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Late in 1988 a girl makes her singing debut in a country hotel. Amid the noise, the drinkers and the heat, Sharon Benjamin's voice reaches out for the first time to the people of the Australian heartland, an audience she will eventually come to capture in word and song.

1993 brought the release of 'Something For Everyone', her debut. Intended for sale only at live shows, Sharon's songs were picked up by radio right across Australia. It's worth a mention too that this recording was a cassette release. In '97 Sharon and husband Mark Hillier formed a duo called 'Strike Two' which coincided with the release of an album of the same name, and boasted nine songs penned between the tuneful partners. The debut single 'Ghost Train' remained in the Australian Country Music Top 100 charts for over 3 months, reaching an impressive number 8. A second single climbed to number 31.

Sharon's 3rd release, a 6 track EP entitled 'As The Crow Flies' created a flurry of interest in music and radio circles across the country. With five of her most heartfelt compositions, the EP is dedicated to the memory of her late father. With this release, Sharon had the opportunity to go visual for the first time with video clips for the singles 'Hidden In The Lights' and 'What Day Is It?' which can be requested on CMC.

Sharon's song writing is gaining her more and more recognition. Her song 'As The Crow Flies' was selected as a finalist in the country section of the Unisong International Song Contest for 2004. 'As The Crow Flies' was 1 of only 19 Australian songs selected throughout the 12 categories which ranged from country to pop, & children's to comedy. Sharon also had two of her compositions recorded by fellow entertainer Craig Giles in 2005, one of these songs becoming Craig's first single which reached top 10 in the Top30 Country Tracks, and No1 on the Mildura Hotfm Top100. Sharon & Craig were also selected as finalists in the Duo section of the Victorian Country Music Awards for 2006. More recently, Australian Country Music Legend 'Reg Poole' has just recorded one of Sharon's songs for an up-coming release.

"Perfect Little World" was released in April 2006. Sharon's best recording to date, the album features 13 of her compositions ranging in styles to encompass every listener. Debut single 'High As Heaven' received National & International radio attention and was on high rotation with many stations. Latest Single 'Jack Of Diamonds' is also gaining international airplay recently taking out the number 1 most played radio single in The Netherlands'

The single is currently in the Top 30 Country Tracks as well as the Mildura Hot FM Top 100 Chart. Two songs from the album, 'Why He Rolls' and 'Going Home' received Honorable Mention awards in the 2006 Unisong International Song Contest.

Her songs are melodic and heartfelt, relative and honest. Perhaps this is why they are now in demand from other recording artists. There is every indication that a whole lot more people are about to hear this lady writer reaching the height of her powers. That can only be good for the listener and for music.

Once billed as 'The Girl With The Golden Voice' Sharon's live performances are in demand for Festivals and Clubs alike. She is one of the hardest working female performers in the Country.

For more information and bookings, contact Sharon Benjamin Entertainment

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Latest Festival Performances

Regular performer at Mildura Country Music Festival as an artist – Sharon and Husband Mark also provide sound for Red Cliffs Club for duration of festival. Will also be appearing in 2007.

Regular performer at Tamworth Country Music Festival as an artist - Comparing in 2005, 2006 & 2007 in Tamworth Plaza every day – Sharon and Husband Mark also provide sound for Tamworth Plaza for duration of festival.

Red Hill Country Music Festival – As an artist 2006

Shepparton Country music Festival – As a artist - Sharon and Husband Mark also provide sound for the Festival 2004, 2006 & 2007.

Launceston Country Music Festival Tasmania – As an artist in 2005

Leeton Country Music Muster – As an artist 2005 & 2006 – Sharon & Husband Mark also provide sound for the outdoor Festival.

Wanaaring Gymkana & Muster – As an artist 2005 – Sharon & Husband Mark also provided sound for the outdoor Concert.

Has also been a performer at Country Music Festivals in Bungendore, Coolamon, Narrandera, Barham, Finley, Wollongong, Broken Hill (returning 2007), Orange, Wagga Wagga, Nelligen, Queenbeyan, Lockart, Parkes and Kyabram in previous years.

