

Great Last Minute possibility – Australian Act

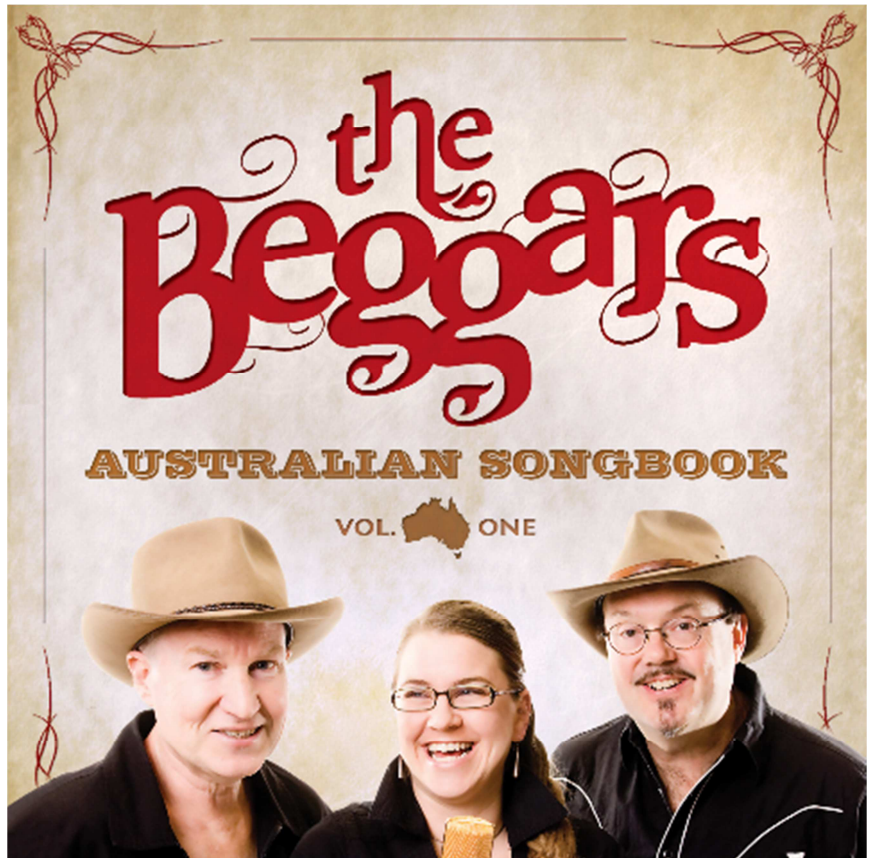
The Beggars release the Australian Songbook

European tour dates: 29/4/2011 to 16/4/2011 details at <http://www.beggars.com.au>

Weekend dates available: May 6-8, May 13-15

Great Acoustic Music from Australia - how about a Mother's Day Brunch with an Aussie Touch ? - or a wonderful Acoustic Friday or Saturday night?

Australia Songbook is **The Beggars** fourth release following on from "Beggars", "Desert Flower" and "Dreams". Recorded at a cracking pace in 4 days at Sody Pop studio in Adelaide, **Australian Songbook** is a tribute to The Beggars favourite Australian songs and songwriters from Banjo Patterson through to Paul Kelly. The album captures a great live energy that is missing from so many modern recordings. The Beggars are joined on this recording by master musician Trev Warner on the fiddle and dobro.



The Beggars got together in 2006 to make music with an Australian sound. The resulting mix of acoustic folk, country and pop has been well received both in Australia and internationally. Their 2006 album "Beggars" caught the ears of European DJs and yielded the hit songs Preacher I Have Sinned and Kangaroo. The Banjo Song from their 2009 album "Desert Flower" gave them their first European Country Music number 1 # and Turn Turn Turn from their 2010 release "Dreams" entered the iTunes singer songwriter charts in Australia, Canada and Germany. On this album they have recorded some of their favourites Australian songs.

Australian Songbook track list.....

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| World of our own | The Beggars pay tribute to The Seekers |
| Little boy lost | A little boy is lost in the outback – great true story |
| The Wild One | Johnny O'Keefe the original Australian Rocker |
| The Fatal wedding | Chad Morgan the clown prince of Australian Country Music |
| Ive been a fool too long | yodelling country song from Slim Dusty |

Auctioneer	The story of hard times forcing families off the land
Along the road to Gundagai	much loved Australian Song
Way out west	living and working on the land – The Dingos
To her door	one of Paul Kelly's best
Pub with no beer	Slim Dusty's most famous song
Waltzing Matilda	The Beggars own version of a great Australian song
Suvla bay	from the First World War
The Whale	the perils of hunting the great whale
I've been everywhere	a tongue twister of Australian place names – Lucky Starr
I'll be gone	One of our favourites – Spectrum

A free pre release mp3 single is available from March 14th 2011 when you subscribe to the mail list at <http://www.beggars.com.au>

The Beggars are:

Renee Donaghey: has a crystal clear voice that rings out with the sound of folk and roots music

Quinton Dunne: has worked with many chart topping artists including Swanee, The Seekers, Normie Rowe etc.

Stuart Day: is a highly regarded, ARIA nominated instrumentalist, composer and producer.

Special Guest Trev Warner: Multi award winning instrumentalist.

Press quotes:

"World-class musicians" http://www.rocktimes.de/gesamt/b/beggars/desert_flower.html

"Better than much of what is currently being heard in the American country charts"
<http://www.track4.de/rezensionen/The-Beggars/927/Desert-Flower.html?page=12>

"For a comparison I have to think of song writing greats such as Johnny Cash or Van Morrison." <http://venue.de/music/reviews/2010/01/21/the-beggars-desert-rose/>

"Super Australian band: Renee Donaghey is a genius." Bote der urschweiz Lucerne. Feb 2008. [Switzerland]

"10/10 I have always said that there's some great music coming from down under and this is a fine example!!" Metrocountry May 2007 [UK]

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