

NIKKI NICHOLLS

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Nikki has been singing professionally since she was a child where she performed weekly on the popular music show 'Brian and the Juniors'. In her early teens, she began singing in nightclubs across Australia with the cabaret show 'John St. Peeters & the Sharelles', sharing dressing rooms with exotic dancers and pinching the left over wiener schnitzels to take back to dilapidated hotel rooms for breakfast.

Soon after, Nikki became one of Australia's top session singers showcasing her vocal ability on thousands of jingles for both radio and television.

"One day I got a call to be JOHN FARNHAM's backing vocalist in the newly formed John Farnham 'rock' band. I was ecstatic! I toured with John for a few years and recorded the 'WHISPERING JACK' album. The highlight of the tour was touring alongside STEVIE WONDER. On the first show, he called us up to sing with him, I was placed behind Stevie as we all did a conga line across the stage singing 'Master Blaster'. I was so excited at the time having my arms around his waist, I forgot that I was supposed to be helping steer him around the stage. Consequently, I steered him right into the fold back with him tumbling over and me falling on top of him".

Nikki was soon being called upon for tours with SUZI QUATRO, AUSTRALIAN CRAWL, LULU and KYLIE MINOGUE, which took her all around the world. She performed at the John Lennon Memorial Concert in Liverpool with such artists as CYNDI LAUPER, LENNY KRAVITZ, JOE COCKER, HALL & OATES And received a personal thank you letter from YOKO ONO.

In New York, Nikki had been described as becoming 'the next SHERYL CROW' and was all set to sign with Atlantic Records. However, family commitments back home prevented the venture ever going ahead.

The first solo album Nikki recorded was '**DON'T LET ME BE MISUNDERSTOOD**', a selection of some of her favourite heavy rock, male orientated songs by Jimi Hendrix, Deep Purple, Led Zeppelin, Cream and others. At the time, Nikki thought *"why should the guys have all the fun singing these awesome songs"*.

Her next album '**YUME IPPAI**', Japanese for 'Full of Dreams' derived from her time spent learning the Japanese language. *"I had been learning Japanese on and off for about 8 years and wondered why I felt a calling to study the language. At that point I'd never been to Japan and I hated Japanese food. Anyway, I decided to write an album and wanted it to be a souvenir for Japanese tourists because each song was about a different part of Australia or Australian culture"*.

After 'Yume Ipai' was released, Nikki went on to star alongside WENDY STAPLETON and DEBRA BYRNE in the highly acclaimed show 'Girls, Girls, Girls' which received rave reviews.

Nikki's latest album '**BRIDESMAID**' is her first independent original album. She says, *"Throughout my career, I have toured with fabulous bands and artists as a backing vocalist but have always felt a little bit like a bridesmaid, so I thought it was time to jump out the front and 'Bridesmaid' would be the name of the album"*.

Currently, Nikki is performing in a number of bands; '**Jam the Funk**', '**The Ritual of Rock Volume 1**', '**Nikki Nicholls with Boys**' and the show '**You've Got a Friend - The songs and story of Carole King with a touch of James Taylor**'.

And the show goes on



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