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NATURE'S LITTLE GAME



KATE ROWE – ALBUM LAUNCH

Friday, 30th July – The Clarendon, Katoomba 8:30pm

Sunday, 1st August – The Harp, Tempe 2pm Matinee

Award winning Australian songwriter Kate Rowe will launch her second album in July. 'Nature's Little Game' is a strong and beautiful album, showcasing Rowe's exceptional songwriting ability. With influences ranging from European café, acoustic folk, jazz and classical choir, this is a glorious tapestry of an album. Rowe has a growing reputation as a songwriter who has interesting things to say, and the songs on 'Nature's Little Game' are rich with alternate doses of humour, dark philosophical thoughtfulness and engaging storytelling. The album features an acoustic version of Rowe's award-winning crossover song, 'Space Rabbits of Brocklevoons' which won a Lennon Award in the 2009 John Lennon Songwriting Contest. Originally a children's song, it is also very popular with Rowe's adult folk festival audiences. Also included are the hauntingly beautiful 'Dusty Room', about female friendship, 'If Only You Knew', a languid, steamy account of hidden love, 'Coffee My Lover', a love song for coffee, and 'Song for Frank', a humorous love song for a blind date that Rowe never got to meet. Featured on the album are Brett Hirst on bass, Julia Day on drums, Paul Cutland on clarinet, Phil Slater on trumpet, Marcello Maio on accordion and Andrew Evans on piccolo trumpet. The album was recorded at Sound Heaven Studios in the Blue Mountains and was co-produced by John Stuart, Ryan Morrison and Kate Rowe.

Based in the Blue Mountains of NSW, Rowe began songwriting ten years ago, and has been building her career as a professional songwriter and musician for the last five years. She was a finalist in the 2009 Victorian & National Country Music Awards and was short listed twice in the 2009 ASA Awards. Her first album 'The Simplest of Things' won the 2007 BluFM89.1 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Country Music and was described as "fresh and delightful" by Capital News magazine. Rowe completed her first Australian tour in 2009 with Ryan Morrison, and has also toured the UK supporting The Spooky Men's Chorale. Rowe's roots are in French and English literature, which explains the obvious love of language that emerges in her songs. Rowe has obviously inherited the language gene from her mother, the author Jennifer Rowe who also writes children's books under the pen name of Emily Rodda. After receiving a First Class Honours for her BA Kate worked as an English teacher at the Sorbonne University in Paris for two years, and began performing on the side. Her other jobs have included French teacher, illustrator, and children's party fairy. <http://www.katerowe.com>

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