

Marissa Badrice

2010 Talent Quest!

Don't Delay! Contestants Book in Today!

'Hello there'

I have been singing **country music** since I was 8 years old. My Grandpa and Grandma got me involved in **Country Music** because from an early age I went with them to listen to the great bands and artists at the Country music clubs around Adelaide, and every year to the Barmera festival.

With the help from my Stepdad **Vince Wegener** who plays in the Country music band '**Heartland**' and also the encouragement and inspiration from my two step brothers **Simon and Shaun Wegener** I was on my way to start performing.

I remember the first time I sang on stage in front of people at the **Barossa Country Music Club** at Greenock. I was so nervous, but I didn't make any mistakes and I remembered all the words. Once I had finished my song I got the most loudest and encouraging applause and cheers I had ever known. That's when I knew I wanted to sing **Country Music**.

I compete in festival competitions singing solo and duo with my sister **Sarah** sometimes winning placings and trophies but to me it is just as rewarding to do a walk up at the many **Country Clubs** and seeing the people enjoy your performance.

I like to sing a variety of country songs from **Slim Dusty** to Catherine **Britt**, **Martina McBride** and the **McClymonts**.

Last year I was lucky enough to win 10 free singing lessons from **Attitude Voiceworks** which was organised through the **Gawler Country Music Club**. I would sincerely like to thank **Chris Fretwell** and the **Gawler Club** for their generous offer. I have continued to have singing lessons with **Chris** and gained valuable skills and techniques to improve my voice.

I would like to thank my Stepdad and Mum for taking the time to help me and all the **Country Music Clubs** for letting me get up and have a go and for believing in me.

I would like to encourage more young people to try **singing Country Music** and perhaps play an instrument as there is a serious shortage of young musicians coming through. For this to happen... the audience has also got to be willing to accept learners be part of their regular shows to gain valuable stage time and be sympathetic to some of the **newer styles of Country music** that they will want to perform.

Come along and join us at one of the local **Country Music clubs or festivals** and see how friendly and much fun it really is.

Bye for now

Marissa



'A Different Land'

MARKUS Meier was just 12 when he scored a supporting gig for the **Black Sorrows** after a promoter spotted him busking at a Darwin mall.

Now, at age 30, **Meier** has reached the dizzy heights of the country music scene with his latest single reaching **number one** on the **Australian country music radio charts**.

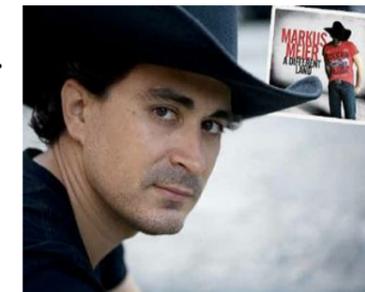
The title track from **Markus Meier's** new album **A Different Land** reaching number one on the Australian country music radio charts.

"I've been pretty lucky," he said. "When the song went to number one it knocked us for six a little bit."

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It is an exciting but hectic time for Meier who is **Lee Kernaghan's** special guest on the **Planet Country Tour** and a permanent member of his band.



Acknowledgement to Melissa Grant



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He Called For a Legend **Dave Alcheringa Williams 2010**

While droving in the lonely outback
just south of the Oodnadatta track
a little west of Marree
on the open plain and Spinifex
My world, seemed all so free

As the sun goes down in the west
we hobbled the horses and put the mob to rest
As the campfire gleamed in the still of the night
a dingo's howl gave me such a fright

And then...While lying on my swag
looking at the stars... my mind was far from the
cattle camp.

You see... I was dreaming of a mate
who used to live over the border in another state

The annual shindig in heaven was due
and God needed some special talent anew
Though they're on his list... painted in pure gold
...Tex, Buddy, Gordon, Hank & Slim Dusty of old

God said, "I need a crowd puller!"... Which are few...

So it was **Slim Connor**, he chose...
with his yodelling songs, jokes & special clothes
to perform at God's own Grand Ole Opry

As I lay there, looking at the stars
I see the brightest of them all...Much much bigger than mars
and alive in my dream... stood the greatest crowd puller of all

There he was... in all his jest...
Beside him... God become visible to honour...
Me good ole mate... true blue ... **Slim Connor**



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The Slim Connor Trophy
is to be awarded at the
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Saturday 21st August

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