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NEXT BIG STAR?

**AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER
COUNTRY MUSIC TALENT SEARCH**

2012 ENTRIES OPEN NOW

**AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY MUSIC'S
33RD ANNUAL SEARCH FOR A NEW STAR**

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What do the names Keith Urban, Lee Kernaghan, James Blundell, Kylie Sackley, Gina Jeffreys, Beccy Cole, Darren Coggan, Travis Collins, Samantha McClymont, Kirsty Akers and Luke Austen all have in common?

Apart from being successful, well known Golden Guitar winning artists, they all had their careers significantly boosted by winning the Star Maker Quest.

Each year Toyota Star Maker invites aspiring Country Music artists to compete for a range of opportunities

that will provide a substantial career boost for the winner. Toyota Star Maker is more than just a talent quest - it is a search (through competition) for an individual who has the greatest potential to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the Toyota Star Maker prize package.

If you are ready to take the next big step, complete the entry form and you could join previous winners of Toyota Star Maker on the ride of your life.

awesome prizes

The Toyota Star Maker prize package includes:

- Twelve months use of a brand new fully serviced Toyota motor vehicle.
- A Fuel Card for the twelve months after winning Toyota Star Maker.
- A big budget album recording session with Australia's top musicians and producer.
- 50 copies of the album for personal distribution.
- Distribution and promotion of at least two tracks to radio and other media.
- Production of a professional video clip of one of the tracks by an award-winning director.
- A Maton Acoustic Guitar.
- Monthly exposure in Australia's only monthly country music magazine Country Music Capital News.
- Media exposure in the Directory of Australian Country Music.
- Full colour posters.
- Photographic Portfolio with Image Photography.
- An album launch at the National Music Muster at Gympie, Qld.
- Guaranteed performance bookings at a designated list of events, including the Country Music Festivals at Tamworth, Gympie, Urban CM Festival at Caboolture, Mud Bulls & Music, Deni Ute Muster and more.
- Return flight for one to Nashville for the CMA Festival in June 2012 courtesy of Travelworld Tamworth. (Accommodation not included)
- Performance at the CMA Global Artist Showcase presented by AristoMedia in Nashville during CMA Festival.
- A special showcase performance at the Toyota Star Maker Grand Final in 2013 and other events at the 2013 Tamworth Country Music Festival.

2012 TOYOTA STAR MAKER ENTRY FORM

Please enter me into the 2012 Toyota Star Maker Quest. I have read and fully understand the conditions of entry and I agree to be bound by these conditions. I am currently involved in the Country Music industry and my achievements are included with this application.

Make sure you have covered all items on the Check List* and that you understand that the supplementary material from the Check List will be used in consideration of both the selection of the 10 finalists and the determination of the winner.

NAME:

PERFORMANCE NAME:

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DATE OF BIRTH:

ADDRESS:

P/CODE:

PHONE:

MOBILE:

EMAIL:

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SIGNATURE:

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CHECK LIST

- Completed Entry Form
Current Colour Photograph
- a) include a postcard size photo with your Application AND ALSO
- b) Email high resolution jpg to starmaker@ruralpress.com clearly marked with your name and event (eg: LukeDickensTSM2012.jpg)
- Recording of two tracks: If you have a current EP or full CD please indicate the two tracks of choice
- Current Biography: Include personal and career details
- Achievements: Outline what your amateur and professional achievements in Country Music have been so far
- What Will You Do If You Win? We know what Toyota Star Maker can do for your professional career but we want to know how you will use the opportunities offered if you are the winner.

ENTRY IS FREE!

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Please return your entry to Toyota Star Maker
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BiOGRAPHY

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CONDITIONS

Please ensure conditions are fully understood before lodging your entry.

01. Toyota Star Maker 2012 is open to solo performers, eighteen years and over, already professionally involved in Country Music. (Eighteenth birthday no later than January 1, 2012)
02. The Toyota Star Maker 2012 entry form must be completed and lodged by October 31, 2011 and supplementary material including current bio, a clear, head and shoulders photograph, that will be used for publicity, and recordings of at least two tracks. The Toyota Star Maker 2012 entry form and supplementary material (including the quality of presentation) will be used in consideration of the selection of the 10 Finalists and the determination of the Winner. The entry form requires the provision of some personal details, career details and an outline of how the entrant sees winning Toyota Star Maker impacting on his/her career.
03. The recorded tracks must be supplied on a CD. They can be either completed recordings or demos and must be independently funded.
04. It is a requirement of entry to Toyota Star Maker 2012 that an entrant cannot nominate for the 2012 Golden Guitar Awards.
05. An individual may enter Toyota Star Maker more than once, however a Winner cannot enter again.
06. Within two weeks of entries closing a panel of industry people with a broad knowledge of industry activities shall meet in Tamworth to determine 10 Finalists. All entrants will be advised of their acceptance or non-acceptance in writing prior the public announcement of the Toyota Star Maker Finalists.
07. It is the responsibility of those selected as Toyota Star Maker Finalists to be available, in Tamworth, for rehearsals on Saturday, January 21st and performances on Sunday January 22nd. The Grand Finalists chosen must be available for judge's interviews as required on Sunday January 22nd. Entrants are required to perform two songs for the Final and if successful three songs for the Grand Final.
08. Finalists can perform up to two songs with the band provided by the organisers of Toyota Star Maker. Finalists shall perform at least one song accompanied by themselves OR choose to be supported by a single player of their own choice. Finalists are required to perform a minimum of two Australian compositions within their three songs.
09. Finalists shall provide acceptable music charts of the three songs to be backed by the band used in the performances. Finalists shall be entitled to a set period of 25 minutes each on Saturday January 21st depending on performance order to rehearse with the band at the Toyota Star Maker venue.
10. Permission shall be deemed as granted with the entry form for the use of Finals performances in live radio broadcasts, television broadcast, web casting, sound and/or video recording as authorised by the Toyota Star Maker organisers.
11. Finalists will be required to sign a Performer Duty of Care form indemnifying the organisers against injury caused by the entrant or their equipment.
12. Only one entry is allowed per person. The judge's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. No critique is given to individuals.
13. The Toyota Star Maker 2012 winner's prize includes a recording of an album. A producer will be chosen, depending on music style, by the organisers and in consultation with the winner. All Finalists will be presented with the recording agreement and in order to continue in the competition, they must each sign it. However the recording agreement will only become effective for the Winner. A Finalist may choose not to sign the recording agreement, but in that case he or she will not be permitted to continue in the competition.
14. The winner will accept the decisions of the organisers in relation to the recording and distribution of the album prize.
15. All matters relating to the conduct of the Toyota Star Maker Quest are totally at the discretion of the organisers.
16. Rural Press Events reserves the right to alter conditions as circumstances dictate.

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Celebrating 33 years of Australian country music's
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STAR MAKER WINNERS 1979 – 2011

Grand Junction • Tommy Miller • Leanne Douglas • Lee Kernaghan
The Vic Lanyon Band • Great Divide • Jane Maddick • James Blundell
Jenine Vaughan • Craig Robertson • Keith Urban • Gina Jeffreys • Warren Derwent
Beccy Cole • Clint Beattie • Tanya Self • Darren Coggan • Lyn Bowtell
Kate Ballantyne • Brendon Walmsley • Grant Richardson • Kylie Sackley
Kieran Lancini • Todd Williams • Travis Collins • Samantha McClymont • Cat Southern
Kirsty Akers • Talia Wittmann • Liam Brew • Luke Austen • Luke Dickens

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