

# Mike Mathieson

*Singer ■ Entertainer ■ Recording artiste*

## **Biography**

Although originally from across the Tasman, Mike's pride and affiliation with both Australia and New Zealand runs deeply due to his Australian born mother.

Mike started his musical career in New Zealand at just five years of age when he was chosen to perform his first solo with the school choir. This performance was the start of a frantic nine years of touring for the young singer taking him from one end of New Zealand to the other.

Mike's talent was quickly recognized and fostered by various societies that he regularly performed for and at the age of ten, two of these organizations sponsored him to audition for and then ultimately be taught by the world renowned singing teacher DAME SISTER MARY LEO, the very same vocal coach who originally launched the career of internationally acclaimed Opera star DAME KIRI TE KANAWA.

Although originally trained in the classical technique Mike had a secret passion to sing popular music and as does happen at fourteen-and-a-half his voice changed while in the middle of a performance, prompting him to make the decision not to perform again for five years.

Although not singing publicly in that time Mike continued to sing privately getting to know his "new" voice and gaining confidence and control over it. While working in the Laboratory of the New Zealand Dairy Company he would be heard constantly singing in the hallways as the acoustics seemed to be just right.

Unbeknown to him the "2IC" of the Lab put Mike's name forward to enter a nationally broadcast talent search in which he achieved 2nd place in the country. After that event he was discovered by the owner of the prestigious cabaret venue OLIVERS CHANGING TIMES and this was the beginning once again of a whirlwind period of performing throughout the Auckland nightclub scene.

Performances at THE ACE OF CLUBS, THE TEQUILA SUNRISE, THE CRYPT, ALADDIN'S, THE STAIRCASE, OLIVERS CHANGING TIMES, ALFIES and many more prepared Mike for the next stage of his career, the move to Australia.

In 1985 Mike recorded an album of "standards" that was purchased by a fan and brought to Australia where the owner of a venue happened to hear it and immediately invited Mike to come to Sydney and do a season of six weeks performing in his club.

This was the beginning of the Australian leg of Mike's career. As the news got out that there was a new singer in town with this incredible voice, bookings for performances and television offers began to pour in prompting Mike to make the decision to remain in Australia and pursue this new found success.

Mike's career has been one of great highs and successes and continues to expand and grow daily.

He has toured nationally and internationally with a variety of artists from acclaimed English comic genius DICK EMERY and JOHN INMAN from "ARE YOU BEING SERVED" fame to international recording artists LAURA BRANNIGAN and BARRY MANILOW. He has shared the stage, television and recording studio microphone with the cream of Australian and New Zealand show business royalty such as RICK PRICE, KAREN KNOWLES, RHONDA BURCHMORE, JULIE ANTHONY, SHARON O'NIELL, BERT NEWTON, KERRY ANNE KENNERLY, MARK WILLIAMS, ERINA CLARKE, KIM HART, JON ENGLISH, IAN MOSS, JOHN SWAN, JON STEVENS, RICK PRICE, KEREN MINSHULL, THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS, JIMMY BARNES, JACK JONES, WENDY MATHEWS, YOTHU YINDI, KYLIE MINOGUE, GRACE KNIGHT among others.

Mike has three highly acclaimed and commercially successful albums of his own along with numerous entertainment awards such as QUEENSLAND'S ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR, multiple AUSTRALIAN CLUB ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS (A.C.E )& MO AWARDS nominations, while also winning MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR & DUO OF THE YEAR along with countless television appearances to his credit. He continues to play too sold out houses and receives standing ovations both locally and internationally with his shows, band, Duo and solo Cabaret performances.

[See Awards and nominations.](#)

With his dedication to musical excellence MIKE MATHIESON has established himself as one of Australia & New Zealand's most respected, professional and sought-after entertainers in the Australian and international entertainment industry.

Sporting a vocal range that spans almost 3 octaves Mike has the uncanny ability to move from a soft emotional ballad then effortlessly into Jazz and classic standards to full on rock with equal ease.

There are few in the entertainment industry today that have the vocal ability & versatility to take so many styles of music and yet make them their own as Mike Mathieson can.

Television appearances include..."GOOD MORNING AUSTRALIA" "LATE NIGHT AUSTRALIA" "THE MIDDAY SHOW" "ROBBO'S NEWS WORLD" "THE ERNIE AND DENISE SHOW", "CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT" (Brisbane)

Albums - "MOMENTO'S" "CLEAR SAILING" "WE ARE FAMLY"