### **Mirusia Louwerse**



She's known to millions around the world as the "Angel of Australia" - the name given to her by the famous Dutch violinist, André Rieu.

Named by ARIA as Australia's #1 Classical Crossover artist in 2022, Mirusia is an Australian born Soprano with Dutch heritage. With 17 years of extensive international touring and successful concerts under her belt, Mirusia is one of the most sought after sopranos in the world.

Mirusia studied opera at Griffith University's Queensland Conservatorium in Australia and at the age of 21 was announced as the youngest ever recipient of the prestigious Dame Joan Sutherland Opera Award. After graduation, her career blossomed when she toured the world as star soprano with André Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra for over 10 years. The stadium-size concerts have forwarded Mirusia the most wonderful opportunities of singing before country leaders, royalty and millions of fans and all have marvelled at the clarity, dexterity and the exquisite sound of her voice.

Since that time Mirusia has forged a successful solo career, her albums always placing highly on the ARIA & AIR Album and DVD chart rankings, with numerous albums and DVDs reaching the number one position on the Pop, Classical Crossover, Jazz & Blues and Music DVD Charts in Australia.

She currently resides in the Redlands with her husband Youri and daughter Sascha. When not touring she invests in the lives of other young, talented up and coming Australian singers; mentoring and producing recordings. Mirusia is also the International Ambassador for the Australian Children's Music Foundation and she is also a proud Prima Ambassador of award winning nostalgic broadcast service, Silver Memories.

She has touched the hearts of many audiences. Her performances have been declared; "heart-warming, personal and they leave you no choice but to love Mirusia."

#### **Craig Martin and Band**



Craig Martin is a talented entertainer who cleverly combines traditional and contemporary swing with great flair and imagination; he is a natural on stage, exudes charisma and performs many of his own arrangements of the jazz and swing classics with a style unique to him.

In the late 90's Craig was introduced to Big Band swing music after listening to Bobby Darin and Frank Sinatra, he formed a Swing Band and has never looked back! He went on to perform with many of the country's best Big Bands including the UK's premier Swing Band 'The Syd Lawrence Orchestra'.

After moving to the Redlands to live, Craig exploded onto the Queensland music scene in 2010 and has now performed with many Australian greats at a variety of events; from singing with Aria award winning soprano Mirusia, performing duets with Darren Percival and David De Vito to having James Morrison's first lady of jazz, Emma Pask open his Big Band Show at the Arts Centre Gold Coast. Craig has also sang with Normie Rowe at Runaway Bay Carols and performed in front of 10,000 people at Logan City Mayor's Christmas Carols with 'The Voice' stars Mahalia Barnes and Prinnie Stevens.

In 2019 Craig was invited to perform his Beatles Swing show at the world famous Cavern Club in Liverpool, England and later that year was invited to open the Redlands 'Christmas by Starlight' concert, performing with renowned MD John Foreman.

In 2020 Craig was asked to join the remaining members of Wickety Wak to perform in their hilarious comedy shows all around South-East Qld and next year Craig will be touring his show 'The Great British Songbook' around Australia.

Craig can also be heard Bay FM 100.3 presenting The Afternoon Show every Monday from 12 – 4pm.

#### **Alexa Curtis**



As the inaugural winner of Nine Network's The Voice Kids Australia 2014 at the age of ten, she went on to represent Australia at the 2016 Junior Eurovision Song Contest in Valletta, Malta placing fifth. She released her first music single "Playground" in 2014, followed two years later by her second single "We Are" for Junior Eurovision through Universal Music. Since then Alexa has released 3 singles independently and will continue to release new music in the future.

Most recently in 2021, Alexa landed the lead role of Taylor Young in Rock Island Mysteries, a brand new 20-part mystery, drama, and comedy Nickelodeon series. And now in 2023, has completed the show's second season which will air on channel 10.

Alexa has been performing at the Redlands Carols since she was 10 and loves bringing Christmas cheer to the community!

