - 003/SR 20 (18 tracks)  
Genuine Australian Bluegrass!, featuring Acoustic Shock Bluegrass Band & many great Aussie players (1 orig & 2 instrum.)

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