Venue Performances

Sharon tours constantly as both a solo artist and as part of Sharon Benjamin Duo with her Husband bass player Mark Hillier. The pair also have a Top40 & Pub Rock duo called 'Chill Factor' . They perform throughout NSW and Victoria with 2 to 4 performances a week. Some venues include:

Support artist for Melinda Schnieder

Support artist at The Vanguard, Newton, Sydney

Headline artist at The Brass Monkey, Cronulla, Sydney

Yagoona Greyhound Club, Sydney – Special Line dancing Ball Performance

Support Artist for Marcia Hines – Leeton Roxy Theatre – Festival Easter

Moama Bowling Club - regular performances
Deniliquin RSL Club - regular performances
Leeton Soldiers Club - regular performances
Bathurst RSL - regular performances
Griffith Exies Club - regular performances
Junee Services Club - regular performances
West Wyalong Services Club - regular performances
Harden Country Club – regular performances
Leeton Soldiers Club - regular performances
Gundagai Services Club - regular performances

Yass Soldiers Club – regular performances
Club Mulwala – regular performances
Tumbarumba Bowling Club – regular performances
Batlow RSL Club – regular performances
Kyabram Club – regular performances
Quirindi RSL Club – regular performances
Tamworth Services Club – regular performances
Cooma Services Club - regular performances
Echuca Workers Club - regular performances
Captains Flat RSL Club - regular performances

Plus Many More – For more info, check out www.sharonbenjamin.com.au

Latest Album – ‘Perfect Little World’



Sharon's brand new album is out now, and debut single 'High As Heaven' is currently receiving airplay Australia-wide as well as overseas.

Review –

SHARON BENJAMIN returns with her much anticipated new CD Perfect Little World. Sharon sings with refreshing clarity; her vocal performance always pure and clean, but also warm and engaging. From the opening track Love Denied you can only be impressed with her songwriting skills and the ability to make music with fun and energy. First single from the album High As Heaven is full of rollicking sparkle. I Want What She's Having and Jack Of Diamonds are equally stimulating. Sharon has a great way with lyrics; with colourful phrases such as 'should have insured my heart for fire theft and damage' from No Longer Broken. I Love is sweet and heartfelt. Why Would You Wanna is a lovely bluesy swinging number. Why He Rolls tells of a truck driver and the effect his job has on his family. This album will create a whole new legion of fans for this quality performer.

One Stop/Redbak RB001 - DEBORAH MINTER - Ice News

For more reviews and testimonials for this album, go to

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Why Sharon Benjamin Duo at your venue?

- Sharon has been a professional entertainer with over 17 years experience in many facets of the music industry.
- Sharon is an extremely versatile artist who can perform music to suit any age group with styles ranging from rock to country, and from rock & roll to top 40.
- Sharon Benjamin Entertainment carries third party insurance for you and your patrons protection. A certificate of currency can be supplied on request.
- All power leads have been checked and tagged by a licensed qualified electrician.
- For backing when required, Sharon uses professional midi files. Sharon herself plays guitar, and her duo partner, Mark Hillier plays bass guitar. Acoustic sets can also be provided, and Sharon is experienced in working with bands.
- Sharon is one of Australia's hardest working independent artists, with performances every weekend and an extensive coverage.
- Sharon Benjamin Entertainment strives to provide sound quality, professionalism and versatility. No alcoholic beverages are consumed while performing, maintaining responsibility and reliability at all times.
- Sharon Benjamin is one of Australia's finest singer / songwriters. She has received radio airplay across Australia, New Zealand and Europe as well as chart success with her original songs. Her video clips also appear throughout the country on CMC and Nu Country TV.

References are available if required, and further information, gig guide, and original music sound demos can be found at www.sharonbenjamin.com.au

Thanks so much for your time, and we look forward to the opportunity to perform at your venue or festival.

Yours Sincerely

Sharon Benjamin & Mark Hillier