

Shane Nicholson

A native of Brisbane, Australia, singer/songwriter **Shane Nicholson** first gained public attention as the lead-singer/guitarist for the rock band **Pretty Violet Stain** in the late 1990's. Interested in music from a young age, Nicholson formed the band while in high school. After winning the JJJ Unearthed competition, they released their debut album **Parachutes and Gravity** on Warner in 2000. Ultimately, Shane parted ways with the band and released his debut solo album **It's A Movie** in 2003, followed by **Faith & Science** in 2006 – both albums receiving wide critical acclaim and a good measure of commercial success following extensive touring in both Australia and the USA.

Shane had met Kasey Chambers when she sang some featured backing vocals on the lead single from **It's a Movie**, and in time the two would marry and go on to record the highly acclaimed, #1 album **Rattlin' Bones** in 2008, winning Best Country Album at the 2008 ARIA Awards, and scoring 5 Golden Guitar Awards in 2009, with the album ultimately achieving platinum+ sales.

When touring commitments for **Rattlin' Bones** wound up Shane found himself back in his home studio on the Central Coast of NSW. **Familiar Ghosts** was released in late 2008 and further established Shane as one of Australia's most prolific and respected singer / songwriters with the album being nominated in the Best Country Album category in the 2009 ARIA Awards.

As if writing, producing and playing all the instruments on his own album wasn't enough, Shane also managed to find time to produce albums for a range of other artists including **Angie Hart, Catherine Britt, Lou Bradley, Steve Grady** and **Sarah Humphreys** over the past 18 months.

In the past, music critics have been unanimous in their praise, many drawing on names such as Bruce Springsteen and Steve Earle in an attempt to describe the depth of Shane's songs and the extent of his honest and emotional vocal delivery. However in recent times there is no doubt at all that Shane has created a unique musical place for himself.

The release of **Bad Machines** in March 2011 is eagerly awaited by the ever-growing legion of Shane Nicholson fans.

AWARDS, NOMINATIONS & CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2010

CMAA Achiever Award – Producer Of The Year (with Nash Chambers – Rattlin' Bones)

2009

January

Golden Guitar for APRA Song of the Year - Rattlin' Bones

Golden Guitar for Video Clip of the Year - Rattlin' Bones

Golden Guitar for Single of the Year - Rattlin' Bones

Golden Guitar for Highest Selling Album of the Year - Rattlin' Bones

Golden Guitar for Album of the Year - Rattlin' Bones

September

APRA Award for Country Work of the Year – Rattlin Bones

November

ARIA Nomination for Best Country album - Familiar Ghosts

ARIA Nomination for Best Music DVD – Live At The Opera House (Rattlin' Bones)

ABC Music Award – Best Sound Production (with Sarah Humphreys)

2008

April – Rattlin' Bones debuts at #1 on the ARIA Charts

September

Americana Awards (USA) nominations for Song Of The Year (Rattlin' Bones) and Best Group/Duo (Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson).

October

ARIA Award for Best Country Album – Rattlin' Bones

November

Familiar Ghosts debuts at #9 on the ARIA Country Charts

Australian tour with John Mellencamp & Sheryl Crow

December

Rattlin' Bones reaches platinum sales in Australia.

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