



JIMMY BARNES

Multi-million selling Australian Rock Icon to storm UK & Ireland in August. Live & studio 'Double Jeopardy' double-album & DVD released July 30th.

Jimmy Barnes, one of Australia's most successful solo artists to date, has sung lead vocals on more number one albums in Australia than any other local or international artist ever.

Quite why Barnes has never cracked the UK charts is a mystery. After just one spin of 'Double Jeopardy', set for release on Rajon Records on July 30th, you'll be as hooked as the legion of fans down under who have been spell bound by his whiskey-soaked, huge, soaring, captivating vocals for more than two decades.

Alongside radio-friendly ballads such as 'Thankful For The Rain' [3] or 'Temptation' [5] on the studio collection are a host of powerful rock anthems such as 'Love and Hate' [1], 'Lay Down Your Guns' [5] or 'Working Class Man' [10] on the live album.

The 'Studio Collection' contains select remastered tracks from the last three Jimmy Barnes studio albums, whilst 'Live', (also set for release as DVD), showcases Jimmy Barnes recorded at his incandescent best in front of more than 35,000 fans at Melbourne's Colonial Stadium on 24th March 2001.

Tour Dates are:-

AUGUST 1	Shepherds Bush Empire (£16.50)
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AUGUST 4	Witness Festival (Dublin Racecourse)
AUGUST 5	Belfast Limelight (£13.50)
AUGUST 7	Glasgow Barrowland (£15)
AUGUST 8	Manchester University (£12.50)
AUGUST 9	Birmingham Academy (£12.50)
AUGUST 18	V2001 Festival Chelmsford
AUGUST 19	V2001 Festival Stafford

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BIOGRAPHY

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Jimmy Barnes emigrated with his family to Elizabeth, a suburb of Adelaide, South Australia, in 1961 when he was 5 years old. Barnes, who left school early and started working on the Australian Railways, has always tried to retain his working class ethic.

Jimmy's interest in music started when his older brother John began singing in different local bands and by 1973 Jimmy had become lead singer in Cold Chisel, who quickly became known as one of the best live bands in the area. It took several years for the band to sign their first record deal, however, and during this time they honed down their blistering live sound to perfection, their attitude and often provocative lyrics and live performances winning new fans wherever they played.

Despite never having any major overseas success, Cold Chisel were, between 1977 and 1985, without a doubt, the biggest rock & roll band in Australia. They constantly hit #1 on the charts with singles like '*Khe Sanh*', '*Breakfast at Sweethearts*', '*My Baby*', '*Choir Girl*', '*Rising Sun*' and '*Flame Trees*'.

Albums like '*East*' and '*Swing Shift*' were amongst the biggest in the history of the Australian recording industry. Throughout this period Jimmy, whose father had been a champion boxer, won a reputation as a short-tempered, hard-drinking rocker.

After Cold Chisel disintegrated, Jimmy launched an incredibly successful solo career. His first album '*Bodyswerve*' peaked at #1 and went double platinum but it was the follow-up, '*The Working Class Man*' that really established him as a solo star and Australian music icon, selling over 400,000 copies, surpassing even Cold Chisel's achievements. This was followed by '*Freight Train Heat*', '*Barnstorming*', and '*Two Fires*', all of which hit #1 on the chart and sold over 5 times platinum.

Jimmy recorded '*Simply the Best*' with Tina Turner for the NSW Rugby League ad campaign back in 1992; which was also released as a single. In the same year he won the ARIA Award for 'Best Male Artist' and 'Highest Selling Artist'.

Jimmy Barnes is soon set to make his film debut in a new Australian feature film, starring in '*Foolproof*', an action comedy movie about "four hit-men, three slackers, two hackers and a man named Fink". He will also be recording new songs for the film's soundtrack. "I'm very excited about this new opportunity," he says. "I have been given a lot of scripts over the years; I chose this one because it's the type of movie that I would go and see myself." Set in the Sydney underworld, *Foolproof* is written, directed and co-produced by Tim Boyle and will see Barnes play the central role of crime boss Terence Fink.

Jimmy Barnes is an Australian folk hero. He has sold more than six million albums in Australia. Check out why when he tours Britain and Ireland in August, bringing his blistering band over for the first time in 5 years.

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