## **Dakota Striplin**



Dakota has always been infatuated with music - from the 11- year-old kid playing air guitar to the movie School of Rock, to the 28-yearold singer-songwriter playing on stages big and small. With his Dad from the deep south and his Mum from the pacific, Dakota's musical influences have been far-reaching throughout his life - landing him in his

own union of Country, Pop and Soul. Dakota currently lives in Nashville, TN. His debut release "See You In Austin", clocked 7 million views on YouTube and almost 2 million streams on Spotify. Most recently, Dakota has signed a Publishing deal with Ronnie Dunn's publishing company, Perfect Pitch Publishing.

### **Adam Lopez**



Adam Lopez is a renowned singer and a two-time Guinness World Record Holder for hitting the highest vocal note by a male singer, reaching a C Sharp in the 8th Octave. His remarkable feat has garnered global attention, leading him to perform on various international television and radio stations across countries like Japan, Spain, Italy, Korea, Hong Kong, and the USA. In addition to his record-breaking achievements, Lopez is a successful Solo Artist with 5 Studio Albums and has graced numerous Concert Halls and International Arenas. He remains a highly sought-after International Artist, consistently creating music and captivating audiences worldwide.

# **Scott Muller**



Scott is a former member of The Ten Tenors, joining the line-up for the UEFA Euro 2012 in Warsaw, Poland. During his 7 years with The Ten Tenors he toured parts of Europe, North America, Asia, New Zealand and Australia as part of the Double Platinum, On Broadway, Classic Christmas, Power of Ten and Wish You Were Here tours. He has also been involved in four albums including "Our Christmas Wish" and "Wish You Were Here." Before joining The Ten Tenors Scott graduated with a Bachelor of Music (Classical Voice) at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music in 2004 and studied in the Graduate Music Theatre program at New York University. He performed his own sell-out show Scott Muller: A New Voice at RPAC (2008) and later won the Music Theatre section of the South East Queensland Aria and Concerto competition. The next stop was a major role performing with the Fingask Follies in 2011 as part of a revue show touring Scottish castles and closing in London. Scott has performed as Gaston in Beauty and the Beast (Harvest Rain) with further theatre highlights including Jamie in The Last Five Years (Best actor in a Musical, Gold Coast Area Theatre Awards) and Banquo in Macbeth: the contemporary rock opera at QPAC. He now regularly performs with 3 piece singing group La Forza.

#### **Naree Stariha**



Singing since the age of three, and performing at just four, Naree Stariha was always destined for the stage.Naree's passion for singing has seen her involved in many major events including performing backing vocals for Christine Anu at the Brisbane and Sydney Olympic Games Ceremonies, taking to the stage at Christmas by Starlight, plus acting and singing at the Lyric Theatre.Although she is yet to have an album of her own, she currently performs jingles and vocal backings and is more than ready to be discovered. Naree even made it into the top 100 on Australian Idol, the X-Factor and The Voice.Naree is now in a Brisbane based band Caxton Club and is performing currently at Eat Street North Shore.

### Liam Waldock



Liam Waldock is an accomplished vocalist hailing from Redland City, with an unwavering passion for the expansive realm of music. His artistry is deeply rooted in storytelling, showcasing his exceptional talent across the domains of Musical Theatre, Opera, and Jazz.

Currently pursuing his academic pursuits at the renowned Griffith University Queensland Conservatorium of Music, Liam is honing his skills in Classical Voice. Since his graduation from Cleveland District State High School in 2021, he has actively engaged with and made invaluable contributions to the vibrant Redlands community. Liam has fostered strong ties with the local council, lending his captivating performances to their prestigious awards events and ceremonial functions. He has also become a familiar presence at local markets, social gatherings, and seasonal celebrations such as Halloween Festivals and Christmas events, captivating audiences year after year.

Liam's dedication to his craft has led him to participate in two major operatic productions during his tenure at the Conservatorium. In his inaugural year (2022), he captivated audiences as a distinguished member of the House of Peers in Gilbert and Sullivan's timeless masterpiece, "Iolanthe." Currently in his second year (2023), he assumes the role of Pluto, the cunning God of the Underworld, in Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld." This multifaceted character presents Liam with an opportunity to showcase his comedic flair and revel in mischievous escapades.

