ELLY HOYT

Elly Hoyt is the new rising star of great Australian Jazz Vocalists. Tasmanian-born, Elly consistently captures audiences with her soulful and seductive voice. At only 24, she has the uncanny ability to invoke the charge given to past greats and take it somewhere new. Elly has just been awarded an Australian Jazz Bell Award for the Best Australian Jazz Vocal Album 2011 for her self-titled debut album.

Elly paved her way into the Australian jazz scene when she won the prestigious *Generation in Jazz* vocal scholarship in 2008, which was judged by James Morrison. Elly was also a finalist in the ABC 612 *Jazz Singers* competition, judged by Vince Jones in 2007, and has been the youngest vocalist in Australian history to sing for the cricket board when she performed the national anthem at the Australia v New Zealand and Australia v England matches in her mid-teens.

Throughout her music career, Elly has worked with some of Australia's top jazz musicians such as James Morrison, Tim Firth, Phil Stack, Matt McMahon, John Morrison, Steve Newcomb, Mat Jodrell, Chris McNulty, John Hoffman, James Muller, Ben Robertson, James Sherlock, Tony Gould, Jamie Oehlers, David Jones, Jim Pugh and Sam Anning - to name a few.

Elly has sung her way around the country performing at the Melbourne Women's International Jazz Festival (VIC), Magnetic Island Jazz Festival (QLD), Broadbeach Blends of Jazz Festival (QLD), Clarence Jazz Festival (TAS), Generations in Jazz (S.A), Rockhampton Big River Jazz Festival (QLD), Thredbo Jazz Festival (NSW), Noosa Jazz Festival (Qld) and the Devonport Jazz Festival (TAS). Most notably, Elly performed at the Shanghai World Expo, China in 2010.

James Morrison: *"From the moment I first heard Elly sing, I knew she had that classic, indefinable thing that makes one a jazz singer. It's not just a sound, or a choice of notes but a way of approaching a song that lets the listener know - this is the real thing".*