



Emma Joy – Biography

Australian singer/songwriter and pianist, Emma Joy is an emerging artist in both Brisbane and New York. Initially a classical pianist, Emma was awarded an Associate Diploma of Music, Australia in 2003. The following year, she graduated with a Bachelor of Music from the Queensland University of Technology and has since expanded her musical repertoire to a fusion of contemporary genres of Soul, Pop and Jazz. Emma has established herself as a vibrant performer within the Brisbane music scene, appearing at notable venues such as Brisbane Powerhouse and Queen Street Stage.

In 2006, Emma was invited to perform at the Soul of the Blues singer/songwriter showcase in Brooklyn, New York. During her three month stay in New York, Emma collaborated with local artists, namely Patrizia Ferrara, Massimo Biolcati and Ferenc Nemeth as well as studying Jazz piano with Danny Grissett. Featuring as both a solo artist and band leader, she performed her original material at local New York venues such as Rockwood Music Hall and the Bowery Poetry Club.

Her songwriting abilities were nationally recognized in 2006 when she was acknowledged as a Top 5 Finalist for Best Urban Artist at the National Musicoz Awards. Emma returned to New York for 3 months in the winter of 2007. Inspired by her travels, her recently released EP is entitled NY/BNE and features her original songs, which she has performed in Los Angeles, New York and Brisbane. In July of 2009, Emma represented Australia at the 13th Annual World Championships of Performing Arts in Hollywood, California, receiving 2 Silver medals for Vocal Self-Accompanied original songs, entitled 'Pier 17' and 'So U Know'.

Being passionate about music education, Emma teaches singing and piano to students of all ages and is currently employed at Saint Stephen's College on the Gold Coast, Queensland. She has been awarded a World Tour Scholarship to study at Berklee College of Music commencing 2010 and is grateful for the assistance received from the Dame Joan Sutherland Fund.