

# LIAM BURROWS

**Best Jazz Artist - MusicOz Awards 2012**

**Winner, Second Prize - Vocal Category - International *Unsigned-Only* Competition 2012**

**Winner, Johnny O'Keefe Award, Mo Awards 2013**

"A consummate performer".

"The standing ovations and positive feedback says it all."

"The show was fantastic and everyone enjoyed it."

"The ultimate professional at his young age".

"The show was the real deal full package of entertainment. When's the next one please?"

"His tone, timing, phrasing & performance were amazing for someone so young. I could not have wished for more."

"Liam absolutely floored me"

*(quotes from clients)*

**At just nineteen years of age, Liam Burrows is a jazz sensation. Since July 2011 he has enjoyed a meteoric rise to the top of the music scene whilst continuing to develop as an exceptional and unique entertainer, performing at leading venues all over Australia as well as overseas.**

He has earned the respect of fellow professionals and stunned the public with a mature vocal style and stage presence that is way beyond his years.

Liam brings to his music a level of technical ability, scatting and realisation of phrasing that can only be described as incredible. Many describe him as a prodigy, whilst others call him the next Michael Bublé.

Despite his youth, Liam is no newcomer to performing.....he began singing at the age of two, played classical piano at six and took up the trumpet at nine. At the tender age of twelve Liam was inspired to sing jazz and swing.

He began his formal training in jazz vocals with Dorian Mode. By the time Liam was fourteen, he had completed all four Australian Music Examinations Board Contemporary Jazz Vocal exams attaining consistently High Distinctions.

Liam achieved further outstanding success in 2008, winning the highly-competitive Open-Age Jazz Vocal Division of the Sydney Eisteddfod when just fourteen. The accolades continued in the same year when he was awarded the Central Coast Jazz League scholarship for Most Promising Young Jazz Artist.

In 2009 he captivated audiences at the famous Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland where he received a standing ovation.

In 2010 Liam was featured as an outstanding rising talent at Newcastle Jazz Festival where he performed with his Quartet and later in the year was nominated for a MO Award as Best New Talent.

In that same year Liam was one of six vocalists selected nationally by jazz virtuoso James Morrison to perform at the prestigious "Generations in Jazz" at Mt Gambier, South Australia. At only sixteen years of age he was the youngest-ever vocalist in this acclaimed event.

2011 began with a knockout performance on New Year's Eve at Taronga Park Zoo, Sydney with the Swing City Big Band. In April, Liam went on an East-Coast tour with the "Back to the Tivoli" variety shows and at "Generations in Jazz", held in May, Liam was again selected to perform and was the youngest vocalist by far.

Shortly after this he appeared as a contestant on the top-rating National television show "Australia's Got Talent". Liam's passion and enthusiasm for bringing jazz to a wider audience captured the attention of the general public and he was voted through as the people's choice for each level of the competition.

He was thrilled to become a Grand Finalist – coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition out of 19,000 entrants.

The amount of time required by the TV show and a steady stream of requests for personal appearances and performances, instigated Liam's decision to leave school to work as a professional musician and entertainer.

In August 2011 Liam and his Quartet performed at Jupiter's Casino, Queensland, during the Broadbeach Jazz Festival and at the Australian International Movie Convention.

In September Liam appeared at the famous Noosa Jazz Festival with the Australian Army Band.

His independently-released and critically acclaimed debut album "*ALL OF ME*", a timeless collection of 20 swing hits (recorded when he was only seventeen) was launched in Melbourne in October when he performed to a full house at the Palms Showroom in the Crown Casino Entertainment Complex - accompanied by an 18 piece band.

At the end of the two-and-a-half hour concert, he performed two encores and received standing ovations.

Liam was the opening act for the legendary Pointer Sisters during their entire National Tour in November and "sang-in" the New Year when he headlined the prestigious event at Sydney's Taronga Park Zoo - accompanied by the "Big Band" once again.

**In May 2012, Liam was thrilled to be named "*BEST JAZZ ARTIST*" at the Australian Music Industry's MusicOz Awards held at the Sydney Opera House.**

In July he appeared at the Surfers Paradise Festival. This was followed by an appearance at the Broadbeach Jazz Festival in August when he performed with a 14 piece band at Jupiters Hotel and Casino's newly renovated theatre. The event "*Jazz With the Stars*" featured Liam with James Morrison/Emma Pask, Grace Knight and David Campbell. Each artist performed for 30 minutes and Liam left the stage with the audience asking for more.

