

## **Luke Antony**

### **Press Biography**

Soul sensation Luke Antony has proved himself as one of Australia's brightest stars.

Luke draws most of his inspiration from renowned soul artists Stevie Wonder and Al Green. His impressive vocal range and technique exhibits a likeness reminiscent of Sam Smith, and fellow Aussie Guy Sebastian.

Having been awarded with several notable achievements throughout his early career, Luke's talent was internationally recognised by the age of 20. In 2010, Luke received three awards at the prestigious WCOPA (World Championship of Performing Arts) in Los Angeles. This international success propelled Luke's career and opened the door for the exciting opportunities to come.

After being recognised at the WCOPA, Luke continued to travel world-wide with his talent. Some of his personal highlights include: Headlining at the Qantas Holidays Awards Night in New Zealand; Touring the South Pacific with P&O; Singing at Townsville's New Year's Eve show, singing at Carols by Candlelight, and proudly performing the national anthem for both the NRL and NBL. More recently, Luke headlined at one of the largest international LGBTQI events, the Munich Pride festival (Christopher Street Day) to a crowd of 200,000 people. Luke has continued headlining pride events including Australia's own Pokolbin Pride Festival - the Hunter Valley's first every Pride event. He has continued to show off his talent sharing the stage with some of Australia's most popular stars - including Christine Anu, Kate Ceberano, David Campbell, Dami Im, Mark Vincent, Ricki-Lee Coulter, and Casey Donovan.

Luke has expanded his musical horizons, delving into songwriting when he co-wrote and sang on the single 'Fools Gold' in 2014 with The White Light Orchestra. In 2016, Luke released his debut single, an electro/dance track 'Separate Ways' (which became the theme song for the 2016 Munich Pride festival). The song's music video has had over 35,000 YouTube views and was featured in the 'Clipped Music Video Festival' at the Australian Film and Sound Archives.

In November 2016, Luke released his second solo single - a cover of Cyndi Lauper's iconic song 'True Colors'. Madeline Stewart, the world's first supermodel with Down Syndrome, was featured in the music video receiving over 50,000 views. The success of the song provided Luke the opportunity to perform on 'The Today Show' and at Brisbane Lord Mayor's 'Christmas Carols' to a roaring applause. Following 'True Colors' Luke released his third single, a stunning cover of Britney Spears' 'Everytime'. Luke coupled the release with a thought-provoking music video which led to an ambassador deal with RUOK and an Australian Tour.

In 2018, during his television debut, Luke wowed Australia and earned himself a Top 12 spot in The Voice. Boy George, his coach and mentor, invited him to perform with him live in Sydney. He was also nominated for a 2018 Australian LGBTI Award (music artist of the year). Around the same time, Luke released his first independently produced single and visually conceptualised video 'Don't Say'. It debuted at 'Sparkle In The Sand' at the 2018 Commonwealth games where he performed alongside Courtney Act, Marcia Hines, and fellow 'The Voice' Alumni Alfie Arcuri.

Now Sydney-based, Luke is in hot demand as an entertainer and voice coach. He can be seen performing at popular venues and events including Opera Bar, Ivy, The Hilton, City Recital Hall, Pokolbin pride, Mardi Gras Official After Party, LGBTI Awards, and Sydney Opera House. Luke brings an energetic and fresh style to his performances and injects raw passion and enthusiasm into all of his songs. Stay tuned for more great things from this talented up-and-coming performer.