

The Voice of WA



Country music star **Beccy Cole** firmly believes music can be a tool for breaking down the barriers of race, disability and sexuality.

"When you hear someone singing and they have a great voice, all of those other things don't matter," she said.

Beccy said her long-held view was reaffirmed by a recent visit to **Perth** for the **Variety Youth Choir's 15-year anniversary concert.**

The group formed in 1998 after rave reviews of what was supposed to be a one-off performance by **Variety WA** scholarship

recipients.

It has grown into a successful 55-person choir that includes able-bodied, disabled and disadvantaged youth.

Choir member **Katie O'Donnell**, 31, said the group aimed to promote the Variety message, **encourage inclusion and put on good shows.**

"The choir showcases what Variety is all about and shows audiences that things like disabilities don't have to be an obstacle."

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I'm Stronger

The latest **Sandra Humphries** release **I'm Stronger** should please traditional country music lovers.

I was unable to pick a single track as my favourite as all songs on the album are good.

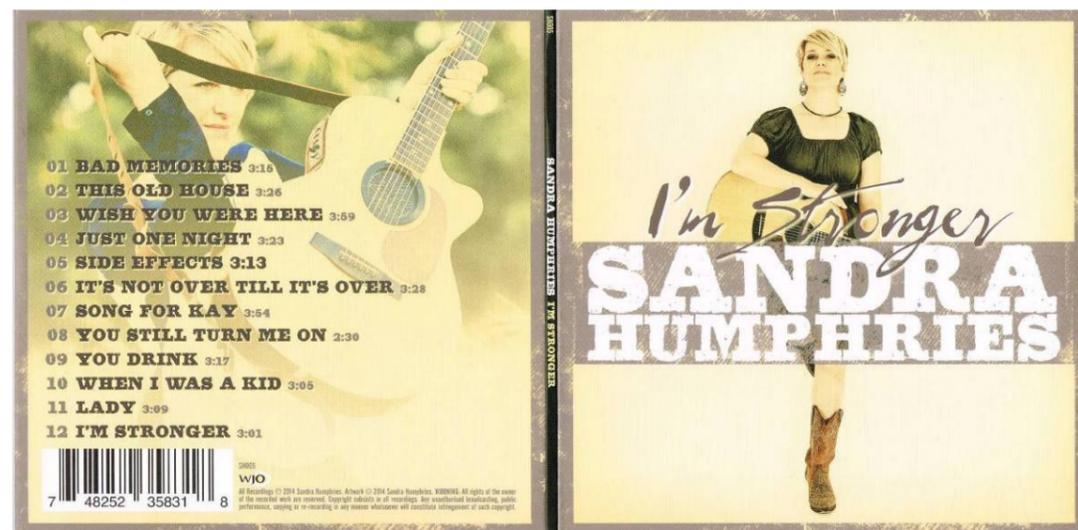
Meaningful lyrics sung with Sandra's trademarks of vocal expression and clarity sure do deserve Country Music recognition.

The professionally produced live instrumental backing provides a breath of fresh air compared to the electronically produced synthetic backing we are hearing so much of these days. You can hear Sandra's real passion in staying true to her preferred traditional genre. Although recorded in Nashville she still sounds very Australian.

This is a well produced album and will keep listeners glued to the speakers.

If you purchase only one album this year, then this one deserves a place in your Country Collection.

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Irish Mirror

After living in the remote country side of Ireland all his life, an old Irishman decided it was time to visit Dublin.

In one of the stores, he picks up a mirror and looks into it. Not ever having seen a mirror before, he remarked at the image staring back at him.

'How 'bout that! He exclaims, 'Here's a picture of my Fadder.'

He bought the mirror thinking it was a picture of his dad, but on the way home he remembered his wife didn't like his father, so he hung it in the shed, and every morning before leaving to go fishing, he would go there and look at it.

His wife began to get suspicious of his many trips to the shed. So, one day after her husband left, she went to the shed and found the mirror.

As she looked into the glass, she fumed... 'So that's the ugly bitch he's running around with.'

From Ring to Sing

John Doyle is a former Australian boxing title contender; now aged 82 he plays **country music** to entertain. **JOHNNY** swapped his gloves for the guitar, and now 60 years on he is still a drawcard.

A Central Queensland welterweight boxing champion in the 1950s who fought for the Queensland title, Doyle now spends his time entertaining the elderly at halls and homes around **Rockhampton.**

With guitar in hand, the charismatic 81-



year-old steps up to the microphone at the QRI Hall to play a handful of the country music songs he's finetuned over decades of performing.

It goes to show that age is no barrier when it comes to playing music, however, Johnny probably still has a lot of fight in him yet.

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