



SIMONE WADDELL

SINGER • SONGWRITER

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED ARIA CHARTING RECORDING ARTIST

ARIA ACHIEVEMENTS

The Art of Collaboration

#1 Highest Selling Australian Jazz Album (2022)

Unforgettable

#2 ARIA Jazz & Blues Chart

#4 ARIA Australian Albums Chart

EDUCATION

Master of Music (Performance)

Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Bachelor of Arts

(Contemporary Music)

Southern Cross University &
Berklee College of Music

PROFESSIONAL

Founder – YOU HAVE A VOICE

Coaching • Workshops
Retreats • Speaking

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Media & Press Kit

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ADVOCACY & SERVICE

Trauma Program Team Facilitator

Heal For Life Foundation

Ambassador

Messenger Rescue, supporting
women and children who are
survivors of sex trafficking

Longstanding advocate

Survivors of domestic violence
and trauma

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Six albums spanning three decades
**Make It Happen (1996),
Take My Love (1996),
My Romance (2015), Surrender (2016),
The Art of Collaboration (2022)
and Unforgettable (2026)**
- Three EPs and multiple singles.
- Acclaimed creator and performer of
the theatre
productions **Unforgettable** and
Great Ladies of Jazz
- Sold-out album launches for My
Romance and Surrender

Critically acclaimed international contemporary jazz vocalist, recording artist, producer and creative force whose visionary collaborative projects, powerful performances, and sustained artistic excellence have established her as a pre-eminent artist in Australian contemporary jazz.

Represented by Ambition Entertainment, Simone Waddell has built an exceptional body of work spanning more than thirty-four years across performance, recording, education, scholarship, leadership and advocacy.

UNFORGETTABLE (2026) – SIXTH ALBUM

Produced and performed by Waddell, continuing a career defined by vision, originality, and collaboration.

FEATURING

Paul Grabowsky AO
David Jones
Philip Rex
James Muller

Marcus Printup
(Jazz at Lincoln
Center Orchestra)
Nadje Noordhuis

Multiple ★★★★★ reviews

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Warwick Alder
Gregg Arthur
Doug Williams
Mary Kiani, and more.

THE ART OF COLLABORATION (2022)

One of the most ambitious collaborative recording projects undertaken in Australian music.

More than sixty musicians from Australia, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

COLLABORATIONS

Tommy Emmanuel AM Rai Thistlethwaite
James Morrison AM Paul Grabowsky AO

#1 Highest-selling Australian jazz album of 2022

Entered across four categories in the 2023 Grammy Awards

Five reimagined iconic Australian songs

Six original compositions by Waddell championing Australian songwriting

- Featured artist aboard the Bravo Performing Arts Cruise to Noumea and New Caledonia
- National touring with Grammy-nominated artist Taylor Dayne
- Performed original music to audiences numbering in the thousands during two major tours of China in 2016 and 2019, including Poly Theatre and Haiya Theatre, Shenzhen, and Xinghai Concert Hall, Guangzhou
- International performances, artist development programs, and educational engagements throughout Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Uganda, Norway, and the United States

COLLABORATIONS

Paul Grabowsky AO
Tommy Emmanuel AM
James Morrison AM
Rai Thistlethwaite
Marcus Printup
(Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra)
George Massenburg and
Erik Zobler
(Grammy-winning engineers and producers)



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With six albums, thirty-four years of professional practice, collaborations with world-class artists and a body of work spanning performance, recording, education, scholarship and advocacy, Simone Waddell has created a legacy characterised by vision, originality and creative leadership, making a significant contribution to Australia's cultural life while extending the reach of Australian contemporary jazz internationally.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (Contemporary Music)

Southern Cross University in association with Berklee College of Music

Master of Music (Jazz Vocal Performance)

with High Distinction,
Sydney Conservatorium of Music

SCHOLARSHIP & ACHIEVEMENTS

- First Australian scholarship recipient connected with Berklee College of Music
- First Australian jazz vocalist in Australian history to graduate with a Master of Music in Jazz Vocal Performance from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, and with High Distinction
- Presented postgraduate Masters research at the 40th Musicological Society of Australia Conference at the University of Auckland, reflecting her commitment to creative practice, research and lifelong learning
- Winner – Nescafé Big Break

PERFORMANCE • EDUCATION • LEADERSHIP

- Founder of You Have A Voice and one of Australia's leading voice coaches
- More than three decades of teaching, mentoring, artist development, and conducting thousands of voice lessons
- Creator of twenty-two sold-out Experience the Recording Studio workshops with award-winning producers Michael Carpenter and Michael Tan
- Conceived, designed, curated, and personally facilitated transformational five-day group retreats in Byron Bay, Port Douglas, Whoota, and Bali
- Workshops featuring Kerrie Biddell, Jenny Morris, Maria Venuti, and more
- Volunteered with Watoto Children's Choir and Watoto Academy, Uganda, contributing to the musical and creative development of children, teenagers, and young adults
- Headlined Auckland Jazz & Blues Club and presented masterclasses and artist development programs with the University of Auckland Jazz Forum, Diocesan School for Girls, and professional development sessions with Dr Kevin Field

TESTIMONIALS

PAUL GRABOWSKY AO

"Hats off to you, Simone Waddell. You sound wonderful. This was a real labour of love that you've brought home. I'm proud to be a part of it."

TOMMY EMMANUEL AM

"What a great sounding masterpiece it is... You smashed it!"

Eric Myers - The Australian Newspaper

"Simone is a gorgeous singer, and moves effortlessly between jazz, soul, and pop genres."

ERIK ZOBLER

Five-time Grammy-winning engineer

"Simone's voice is fresh and impassioned and simply a joy to listen to."

GEORGE MASSENBURG

Grammy-winning engineer and producer

"Simone distinguishes herself as an extraordinarily pure singer-songwriter and performer... a deeply passionate and sensitive collaborator."