

KEITH POTGER AO
a wandering minstrel



KEITH POTGER AO, FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE SEEKERS



The Seekers performing at a sell-out concert at The Royal Albert Hall, London, June 2014

Keith Potger's musical career started well before The Seekers first stormed the UK charts in 1965. He is a self-taught musician who studied 6 string guitar, banjo, mandolin and keyboards. With an eye to a musical future while still at school, he performed in vocal groups which evolved into The Seekers in 1962. Keith's ability to arrange harmonies for the group members was evident from these early days.

Taking up the 12 string guitar, he composed the distinctive riffs that are a trademark of The Seekers' chart topping recordings, "I'll Never Find Another You" and "A World Of Our Own", as well as many other singles and album tracks, augmenting the wonderful lead voice of Judith Durham and the boys' ear-catching harmonies and instrumental talents.

The Seekers were honoured as Australians Of The Year in 1967, the only group to have been given this acknowledgement.

The Seekers disbanded in 1968 and Keith's musical activities then turned to songwriting and record production in major recording studios in the UK. He returned to Australia in 1978 to write and produce television jingles and music tracks as well as performing solo concerts throughout the 1980s.

In 1992 he reunited with Judith Durham, Athol Guy and Bruce Woodley

to tour internationally as The Seekers for their Silver Jubilee and were inducted into the ARIA Hall Of Fame in 1995. In 1997, the group released the Platinum-selling 'Future Road', which gave the public the first real chance to hear his song-writing talent on "Guardian Angel, Guiding Light", also co-writing "The Circle Of Love" (with Rick Beresford); "Forever Isn't Long Enough (For Me)" (with Byron Hill); and the title track, "Future Road" (with Trevor Spencer and Boyd Wilson).

The Seekers have toured extensively as a group since 1993. During this period Keith has continued writing and recording original songs. He released his first solo CD "Secrets Of The Heart" in 2004, followed by "Sunday" in 2007

and in 2010 he released his mostly self-penned third solo CD, "Smile Now".

Accompanying himself on his trusty 12 string and 6 string guitars, his "wandering minstrel" style of performance includes material from his solo CDs, Seekers favorites, along with songs and anecdotes from his long career in the music industry.

In June 2014, The Seekers concluded their UK and Australian Golden Anniversary tours and, along with his Seeker partners, Keith was awarded the Order of Australia (AO) for services to the Australian music industry and not for profit organisations. Later that year The Seekers performed sold out concerts in New Zealand.

2015 has seen Keith on the road again presenting his solo concerts to audiences in Queensland and New South Wales as well as visiting Nashville to co-write material for his fourth solo CD.

Involvement with charities has always been important to Keith and he frequently performs at charity concerts within his touring schedule. He was Patron of the renowned children's charity Variety WA from 2001/2009 and is currently on the Board of Directors of Support Act Limited, the music industry benevolent fund. Keith is a Patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Western Australia and a Celebrity Ambassador for Variety Victoria and Variety International.



The Seekers are presented to HRH The Queen Mother at The Royal Command Performance, 1966

SOLO PERFORMANCES



Keith's solo performances appeal to audiences for whom his music is a breath of fresh air: the fans who appreciate the man and his guitar (and boy, can he play that 12 string!). As a founding member of the internationally famous The Seekers, he is known to countless fans and this is obvious in the welcome given to him by audiences round the world.

Usually made up of two 45 minute sets, Keith's program contains some old favourites from The Seekers, a touch of Nashville, some beautiful original ballads from his three solo CDs and a few covers of hits from the 1960s to the 1980s that appeal to the generation who grew up with their folks playing The Seekers albums. Throughout his show, Keith shares some amusing anecdotes from over 50 years on the international music scene.

In all, this is an up-beat, heart-warming event that leaves audiences reliving their memories of the past while sharing the joy of new beginnings that are the hallmarks of Keith Potger's solo concerts.

Keith's CDs *Secrets Of The Heart*, *Sunday* and *Smile Now* are available in Australia through Circle Music circle@vianet.net.au
www.keithpotger.com



On stage in Manchester, UK, 2014



The highly successful 2015 Queensland tour

CONCERT REVIEWS

"Keith was a huge hit with our audience. His show content was ideal and the audience really warmed to the way he worked for them. Lots of laughs as well, which always helps."

David Price, City of Broadford

"What a hit! A fantastic show that was absolutely delightful and so well received by our people. Great interaction, and all positive feedback as people were leaving."

Linda McGlashan, Mildura Regional Council

"He sang five songs he'd written from his newly released CD, threw in a couple of Seekers songs, including a lovely solo arrangement of their first hit, I'll Never Find Another You. But the highlight... was a comedy Country song about singing with a twang. It has to be a single...a sell out audience demanded an encore performance."

Henry Gay, Hervey Bay Chronicle

"Good food, company and song were the order of the night. Solo Seeker Keith Potger entertained the diners with songs and reminiscences of the Seeker era and some poignant self penned songs from his solo CDs. The event was a great success."

Northern Guardian



AUDIENCE VOX POPS

"...a first class performance given by Keith Potger. I look forward to seeing him perform again"

"...a pro who not only sings and plays great songs but actually entertains and makes you laugh"

"...up-beat music and optimistic lyrics about things that are important – happiness, peace, love and the environment"

"...a consummate performer whose personality shines through"

"...blend of Folk and Country with lyrics that matter and melodies that melt the heart"

"... enjoyable to listen to an artist with musical and vocal talents, especially from an era where words of songs can be heard



CD REVIEWS

"Keith Potger of The Seekers and Georgy Girl fame, has released a long overdue CD, *Secrets of the Heart*. Words cannot do justice to Keith's voice; it is everything Gordon Lightfoot had and more, and all that Billy Joel aspired to in his more mainstream ballads. You just want him to go on singing forever. If there is a perfect Sunday morning or sunset disc, this is it. Put it on and eat it up."

Dalton Delan (USA)

"From the gentle ballad *Everything in Your Love* to the foot-tapping *Destination You*, Keith Potger's new album is a truly uplifting and enjoyable experience."

Quality Point (Australia)



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