

Country Music Singer Derek Ryan Announces Australian East Coast Tour

Irish country music star **Derek Ryan** will arrive in Australia in September to entertain country music fans and Irish expats as he brings his distinctive brand of Irish Country to Australian shores.

“It is a dream come true to perform my music to an Australian audience. It is one place I have never visited before and I am extremely excited to take my music to a new audience at the other side of the world. Australia, like Ireland, has a great love for Country Music and I hope my music will be well received,” says Derek of his upcoming tour.

Derek came to fame as a member of The Ryan Brothers, a band he formed with his brother Adrian and then moved into a successful pop music career as a member of D-Side. Unable to shake off the sounds that resonated from his Mother’s kitchen radio, Derek got hooked on Nashville greats; like Garth Brooks, Johnny Cash and George Strait and started to write his songs, including ‘A Song for Carlow’ which won him first award for song writing. He also collaborated with writers in Britain and in the home of country music, Nashville, Tennessee.

Derek’s love and passion for country are best measured in his song writing ability as seen on his debut single ‘God’s Plan’ which received enormous airplay in his homeland and set the precedent for a catalogue of songs. In 2013, Derek released his single ‘Welcome Home (The Gathering)’, a song especially written for the Irish expats living in Australia. It is a call for all those Irish who left the homeland due to the hard economic times to return, even for a small amount of time, to be with family and friends. “With the downturn in the economy in Ireland over this past five years many young folks have left the country and many are now living and working in Australia. I have had hundreds of requests from these people to come to Australia to perform and I am looking forward to it,” says Derek.

Derek Ryan released his fourth album, ‘Country Soul’ in late 2013 and reached #2 on the Irish country music charts. It went on to win Album of the Year at the Irish Country Music Awards. ‘Country Soul’ features the hit single ‘100 numbers’, ‘Raggle Taggle Gypsy’ and his version of Avicii’s worldwide hit from last summer ‘Wake Me Up’. His current single ‘Hold On To Your Hat’, a duet with Sharon Shannon, is his first track from his next album which is released this autumn, which like his previous albums will feature some old country favourites, current chart covers and some of Derek’s own original songs.

Derek will be playing at the following venues in September:

12th September: Waratah Room, Rooty Hill RSL, Sydney
13th September: Irish Club, Canberra
17th September: Celtic Club, Melbourne
18th September: Bendigo Club, Bendigo
19th September: Cock n Bull, Bondi, Sydney
20th September: Queensland Irish Club, Brisbane
21st September: Rockhampton Leagues Club, Rockhampton

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