

LISA RICHARDS

BIOGRAPHY

Indie Folk Nouveau Chanteuse Lisa Richards has a distinctive voice capable of moving from a purr to wailing the blues in an instant. Wielding an acoustic guitar and writing songs of longing, loss, love, and hope, her music borrows from the traditions of folk, blues, and jazz, yet has a sound that's innovative and fresh.

Critics described Lisa's voice as “ferociously sweet” and “delightfully unusual.” Her songwriting is driven by her own quest to understand the world and the human condition. She sees the world as a place full of stories to explore, both personal and universal. She strives to bring love and understanding into the world with her music.

Lisa is the 8th child of a concert pianist and a psychiatrist. She has a life story that could grace the silver screen without a doubt. From Acapella busking in Kings Cross to hanging out with Debbie Harry at SXSW, and playing CBGB's in NYC.

Her childhood in far Northern Australia was "wild and unsupervised." Sexual abuse and drug use laid the foundation for a tumultuous early life. When Lisa was only 7, her mother had a car accident. The latter sustaining a severe brain stem injury from which she never recovered. Until she was 20, Lisa helped care for her mother. After that, she went off into the world, spending many years in Sydney, NYC, and Austin.

Lisa's songs have appeared on European compilations. She shared the track list with Adele, Nina Simone, and Corinne Bailey Rae. She appeared at The Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Rocky Mountain Folks Festival, and Merlefest. She also appeared at world-famous events like SXSW and CMJ. This culminated in her 4th CD, "Mad Mad Love," produced and co-written with Tim Bright (known for the "Scrubs" TV Theme).

The release counted over 80,000 downloads through BitTorrent platform Frostwire.

Lisa's marriage and life in Austin ended after 14 years. She found herself living out of a suitcase, and when she visited family in Australia, she decided to stay. She fell in love with her home country all over again and resettled.

Her current CD, "A Light from the Other Side," marks her 6th album, as well as her first Australian-made release. Lisa teamed up with Greg J Walker (Paul Kelly, Jess Ribiero, and C.W. Stoneking), who recorded and produced the CD. The song "Water" was added to National rotation on ABC Radio

Currently, Lisa is busy writing songs for her next release while continuing to tour and to teach others to find themselves through music.