

## Darwin's Jon Davis Receives Australia's Highest Songwriting Award

SYDNEY, NSW – 21, September, 2023. At the 42nd National Songwriting Awards, prominent Darwin singer/songwriter Jon Davis was the recipient of the Australian Songwriters' Association Award for Songwriting Excellence, 'The Rudy Brandsma Award'.

Jon was proud to have originally been nominated for Australia's Best Country Song (One-Life Stand) and Australia's Best Lyrics (Don't Look Back). A few days out from the event however, Jon received notification that he had been also nominated for the highest award in Australian songwriting; The Rudy Brandsma Award.

The Rudy Brandsma Award was established in 1983 and is presented annually by the Board of Directors of The Australian Songwriters Association in recognition of songwriting excellence in the course of that year's Australian Songwriting Contest.

The exclusive red carpet event held in Sydney on Thursday 21 September, 2023 featured the induction of Barry Gibb, and posthumously Robin and Maurice Gibb, into the Australian Songwriters Hall of Fame, as well as a second induction of, and live performance from, the Hoodoo Guru's Dave Faulkner. There was also an exclusive performance from founding member of The Seekers, Keith Potger AO.

For the announcement of The Rudy Brandsma Award, the top 8 songwriters in Australia were invited to the stage. When Jon heard his name called as the winner, he stepped forward and from that moment, his career path changed forever. Jon was presented with the winner's trophy as well as a beautiful Maton Guitar in recognition of his achievement.

*"While this award will open a lot of doors for me on the international stage, I really just want to continue touring the outback and engaging with the locals. That's where I feel most at home and where I get my inspiration to write my songs. I think it's important for me now to mentor the kids in the communities too."* – Jon Davis

Jon has a new album ready to record and being the troubadour that he is, Jon intends to continue touring outback Australia and internationally. Jon is also keen to 'pay it forward' and is putting together a plan for running workshops during his touring commitments to empower the next generation of artists; no matter what their background or location.

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