In the same month Liam, for the second consecutive year, headlined at the Noosa Jazz Festival (this time with his own six-piece band) and also performed a guest spot with a local "Big Band" the following day.

Liam has also appeared with his quartet at major Jazz venues in Australia including The Apartment and Bennetts Lane, Melbourne, The Vanguard, Sydney and The Ellington Jazz Club in Perth.

Besides being on Australia's Got Talent, Liam has appeared on Channel 7's *Good Friday Telethon* (where he performed two songs with a large orchestra) Channel 10's *The Circle* and Channel 7's *The Morning Show*.

**In August 2012 Liam won Second Place in the Vocal Performance category of the International *Unsigned-Only* Music Competition. With almost 7,500 entries from over 80 countries, this was a remarkable achievement,**

In December he appeared at the Norfolk Island Jazz Festival and for the second consecutive year, Liam performed at the 2GO Xmas Carols at Gosford's Bluetongue stadium.

In February 2013, he presented his three-hour concert at the Laycock Theatre in Gosford, NSW, to a sold-out house and once again received a standing ovation.

In April he again starred at the Surfers Paradise "A La Carte in the Park" festival and will appear at the Broadbeach Jazz Festival in August.

Liam's amazing talent has captured the hearts of the Australian public and he has been in high demand. Since his appearance on Australia's Got Talent he has performed over 170 public, corporate and private shows.

At this year's **Mo Awards** he was presented with the **Johnny O'Keefe Award** which was created to acknowledge outstanding performance by a newcomer to the live performance circuit.

Liam's YouTube videos have received millions of hits and news of his talent has rapidly spread abroad. He has received requests to appear in many far-off places and the album is getting airplay in many countries.

Liam has also recently recorded some new and original material written especially for him by multi-award-winning and internationally successful song-writer Graeham Goble, The Little River Band's founder and main songwriter.

More than anything, Liam is kept busy doing what he loves most....entertaining appreciative audiences everywhere.

### **Some abbreviated comments from industry professionals:**

*"Liam is not only a gifted Jazz vocalist, he is also an exceptional young man who is a great ambassador for Jazz. He is completely dedicated to his art and his love for Jazz is evident in all he does. He is passionate about bringing the musical style we both love to the general public."*

....James Morrison.

*"Liam is the most naturally gifted student I've ever worked with. This young man is a natural entertainer and a musician of extraordinary gifts. He has the ability to excite a crowd merely by his presence."*

....Dorian Mode

*"Liam Burrows is a prodigious, young musical talent who has the skill, charm and ability to enable him to enjoy a wonderful career."*

....Warren Wills

*"Liam has many unique qualities that will give him the opportunity of an outstanding career in music".*

....Graeham Goble

*"I have accompanied many International jazz artists over the years and I was most impressed with this talented young man. The quality of Liam's voice shows a strong dedication to the craft and the professionalism with which he approached his concerts and the preparation for performances, displayed dedication far beyond what one would normally associate with his young age. He is a truly gifted performer and audiences love him."*

....Michael Nelson

*"Liam Burrows is a very talented young performer with a bright future. His vocal tone, musicality and skills as an entertainer are well beyond his years. Liam is respected by his peers and loved by his audiences. He is a fantastic singer. I recommend him."*

....John Foreman

*Liam occurs to me like a true star - when he opens his mouth pure magic flows out. I was utterly entranced. He has a huge, huge future.*

....James Roche

*Liam's tone, timing, phrasing & performance were amazing for someone so young. I could not have wished for more. His attitude & professionalism at rehearsal had our musicians still talking about him three hours later at dinner. Two of them played in Sinatra's band when he came to Australia and they said they can't wait to hear him again as his performance bought back so many memories. He was a highlight of the night for me. I hope he goes on to all the success he deserves.*

.....Darryl Talbot

**[Liam Burrows album "ALL OF ME" is available in Australia through JB Hi-Fi, Sanity and K-Mart stores nationally as well as on-line internationally through CDbaby.com, iTunes, Amazon.com and his website \[www.LiamBurrows.net\]\(http://www.LiamBurrows.net\)](#)**

**[To hear a selection of Liam's recordings and to view some of Liam's TV performances, please go to \[www.LiamBurrows.net\]\(http://www.LiamBurrows.net\)](#)**