

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. In the groove and served with passion they deliver 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 Jo Camilleri & The Black Sorrows, The Blues Brothers, Deborah Conway, Hoodoo Gurus, Neil Finn, Meg Mac, Mojo Jujy, 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 respected guitarist/vocalist Wayne Rand, seasoned, rock solid bassist Dan Jeffrey, and the mighty Leigh Hill on drums and vocals.

The Sheyana Band's latest EP Ricochet came together during covid lockdown in Tasmania. Making the best of a bad situation, Sheyana and the band focused on songwriting, and the music emerged from those uneasy times. "Ricochet" EP shows swagger, depth, passion and authenticity proving to be a worthy follow up to their "Big Love" album, which scored them "The Chris Wilson Award" for Emerging Act of Year" 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 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 getting national and international airplay, the band will tour Sri Lanka in October 2024 and play Festivals in Australia in 2025.

The Sheyana Band are thrilled to embark on their long awaited "Victory Lion" Tour of Sri Lanka from October 6 - October 18, 2024. The tour is In honour of Sheyana's father, the late Shantha Wijesingha, who always dreamed of bringing Sheyana's band to Sri Lanka and who's last name Wijesingha, means Victory Lion. The Tour has been put together by Sheyana and Sri Lankan promoter Anil Balisuriya. The jam packed schedule will include 4 shows in the city of Colombo amidst their October festivities, followed by 2 shows in the south of Sri Lanka, one of which is an unplugged concert. The band will spend a day in a recording studio in Colombo and also film a documentary of their trip, during the project.

Sheyana's connection with her Sri Lankan fans began during her maiden tour of the island in 2011. Sheyana's 1st single "Undone" from her debut EP - Sweet Honesty was well received in Sri Lanka with its 2011 release. The same year she scored a blues award through OzSong International Songwriting Competition, with her song "Two Birds" from "Sweet Honesty" EP. Two Birds was also a finalist in Australia's "FreshAir" ABC National Songwriting Competition. The Sheyana Band received a top ten hit on YESFM Radio Sri Lanka in 2016 with their single "Keep the Change" along with a Best Act nomination.

The Sheyana Band are a favourite act at these major Tasmanian 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

Good Gumnut Festival 2025

The Sheyana Band URL Links:

<http://sheyana.com/>

<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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