Female Artist of the Year – Jessica Mauboy

Jessica Mauboy

Hugely popular artist Jessica Mauboy has been on a steady rise to the top of her profession. She first captured our attention at age 16, as runner-up on Australian Idol. Mauboy grew up listening to a diverse mix of music, from country to rap, but her musical path has taken her into the realm of pure ballad-driven pop, with her strength lying in her powerful vocals. Her debut album, Been Waiting, achieved double platinum status, garnered seven ARIA Award nominations and produced her first number-one single, “Burn”. At the age of 16, Casey Donovan became the youngest ever winner of Australian Idol, and has since made her mark on both the Australian music and theatre scenes. After releasing her debut EP, Eye 2 Eye, Casey was encouraged to try her hand at theatre where she received critical acclaim for her roles in the 2010 season of ‘The Sapphires’ and ‘Black Swans’ with the State Theatre Company. Mauboy has been in the US working on her upcoming third studio album, which is due for release in late 2013.

Christine Anu

Christine Anu is one of Australia’s most successful, and well-known Indigenous artists. Having been involved in all aspects of the entertainment industry – from dance, theatre and film, to television and children’s entertainment – Christine has shown herself to be a versatile and popular performer. Her career over two decades boasts platinum albums, sell-out musicals, Hollywood blockbusters and collaborations with showbiz and musical luminaries, such as Baz Luhrmann, Paul Kelly and David Atkins. Anu began her performing career as a dancer, but quickly moved on to singing back-up vocals for The Rainmakers and eventually releasing her own solo material, which has produced platinum- and gold-selling albums and singles, including the hits “My Island Home” and “Sunshine on a Rainy Day”.

Simone Stacey

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Casey Donovan

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Shellie Morris

Contemporary folk musician Shellie Morris was raised in Sydney and began singing at a young age. As a young woman she moved to Darwin to find her Indigenous family and also found her musical legacy. That connection and knowledge has helped her become a talented and popular singer/songwriter with a voice that has been described as “soaring”. Shellie has played with artists such as Sinead O’Connor, Gurramul and Ricki Lee Jones and featured as a singer with the Black Arm Band.

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DeGeneres Show. In April, she was ranked at number 16 on the Herald-Sun’s list of the ‘100 Greatest Australian Singers of All Time’. Mauboy has been in the US working on her upcoming third studio album, which is due for release in late 2013.

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Do you love to sing?

Jessica Mauboy is a singer, songwriter and actor from Darwin in NT. She recently won the Deadly Award for the most popular female artist.

READ Female Artist of the Year- Jessica Mauboy on page 7

ACTIVITY 1
BUILDING READING SKILLS

- skimming and scanning for information.
- reading headings, text boxes and pictures.
- reading for meaning.
- making connections between the text and your world.

There are three levels of comprehension questions:

**Literal** The answer is located in one sentence in the text.

**Inferred** You need to make links between sentences and graphics (such as illustrations, maps and tables) and what you already know.

**Applied** The answer is in your background knowledge, what you already know or feel.

Jessica Mauboy won Australian Idol when she was 16. (literal)

☐ TRUE

☐ FALSE

She grew up in Darwin, Northern Territory.
2. What is the name of Jessica’s debut (first) album?

(literal)

Write your answer on the lines.

3. List the films that Jessica has starred in.

(inferred)

4. In what order did these events happen?
   Number the boxes 1, 2, 3, 4.

   - Jessica performed in the adaptation of *Bran Nue Dae* in 2010.
   - Jessica competed in *Australian Idol* in 2006.
   - The stage musical *Bran Nue Dae* was performed in 1990.
   - Jessica is currently in America working on her next album.

**Activity 2**

**Language Conventions - Spelling**

1. The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been underlined. Write the correct spelling for each word in the box.

   She is hugely popular.

   It is a tough industry to brake into.

   It was staring in the musical.
2 Unscramble these words from the text.

- g i l e s n
- i n e r s g
- l i u s c a m

3 Each sentence has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

- She grew up lisening to country music.
- She has acheieved a lot of awards.
- Her new album is due for releese in 2013.

ACTIVITY 3
LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – PUNCTUATION

1 Fill in the boxes. The first one has been done for you.

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ACTIVITY 4
FIVE QUESTIONS - TRUE OR FALSE?

1 Read the information about Jessica Mauboy on page 7. Are these statements True or False?

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Statement</th>
<th>True or False</th>
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<tr>
<td>Jessica was runner-up on <em>Australian Idol</em> in 2010.</td>
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<td><em>Been Waiting</em> is her debut album.</td>
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<td>Jessica performed in <em>Bran Nue Dae</em> in 1990.</td>
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<td>Jessica was a mentor on <em>The Voice</em>.</td>
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<td>Jessica starred in <em>The Sapphires</em> film.</td>
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ACTIVITY 5
SENTENCE CUT AND PASTE

1 Unscramble these sentences. Glue them to your page in the correct order.

- working in Jessica has America been .
- third be Her will in released album . 2013