

Bruce Watson



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Bruce Watson is an icon and longtime favourite of the Australian folk scene.

His performances are joyful and thoroughly engaging, with witty lyrics and energetic presentation. He is a masterful craftsman of songs, be they evocative, heart wrenching, or side-splittingly funny.

Bruce has appeared at almost 200 folk festivals as well as innumerable folk clubs and other venues across Australia, NZ and the UK. He has received a stack of prestigious songwriting awards and had his songs covered by performers of the calibre of Eric Bogle, Joe Dolce, Greg Champion, and a host of other Australian and international performers. He has been a support act for many high profile international performers.

He has produced eight albums of original songs. He has received radio airplay across Australia and is a favourite on Macca's *Australia All Over*. He appears on over 20 compilation albums alongside artists such as Yothu Yindi and Christine Anu.

Eric Bogle has described him as "the best songwriter I have seen in a long time." Melbourne folk institution The Boîte calls him "An Australian folk hero!"

For photos and more information go to www.brucewatsonmusic/media.html

Showreel: https://youtu.be/yRa-xpPQQ_Q

Reviews

Bruce has a rare talent.. . the best songwriter I have seen in a long time — Eric Bogle

Bruce Watson is a wordsmith, a teller of tales, a spinner of yarns. He is a contemporary songwriter with lots of stories he tells with passion and integrity. An Australian folk hero! — The Boîte

Absolutely f...ing brilliant! — Derek Guille, ABC Radio Melbourne

He rocked the festival with a series of hysterically funny & heart wrenching songs — Woodford Folk Festival

He has a terrific rapport with the audience and a great range of songs. — Peter Thomas, Radio 3AW

Bruce Watson belongs in the front rank of folk artists. — Trad&Now magazine

The high class singer/songwriter many of us would like to be but few will be.

— Graham Dodsworth, Folk Alliance Australia

Bruce is up there with the likes of Eric Bogle & Judy Small when it comes to writing and performing. One of the most entertaining and engaging performers at the Festival. — Illawarra Folk Festival

Bruce Watson is a brilliant Australian singer-songwriter. Bruce really is the complete package.

He performs great serious songs, hilarious funny songs and has a great line in patter.

— Keith Donnolly, British singer-comedian, TV personality

What a lovely album! Another Bruce Watson CD to add to my "play when I need to feel good about the world" pile — Judy Small

From Bruce's 2023 UK tour:

He had the audience right there in the palm of his hands — Tamworth Folk Club. I have hosted many events over the years, including some famous names, and no performer is as consistently entertaining as Bruce. You could not ask for a better evening of song — St Albans Folk Music. Superb - just superb! I came away absolutely transfixed. By any standards, Bruce's performances was special — Woodman Folk Club

Links

Web page: www.brucewatsonmusic.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/brucewatsonmusic

YouTube: www.youtube.com/brucewatsonmusic (Showreel: https://youtu.be/yRa-xpPQQ_Q)

Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruce_Watson_\(songwriter\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruce_Watson_(songwriter))

Music: <https://brucewatsonmusic.bandcamp.com>

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Songwriting Awards

- Declan Affley Memorial Songwriting Award (National Folk Festival)
- Lawson-Paterson Songwriting Award (Port Fairy Folk Festival)(Twice)
- Roddy Reed Memorial Songwriting Award (Maldon Folk Festival)
- Sydney Bush Music Club 50th Anniversary Songwriting Award
- Finalist in several other awards, including Ozmusic Awards (twice), Australian Songwriters Association Awards (twice), and Darebin Music Feast.

Radio and TV

Bruce's songs have received airplay on ABC Radio National, and he has been a guest and performed live on ABC (local, Radio National), commercial and community radio across Australia, and on national television.

National Library of Australia, and National Film & Sound Archive

Bruce has been interviewed on his music career for the Oral History & Folklore Collection of the National Library of Australia, and Australia's National Film & Sound Archive

Albums and songbook

- Year of Wonders (2022)
- Mosaic (2017)
- Balance (2010)
- A Moving Feast (2004)
- Are We There Yet? (Children's songs)(2004)
- Out My Window (1999)
- Real World: Songs of Life, Love and Laughter (1994)
- Politics, Religion and Sex (1990)
- 101 Songs (songbook) (2006)

For details see: www.brucewatsonmusic.com/cds-books.html

Compilation CDs

Songs recorded by Bruce Watson have appeared on more than 20 compilation albums. For details see: www.brucewatsonmusic.com/bio.html

Songs covered by other artists

Songs written by Bruce, recorded by other artists, appear on the following albums:

- Eric Bogle, *Voices in the Wilderness* (1990)
- Boola Boola Band, *Graffiti Café* (1993)
- *On the Mark* (Virginia, USA) (1996)
- Danny O'Flaherty, *From the Heart* (New Orleans, USA) (1996)
- Blackwood, *At Home* (1999)
- Blackwood, *Home Soon* (2004)
- *We Love Music* (St Brigid's School, Fitzroy) (2006)
- Joe Dolce, *The Wind Cries Mary* (2007)
- Margaret Bradford, *Ten Years On* (2007)
- CD included in the book *Tasmanian Songman Ronnie*, Ronnie Summers with Helen Gee, Magabala Books (2009)
- Turlough, *Canyon Moonrise* (Ireland) (2011)
- Malcolm J Turnbull, *In From the Storm* (2017)

Songs published

Songs written by Bruce Watson have appeared in a large number of books on music, poetry, history, the environment and in educational resources.

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Videos

Videos including live performance can be viewed on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/brucewatsonmusic>