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RISING STAR KAITLYN THOMAS UNLEASHES DEBUT COUNTRY SINGLE, "FIRST KISS".

A genuine and charming small town girl, **Kaitlyn Thomas**, has hit the ground running with her catchy debut country single, *"First Kiss"*.

Co-written with Katrina Burgoyne, *"First Kiss"*, is 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".*

Working with producer, Lee Bradshaw, they found the common thread that connects Kaitlyn's love of big guitars, big vocals and story telling. She hopes it's this combination that will cement her place within the Australian music scene. *"First Kiss"* also features the musical talents of ex- John Farnham guitarist, Brett Garsed.

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, she began writing her own songs at the age of 8. She cites key influences Sheryl Crow, Carrie Underwood and The McClymonts along with rock artists, Anne Wilson and Pat Benetar, as women who inspire her to push herself musically and vocally with her performances and writing.

"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".

Kaitlyn Thomas is a graduate of both the junior and senior CMAA Academy of Country Music and has supported artists including Casey Donovan, Beccy Cole & Andrew Swift. She was part of Carter & Carter's Taste of Tamworth Tour 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.

"Right now, I feel like I have finally found who I am as an artist and I'm excited to release my first country single to Australia and the world!"

"There's a star in the making right there" – BECCY COLE *"First Kiss"* is released digitally on all platforms.

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