



KAITLYN THOMAS

BIOGRAPHY 2019

Kaitlyn Thomas was just 12 years old when Beccy Cole declared to her audience, *“There’s a star in the making right there”*. Fast-forward to 2019 and Kaitlyn is ready to unleash her brand of country music on the world and determined to make Beccy’s prediction come true.

“I have spent the last few years writing songs and evolving my sound that reflects my country core and influences I grew up on. Right now, I feel like I’ve finally found who I am as an artist”, says Kaitlyn.

Born and raised in rural Victoria, Kaitlyn’s love for music came at a very early age. Soaking up the music that was being played around her while growing up, they inspired her to begin writing her own songs at the age of 8.

“I’ve had a lot of musical influences growing up, but I’ve always found myself drawn to strong independent women in the music industry. Artists like Sheryl Crow, Carrie Underwood, The McClymonts, Abby Anderson and rock artists Anne Wilson and Pat Benetar inspire me to push myself musically and vocally with my performances and writing”.

Kaitlyn Thomas is a graduate of both the junior and senior CMAA Academy of Country Music and was awarded Australian Youth Songwriter of the Year in 2012 and again in 2018. Personal highlights also include performing at Nashville’s famous Bluebird Café and Honky Tonk Central in 2016 and receiving an endorsement from Maton Guitars.

She has been developing her craft under the guidance of producer and mentor, Lee Bradshaw, for many years and has worked with some of the best in the business including supporting artists such as Casey Donovan, Beccy Cole and Andrew Swift. Kaitlyn also had the pleasure of touring with Carter & Carter on their Taste of Tamworth Tour and working with musicians of the calibre of guitarist, Brett Garsed, who is best known for his work with John Farnham and US rock group, Nelson.

November 29th sees the release of Kaitlyn’s debut country single, **“First Kiss”**. Co-written with Katrina Burgoyne, it’s an up-tempo & fun country pop song that matches Kaitlyn’s bright and bubbly personality.

*“I always wanted to write with her and when I saw she was coming back to Australia over Tamworth I got in touch. I had a few ideas on what to write about but it wasn’t until I had a radio interview and was asked, “What is something nobody knows about you? I replied after hesitation, “I’ve never had a foot popping kiss!” **First Kiss** pretty much wrote itself on the back porch of our house in Tamworth”*.

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