

RORY ELLIS BIO

“His voice and his music are a mixture of Tom Waits, Leonard Cohen, Waylon Jennings and others of the Folk/Americana (Alt Country) field. His voice is gravelly, soulful and mixed with a heavy swag of blues. He could have very easily fit into the band, The Highwaymen.....maybe they are recasting with only Kris and Willie left.”

Kaz Johnson, Awards and Radio Personality, Australia

Raised in working class East Bentleigh, to a boxing gym in Dandenong, labourer, factory worker, brushes with the underworld as a doorman in the most salubrious outer suburban beer temples, even his time working at the Sacred Heart Mission, has shaped the character of one of Australia's finest songwriters, Rory Ellis.

Raised to revere the Hanks, Cash, Willie, Waylon, blues and folk greats, Americana was the obvious genre choice. His career began in 1989, but thing livened upon following his first solo release “Ride” rocked the media in 2000. Recently, Rory released his 9th studio album, “Inner Outlaw”, with subsequent single releases charting in Australia and Internationally. This album has recently received the highly esteemed accolade of being recognised in the TOP 10 albums of the year, in Rhythms Magazine, Australia's Music Bible.

His path traverses the globe; Australia, New Zealand, UK, Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, performing alongside greats like Richie Havens, Robert Cray, Charlie Musselwhite, Canned Heat. His journeys' embrace a multitude of venues and festivals, including Port Fairy Folk AU, National Folk AU, Shetland UK, Isle Of Wight UK, Maryport Blues UK, Americana International UK, Larmer Tree UK, Celle Festival Germany, Castel St Pietro Blues Italy.

Every twist and turn toward his Americana leanings, always had a great story lurking in the background. Always the primary inspiration. Gifted with a soul-wrenching voice praised by media worldwide, he's experienced every word delivered.

The future is bright, songs keep coming, roads still un-travelled and his wit grows with every mile. Rory is committed to bringing his take on life and the stories of so many to every possible corner.

“Rory Ellis is one of those singer/songwriters, like Leonard Cohen, who makes the hairs on your arms stand up by simply opening his mouth and uttering a few throaty words.”

Brett Callwood: Acoustic Magazine UK

“Rory Ellis has a tone that flows like molasses. His lyrics wrap around the heart and give to it either warmth or tear it asunder. When the big fella lets roar, you'll hear pleas from the back of the room without the need of the sound system.

Inner Outlaw is an outstanding album from one of Country/Blues/Americana music's hardest workers. Textured tunes accompanied by a passionate voice that deserves your attention. Rory Ellis is a good ol' boy of music, a master story teller that needs to be heard and respected for his incredible songwriting and musicality craft”

David Prior, ABC Sydney, Australia.

