

WHYALLA NEWS

Alison's Talent Recognised

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STAR: Alison Hams pictured on November 11, 2017 with Susie Ahern (backing vocalist for John Farnham, Tina Arena, Anthony Callea).

Whyalla singer, songwriter and recording artist Alison Hams has been named a State Finalist in the category of Sustained Contribution by an Individual at the prestigious **2017 RUBY Awards** to be held in Adelaide on December 2.

The RUBY Awards are one of the most important ways in which Arts South Australia acknowledges and celebrates the contribution of the arts to the cultural life of South Australia.

Alison has been appearing on stage since the age of 3 – among many other achievements she danced at State and National Calisthenics for many years before turning to fulltime music.

Alison's career has seen her appear on national television, tour across Australia, have a song used in a feature film and perform regularly at Country Music festivals including Tamworth, Mildura, Bay Of Islands (NZ) and in Nashville, Tennessee.

With award wins at the **SAMI's** (South Australian Music Industry Award), the **Australian Independent Country Music Awards in Tamworth**, and the **UK Songwriting Contest** - both she and husband Mark Tempany are inducted into the SA Country Music Hands Of Fame, and the Brand SA Hall Of Fame.

Since 2004 her Stormfront Productions has offered audio & visual recording, songwriting and performance workshops across the state, a hugely popular Music Tuition service, graphic art, website design and stageman production for events such as **LIONS GFG Alliance "Carols On The Park"** (staging free in Civic Park on Sunday December 10 – visit www.whyllacarols.com for more information).

In 2017 Alison and Stormfront have pioneered the hugely successful **"Whyalla Recording Scholarship"** with inaugural Winner **BREEZE Millard** having phenomenal success with her single *"I Have My Own Life"* charting internationally, and her music video receiving over 7,200 views since it's release in June.

As an Official satellite event as part of Easter's inaugural **uneARTh Festival** (also up for a Ruby) Stormfront also fully sponsored and staged the unique **"UneARTh The Library"** concert to launch BREEZE's song.

"Producing Breeze's single and music video right here in Whyalla has been an exciting addition to our year," Ms Hams said.

"We were thrilled to see the successes it continues to register including as part

of our studio being a State Finalist against some major Adelaide competition for a **South Australian Music (SAM) Award** this month."

Stormfront's 11th Annual **"Jamm for Genes"** charity concert has also become the highest J4G Fundraiser in SA this year with the event now having donated well over \$6000 since its inception.

Being a statewide **RUBY Award** finalist is apt for an exciting and varied career so far.

January will be the 20th anniversary of Alison's debut single release and Alison is now very proud to tutor others, believing everyone should have access to music regardless of age or ability.

"We've done an awful lot so far, and continue to see the ups and downs of the music industry on a daily basis," she said.

"We're extremely proud of the many young people we've helped train and develop – some for over 10 years. When music is your life's work you hope the young people you now mentor will also dream big and aim to be the very best musicians – and people – that they can be."