

anni piper



Anni remembers with clarity the first time she heard the blues back in her school days ("It was Paul Butterfield Blues Band playing 'Born in Chicago' - I knew straight away this was the direction I was heading." she says).

Anni Piper began playing electric guitar at 12 years old, but became a devoted musician when she was given her first bass at age 14. She quickly discovered an affinity with the instrument, preferring to lay down a groove rather than scream out a solo.

Recent achievements include a nomination for 'Best Female Vocal' at the 2008 Australian Blues Music (Chain) Awards. Anni was also

nominated for the 'Rudy Brandsma' award at the 2007 Australian National Song writing Contest.

Anni's latest album *'Texas Hold 'Em'* (BMM324.2) was recorded in early 2007. It is a much 'rawer' recording, and represents Anni's live sound more effectively than her first album. As well as being an accomplished bass player and singer, Anni has blossomed into a songwriter of distinction, her songs having a blues sensibility whilst still addressing the issues of today.

Anni has toured extensively, particularly in NSW, VIC, TAS and QLD. Festival appearances include the Woodford Folk Festival (QLD), Toyota Country Music Muster (Gympie, QLD), Bruthen Blues and Arts Festival (VIC), Queenscliff Music Festival (VIC), and the Australian Blues Music Festival (Goulburn, NSW).

Anni has appeared on "The Susie Show" (WIN TV) to promote her new album. Her recordings have received extensive airplay on Triple J's "Roots 'n All" program, ABC Radio National and community stations around Australia. Her songs are broadcast on radio programs in the USA, Canada, U.K., Europe and South America.

Anni's sultry vocals have attracted significant overseas interest and she signed with USA label Blues Leaf Records in June 2008 who's catalogue includes releases by many successful American performers including the award-winning Janiva Magness. Anni's USA debut, titled *'Two's Company'*, will be released shortly.

"Anni Piper gives the listener a royal flush in spades with this CD. All I can say is 'deal me in'. The playing is superb... Texas Hold 'Em is a thoroughly enjoyable listen"

"Sticks" Randall Ierna, Ramluron Music, BMI (USA)

"This girl's got it...welcome a new blues sister to the fold"

'Canadian' Cath Ford, 4CRM Radio, President of the Sugar City Blues Club

"Anni Piper has arrived, and you would do well to invite her in."

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