

Concert for Brandon



Judy, Parents Betina, & Wayne, with Rohan Powell and Brandon.

On Sunday the 27th October Tina and I visited The Palais Hotel in Semaphore to attend a fundraiser for a young lad by the name of Brandon.

What a fantastic day out it was.

Entertainment was of the highest standard with artists willing to club together to raise funds for a good cause.

The Concert for Brandon truly was a goodwill magnet attracting a sizeable crowd of music-lovers and people willing to donate their talent, time, cash, and kindness to assist a local Semaphore family.

The Palais Hotel's two story entertainment hall complete with its indoor veranda became a vibrant hive of activity. Many excellent Musicians and an abundance of good hearted people filled the venue to full capacity... The event illustrated that South Australian's do have a heart of gold.

As spectators enjoyed the entertainment in the comfortable surroundings, a continual stream of yummy nibbles was delivered on silver platters to each table. It has to be said however, that both Tina and I did refrain from over indulgence.

Judy's Ovation Guitar was auctioned & sold for \$1,070.00 with an additional contribution from the bidder Gaynor, taking it to \$1,100.

Cash donations totalling \$2,228.35 were received on the day. A passer-by stopped; wondering what was happening at the venue. She donated \$100.00 and carried on walking.

It is difficult to express in writing what a wonderful day of entertainment and generosity we all experienced. Well done folks. Congratulation to organisers Judy Beyer and Rohan. Recognition must also go to artists, Amber Joy, Carole and Trev and their team of musicians and assistants for providing such a successful fundraising event.

This story originally unfolded when Judy a friend of Brandon's Mum started a webpage to raise funds for a specially built van, to transport Brandon with his necessary permanently redlined wheelchair; his three younger brothers and Mum and Dad.

Brandon has Leigh's Disease which is an extremely rare, genetic, degenerative metabolic disorder with no cure.

You can read more about 15 year old Brandon's experiences on his website presented by Judy Beyer. <http://www.brandonsvan.com/>

The concert was 'awesome' and raised in excess of \$10,000.00. Total funds raised to date are in the region of \$35,000.

Thanks must go to the artists who donated their time and talent, most of whom have a connection with Country Music.

Artists who Performed

John Schumann Amber Joy Poulton
Acoustic Juice Rohan Powell
Carole Sturtzel Trev Warner
Jono Darby Alex Hosking

Radio Host John Pemberton and impromptu bassman Les Parris

Special thanks go to Rohan Powell for suggesting the concert, booking some of the artists and managing the time frames on the day. Craig Dolman from "Supersound" deserves a special Thank You for setting up and operating the sound & lighting equipment at no cost. Craig drove through the night to return from a gig with no sleep.

Well done to everyone involved.



Dorothy and the Sheik!



Gawler Country Music Club's regular Dorothy Chapman took a fancy to young Chad Morgan at Wentworth Services Club during the Mildura Country Music Festival in October.

Chad still has that glint in his eyes, and our Dorothy is... Over the moon...

Thanks Dorothy. It's great to have feedback from our Country Fans who travel around the traps.



Uncle Fred's Monthly CD Review

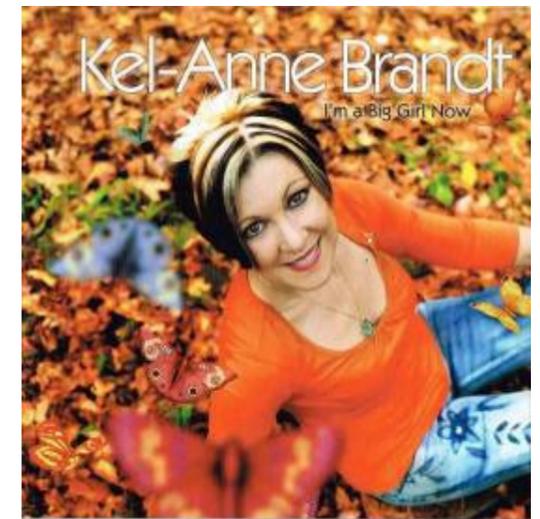
I first received an mp3 from Kel-Anne to play on radio called 'Grandmother'. Kel-Anne had become a grandmother for the third time and she felt she had to write a song about it.

Until then I hadn't heard of Kel-Anne.

The song was so good, and I loved her voice so I contacted her and she sent me her first album plus her new one, 'I'm A Big Girl Now'. It features 12 songs with two co written by Kel-Anne being 'Go Away Come Back' and 'Top Of My List'. It was produced by Rodger Corbett at the Valley Studio and mastered by Greg Selter at Blue Mountain sound.

The musicians are all top artists with Brad Bergen on drums, Rodger Corbett playing acoustic guitar, mandolin and percussion, Stue French Acoustic & Electric guitar and many others helping out.

I couldn't find a bad song on album with every song suiting her silky rich voice and her rendition of 'Crazy' is up there with the best. However, nobody in my mind has done that song better than Patsy Cline. The last song on her album 'Rockin With The Rhythm Of The Rain' is probably my favourite track on the Album, but all in all a great one to look out for. I shall be playing quite a bit of her on air now, so tune in to Radio Adelaide on 101.5 fm Sunday Mornings for Country Café to hear her and lots more great artists from 6a.m. til 8.30am.



You can continue making donations on www.brandonsvan.com/donation-page.php

or email Judy on van4brandon@gmail.com

If you know of any other such 'County Music' fund raising events which deserve publicity, let your Newsletter Editor know.