

# KATE ROWE

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## SPACE RABBITS WIN FOR KATE ROWE INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR BLUE MOUNTAINS SONGWRITER

Popular Blue Mountains songwriter Kate Rowe has been awarded by a panel of celebrity judges a coveted Grand Prize in this year's prestigious John Lennon Songwriting Contest.

Kate's catchy song for children, 'Space Rabbits of Brocklevoons', beat all-comers in its category in Session I of the international on-line competition, which is based in New York and administered by the John Lennon Foundation. There will be an online battle between Grand Prize winners in all categories next year to determine the overall winner of the 2009 competition.

"The award is a big thrill," said Kate. "I thought the song had a chance, because it has been very popular with audiences of all ages, but it was a huge surprise actually to win given the size of the international field."

Kate wrote "Space Rabbits of Brocklevoons" to add to her portfolio of songs for children when she began visiting schools to do singing workshops. "I used to be a teacher, and I love singing to and with children, so school workshops seemed a natural extension for me" Kate said. "I really wrote 'Space Rabbits' for this part of my life, but then one night I tried it out on an adult audience, and the reaction was great. It seems to be everyone's favourite now."

"People wonder how on earth I came up with the idea for the song. I suppose it is unlikely, but I'm completely obsessed with outer space. I think watching 'Doctor Who' and 'Pigs in Space' on the Muppets as a kid probably had more of an effect on me than anyone realised!"

Since moving to Melbourne from the Mountains last year, Kate has completed a round-Australia tour with partner and fellow songwriter Ryan Morrison. She has just returned after travelling as the support act for Blue Mountains favourites The Spooky Men's Chorale on their recent UK tour.

Apart from the John Lennon Songwriting award Kate also has two songs shortlisted in the upcoming Australian Songwriters Association Awards. "Jindabyne" is in the top 25 of the Australia section, while "Song for Frank" is shortlisted in the Folk section, with final results to be announced in October.

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*'Space Rabbits of Brocklevoons' can be heard on the John Lennon Song Competition website: [www.jlsc.com/winners/2009a/winners.php](http://www.jlsc.com/winners/2009a/winners.php) and is available online from iTunes and Rhapsody.*

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