With his captivating performances and commitment to excellence, Liam Waldock continues to establish himself as a rising star in the realm of vocal artistry, leaving an indelible impression on audiences and the musical community alike

#### **Miss Mandy**



With a childhood career on Channel 7 Brisbane, Mandy Woodend was a regular on Seven's Super Saturday, singing and dancing every weekend. Mandy first called the Gold Coast home when The Star Casino opened, performing as lead singer/ dancer and acrobat in two productions Starz and Galaxies.

Being a triple threat Mandy has played leading roles for both Disney Productions and Warner Brothers.

Working alongside Australia's finest musicians and musical directors Mandy has worked with Paul Grabowsky and John Foreman on live television including Tonight Live with Steve Vizard and won New Faces with Burt Newton.

In the late 90's Mandy formed her award winning 9 piece show band Oz Hornz and continues entertaining audiences all over Australia and abroad. Miss Mandy's other acts include The Beehives, Miss Mandy Swings and Funky Monkeys. Miss Mandy has been a regular face of the Redlands performing shows at Redland Performing Arts Centre, Clubs, Sirromet Winery including Australia Day and Christmas events solo and with her band. Mandy's family is based in the Bay Islands and is passionate about live music and variety entertainment in the Redlands. Miss Mandy's band is also based in the Redlands with world class musicians teaching and performing in the local area.

### **Carole Williams**



Carole Williams is a regular performer at the Redlands Carols. Whether it's in her all original Cabarets, Musical Theatre or as the Lead Vocalist for various line ups Carole loves to entertain. Her most recent credits include Rose in Gypsy for Spotlight Musical Theatre and Donna in Mamma Mia for Queensland Musical Theatre for both of which she received outstanding reviews.

#### Mama Juju & The Jam Tarts



Mama Juju & The Jam Tarts always create a fun, upbeat vibe at any event with their infectious energy, quirky personalities and sometimes a touch of naughtiness. The band features rockin' drums, bass, guitars, soaring flute, harmonica, ukulele and whatever other instruments take their fancy. Come and join the party!

### **Redland Rhapsody Chorus**



Redland Rhapsody Chorus is one of over 700 choruses of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide non profit organisation dedicated to women's four-part a cappella barbershop style harmony.

Redland Rhapsody earned a number of national a cappella awards at the 2023 Sweet Adelines Regional Convention, including Australia's Most Improved Chorus, Australia's 3rd place Mid Size Chorus and Australia's 3rd Place Chorus overall.

Our trademark is musical and performance excellence with crowd pleasing innovative showmanship.

Our Director is Louise Brannon and our Visual Leader is Megan Bishop.

The chorus draws its membership from the Redlands, Brisbane and Logan areas. Redland Rhapsody has been dedicated to producing the finest in four-part a cappella harmony since 1995.

Our repertoire includes a wide range of musical genres: classical to rock, ballads, jazz, popular show tunes, upbeat and Australiana songs.

This talented group of women is available for professional engagements and performs regularly in South East Queensland.

The chorus rehearses every Tuesday night in a modern air conditioned venue at Alexandra Hills in the Redlands.

### **Strictly Dance**



We have over 70 students who are part of our performing team who train every week and compete at some of the biggest competitions in QLD who would love to perform at this event. We wouldn't use all of them, only choose some of them.

## **ROCKIT Productions**



"ROCKIT Productions is the home of Musical Theatre training on Redlands Coast with community engagement stretching throughout South East Queensland. Both a production company and an educational institution, ROCKIT Productions is the fusion of arts training and entertainment production working with students in extra curricular formats with industry professionals. Commencing classes with students as young as 18 months through to senior grades there are multiple pathways for student development within the arts from before school to graduation and beyond."

#### Yulu Buri Ba Dancers

# North Stradbroke Island, Minjerribah



A community dance troupe made up of dad Patrick Coolwell (Noonuccal and Munanjali), Mum Kaiyu Bayles and their children who have been performing all their lives. The family are part of the legacy of the late great aunty Oodgeroo Noonuccal and the Walker family, to keep culture strong by any means necessary. Song man Patrick has represented his community travelling to Greece, Taiwan and Korea. The family live on their ancestral land, off grid and work to improve accessibility to culture. Making it easier for the general public to embrace and celebrate the ancient culture of the land we all call home.

## Supa Tony



"Redland's M.C & Host"