

THE SHEYANA BAND BIO

Influenced by the classics and drawing inspiration from their deep Tassie roots. The Sheyana Band fuse the stylistic flavours of Australian Rhythm & Soul, Southern Country Pop, Americana inspired Roots & Blues, with English Funk, Rock & Punk. In the groove they serve it with passion in a delightful delivery of powerhouse vocals, brilliant musicianship and heartfelt songwriting. Receiving national & international recognition & airplay, their captivating live shows have seen them share the stage with Australia's finest including Deborah Conway, Hoodoo Gurus, Neil Finn, Meg Mac, Mojo Juju, Gang of Youths, Renee Geyer, Diesel, The Angels, Kevin Borich, Ian Moss, Bill Chambers and Fanny Lumsden.

London born, Tasmanian based, singer-songwriter Sheyana has been hooked on music since early childhood. The soulful Celtic/Sri Lankan storyteller is perfectly complimented by her stellar band, featuring Tassie's finest musicians, with iconic guitarist/vocalist Wayne Rand, seasoned, rock solid bassist Dan Jeffrey, and the mighty Leigh Hill on drums and vocals.

The Sheyana Band's 2023 mini album release "Ricochet", came together during covid lockdown in Tasmania. Making the best of a bad situation and with plenty of time to reflect, Sheyana and the band focused on songwriting, and the music emerged from those strange, uneasy times. With the success of The Sheyana Band's sold out single & album launches across Tasmania, their new music is currently getting national airplay, charting on Australian Blues and Roots Chart, Soundlike Cafe playlist along with some great national and international album reviews & editorials.

In 2023 The Sheyana Band's first single and music clip "Big Hearts" from Ricochet album, had a national premiere with Australian music group Scenstr. Internationally, YESFM radio Sri Lanka recently premiered "Big Hearts" single, coming in at No 8 on Yes Home Grown Charts, along with airplay on blues radio in Europe.

With the release of their second single "Remarkable Man" from Ricochet album already gaining airplay around Australia, the band are planning to tour East Coast Australia in 2024, along with some live shows in Sri Lanka.

Nationally they won "The Chris Wilson Award" for Emerging Act of Year" with their album Big Love in 2018. Debuting at No 11 on the Australian Blues & Roots Airplay Charts, The Sheyana Band also went No 2 on AMRAP Regional Charts & No 1 on Soundlike Cafe Playlist in 2019 with their single "Soul Sister" from Big Love album.

In 2016 The Sheyana Band received a top ten hit on YESFM Radio Sri Lanka with their single "Keep the Change" from the EP of the same name, along with a Best Act nomination. Sheyana's 1st single "Undone" from her debut solo EP - Sweet Honesty was well received in Sri Lanka with its 2011 release.

Sheyana also scored a blues award with OzSong International Songwriting Competition in 2011 for her song "Two Birds" from her debut solo EP. This song also made it to the finals of "FreshAir" ABC National Songwriting Competition.

The Sheyana Band are a favourite act at these major Tassie events:

Skyfields 2017-2018

Forth Valley Blues Festival 2018

Party In The Paddock 2018-2019

Fruits of the Roots 2019

Festival of King Island 2020

Red Hot Summer after party 2021

Junction Arts Festival 2021

Riverbend Blues Festival 2023

Forth Valley Blues Festival 2024

The Sheyana Band URL Links:

<http://sheyana.com/>

THE SHEYANA BAND YouTube Link

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLOsbERvSxC8cSE3IOC3iDwWM8c6lwOFNy&si=1rtCSRJhQdo7OQ90>

<https://open.spotify.com/artist/5ymEC37CuHaPunUrmxcPUr?si=-GstPqyOT76GURyZOqP9Fw>

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/artist/the-sheyana-band/1343645358>

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