

Oh, Lady be Good

Melissa Western (vocals) + jazz quartet

The seductive power of a woman's voice has been a mystery for eons. Why do we so eagerly succumb to their charms from the very first note? What is it about them that fills us with desire? They capture the essence of love and loss in a fleeting glance. With their audience they share something intimate, something that simply can't be described in words.

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Songs like *I Loves You Porgy*, *God Bless the Child*, *Peel Me a Grape* and *Oh, Lady Be Good* are performed with pizzazz and flair by Australian singer-actor Melissa Western who is:

'Warm, witty and supremely talented ... captivating ... Western is a force of nature' ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *Broadway Baby*

'When the music stops, there is the longest silence. Then Melissa Western's voice reappears, snatching you away again, inspiring a big grin on your face. You knew she was never gone for long, yet in that silence you still missed her.'
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *Three Weeks*

'We were struck by how talented Melissa Western is, she has star quality, a wonderful singing voice and a great personality.' *Village Hall Promoter, West Lindsey, Lincolnshire*

"Melissa Western is a sultry singer with an exceptional ability to scat, and her rich, powerful vocals invite the audience to accompany her on her journey."
New Adelaide Theatre Guide

Joining Melissa onstage is a versatile and talented jazz quartet featuring some of Queensland's finest players.

Oh, Lady be Good has performed to acclaim at The Jazz Bar (Edinburgh Festival Fringe), UK tour (Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire) and the Brisbane Jazz Club.

Stunning, high resolution, page-filling images are available.

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Here's what previous promoters had to say about Melissa during her last UK tour to Linc/Notts:

'We were struck by how talented Melissa Western is, she has star quality, a wonderful singing voice and a great personality. She really connected well with the audience.'

Village Hall Promoter, West Lindsey, Lincolnshire

'The show was extremely professional and our audience was overwhelmed. The costumes were stunning – fitting the act perfectly. I would truly recommend any village hall to stage their performance – if the possibility ever arises again, our village hall committee would certainly book them again. To quote one elderly gentleman after the show – "It made the hairs stand up on the back of my neck".' Jean Cawthorne, Village Ventures, Nottinghamshire

'An absolute knockout. A wonderful show from beginning to end. Second half the audience was 'spellbound'. You could hear a pin drop. Amazing.' Village Hall Promoter, Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire

'Melissa was undoubtedly the star of the show. Her portrayal of the three icons of show business was superb. It was as though they were entertaining us in person. Audience thoroughly enjoyed it.' Village Hall Promoter, East Lindsey, Lincolnshire

"Melissa Western's show was wonderful. Her performance was brilliant. Closing my eyes it was as though those famous divas were actually on stage themselves." Phil Spray, Village Hall Promoter, Lincolnshire

Promoters can bill this as a top-class, international act – a night of total entertainment that can be enjoyed by your whole community – don't miss this chance to see Melissa intimate and live in your town - BOOK NOW!

Melissa performs internationally, acting, singing and dancing in musical theatre shows and cabarets, writing and producing new works and singing with a variety of ensembles. Her passion is taking to the stage in front of a live audience, seamlessly weaving song, dance and story into an experience they will want to share and cherish.

By turns sassy, soulful, smart and sweet, Melissa straddles the worlds of jazz, cabaret and theatre. She's widely considered a 'pocket dynamite' who delights in unleashing her unique style of entertainment onto an eager audience.

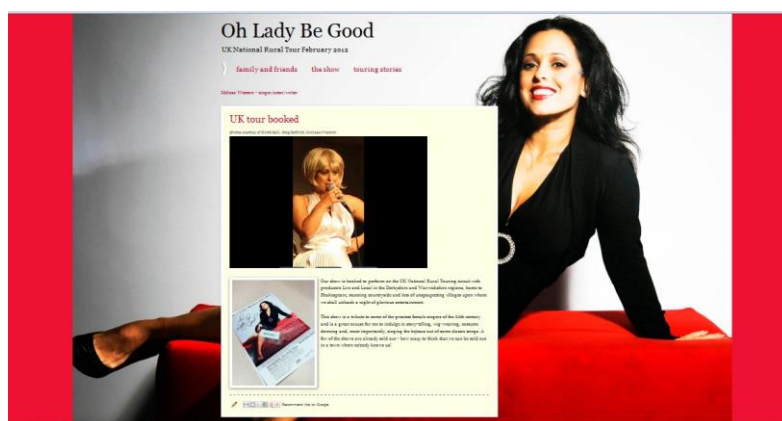
She has performed at countless international festivals, been hand-picked for performances by the Australian Prime Minister, Queensland Premier, Governor General of Queensland and countless other VIPs. Her performance credits and achievements are many and varied. She is without doubt a consummate performer who will delight your audiences.

For more information on Melissa and to listen to music samples, visit her website:

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Fee information

- Fee is by negotiation depending on travel distance and ensemble required: preferred ensemble is 5 x performers (vocalist, keys, bass, guitar, drums) starting at \$3000 Minimum fee for show is \$1800 for 3 x performers (vocalist + two musicians).
- Fee includes digital marketing materials for printing by the promoter. A3 posters and postcards are available for promotion. A Media Release for Press Contacts will also be provided.

Technical information

Show times

- Two set show [50min + interval + 50min]

Audio

- You provide Grand Piano (or we provide Nord Piano/Stage 88key)
- We provide 3 x Vocal Mics (beta 58a or SM58)
- We provide 2x Front of house speakers
- We provide 2x Fold-back speakers
- We provide 12 Channel Mixing Desk (with EQ/compression/reverb)
- We provide iPad RCA cable into mixing desk
- We provide 4x Boom microphone stands

Lighting States

- We provide light general wash, spot on vocal and spot on piano/vocal

Staging

- Can be performer on elevated stage preferred or can be on floor level with audience
- Minimum area 6x6m
- Can be performed in proscenium, thrust, in the round or cabaret
- Preferred setup is cabaret style

Other

- Minimum bump in 90minutes
- we require 4 x 13-amp points
- we are 3-5 performers (can be performed with minimum 3 performers) + one touring manager/sound operator
- no special dietary requirements
- We have Public Liability Insurance
- We hold Blue Cards