

## Production

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# VERA, The Magic of DAME VERA LYNN The Story & Music of her Life (NSW, Australia)

[Melanie Parry](#)

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In this special musical tribute the beautiful VOICE of internationally acclaimed chanteuse MELANIE PARRY recreates the era when Vera was known as the 'Forces Sweetheart' and inspired a nation of people with her patriotic wartime songs, with VERA going on to become one of the most revered vocalists in the world.

The show includes many of Vera's well known songs like: "The White Cliffs Of Dover, Yours, A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square, Land Of Hope And Glory, I'll Be Seeing You, This Is The Army Mr Jones, There'll Always Be An England, Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye, Lily Marlene, Anniversary Waltz, It's A Lovely Day Tomorrow, We'll Meet Again, Now Is The Hour, You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To & many more"!

For Britain, Vera became an emblem of hope and resilience in the country's darkest hour.

This wonderful musical production produced by Ms Parry, is fully scripted and narrated including audio of Vera talking about the bombings on London her visits to so many wives and mothers which launched the idea of her famous BBC radio program, "Sincerely Yours", which became a regular broadcast during the War allowing Vera to become the link to the many men and women serving overseas while their loved ones kept the home fires burning waiting for their return.

With the added inclusion of archival WWII AV film footage interspersed throughout the music and narration of the show, the show takes you on a visual journey of many emotions ranging from historic events to the many moving and poignant nostalgic memories as experienced from those times.

From one stirring song to another in the 'Land of Hope and Glory', you will see the sweeping plains and cities of Great Britain that will evoke such proud emotions and memories, further to hearing Churchill announcing the end of the European war, to seeing people dancing in the streets, to the Royal family on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, to the throngs of the crowds rejoicing in the streets of Britain.

We see Vera Lynn with her hilarious skit on the famous 'Morecombe and Wise' show, many years after the war years had finished, and when not long after Vera would be awarded the OBE.

Many more stirring moments are seen when finally Vera was given one of the greatest honours of all in being awarded a Dame of the British Empire.

It is worth noting that MELANIE PARRY is the ONLY artiste in Australia to be given the honour of having the Official Endorsement and Seal of Approval from the great Dame Vera Lynn herself and her legal estate to deliver this wonderful musical production dedicated to VERA'S Life and Legacy.

Don't miss this wonderful musical show coming to a theatre near you!!

For small to large scale commemorations the show is available from a 3 piece band ensemble to an 8 piece band to a sixteen piece orchestra.

This show is ideally suited for large scale Commemorative events, evening concerts and as a huge draw for the theatre 'morning melodies' concert market with Musical Director on Grand Piano.

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VERA Promo Show Clip: <https://youtu.be/vtTD8W8MnkY>

## **Media Releases & Testimonials**

**The Glen St Theatre** had the pleasure of engaging internationally acclaimed chanteuse Melanie Parry presenting her exceptional show tribute VERA, the Magic of Dame Vera Lynn, this year in May 2014. This show is officially and personally endorsed by the great Dame Vera Lynn herself and we can see why she has given Ms Parry as the only artiste in Australia this huge honor.

The show was **SOLD OUT** well before the scheduled show date and was overwhelmingly well received by our patrons as they heard the beautiful voice of Melanie Parry, delivering one hit after another of all the great songs that made VERA synonymous with the war era and which extended into a magical long career for this legend who is still alive today at the age of 97.

Ms Parry's accompanying musicians and the overall content of the show, including narratives and archival war time film footage was unique and very specially crafted and thrilled our patrons at the Glen.

It is with great pleasure to welcome back this wonderful artiste Melanie Parry yet again to the Theatre later this year when she presents her acclaimed musical show production, JUDY – A Life In Song in our 2014 October program.

This popular artiste has proved yet again that her shows are unique and well received with her **JUDY** show having **SOLD OUT** well before its scheduled show date yet again.

Melanie Parry is certainly a gifted artiste and an exceptional creative professional in her field ..... **Margot Woodward, Director, The Glen St Theatre, Belrose, Sydney 2014**

**Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre**, was thrilled to welcome VERA, the Magic of Dame Vera Lynn starring Melanie Parry a show containing all elements of a great night out: beautiful voice, audience engagement, heart-warming story and nostalgic footage. The audience couldn't help but to sing along and clap as they reminisced. Everyone came out of the theatre smiling with a sparkle in their eye, whether they remembered Vera Lynn or they remember their parents and grandparents playing her records – the show seemed to resonate with all ages. A fabulous night was had by all! ..... **Linda Christof, Manager, DRTCC 2014**

*The **Drum Theatre** recently presented Melanie Parry with her unique VERA, The Magic of Dame Vera Lynn show. The show was really well received with our Morning Melody style audience, selling well beyond expectations for the two days that she appeared.*

*The feedback from our almost 400 strong audience (on both days) was full of praise and admiration for Ms Parry's top class performances. Our regular patrons were overwhelmingly excuberant, describing how their memories came flooding back as they reminisced and sang along with many of the songs during the show. I was particularly struck by how people in their 50s and 60s spoke of it reminding them of time spent with their parents. This put to rest our concerns that Dame Vera Lynn might be a show for older people!*

*Melanie presented a well crafted and considered show; which along with the music, her beautiful voice and great musicians, presented historical and amazing film tributes which gave context and substance to the performance. The film clips included recent pictures of Dame Vera Lynn with Melanie taken in England this year, showing audiences that this show, dedicated to Dame Vera's legacy is also personally endorsed by the woman herself....**Greg Hordacre I Director, Drum Theatre, Dandenong Victoria - 2013***

*Thank you for putting on such a great show yesterday. As you know, the show **sold out** and the feedback from our 300-strong audience was all positive. I am sure they will flock back for your Judy Garland tribute next year.*

*Some of our regulars went out of their way to tell us how the memories came flooding back and said they were singing along with every number. We are trying harder each year to provide higher quality programming for our daytime season. You delivered in trumps with a strong vocal performance, interesting narrative and an excellent professional live band. We look forward to seeing you here again in 2014.... **Steve Donnelly I Manager I Riverlinks Shepparton, Victoria - 2013***

*"An outstanding presentation. While we have enjoyed many shows, we felt this was quite unique. The music and stage presentation, the voice, the accompanying musicians, the film tributes. A top class show"* **Paul Dravet I Theatre Manager I Hayden Orpheum Theatre Sydney - 2012**

*On the anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day in May 2011, at **Her Majesty's Theatre, Adelaide** Legacy paid tribute to all involved with the wonderful show, with **VERA, The Magic of Dame Vera Lynn**, performed by **Melanie Parry**.*

*With an audience of almost 600, there wasn't a dry eye in the house as Melanie generously sang one WWII hit song after another.*

Indeed, Melanie's own personal and direct experience of military conflict was evident in her performance as she sang with the kind of truth and authenticity that an audience that has witnessed the horrors of war could identify with.

Melanie gave her audience everything, and as a bonus read a personal message from Dame Vera herself, that left the audience feeling most special.

Melanie Parry is a special performer, and her show, **VERA, The Magic of Dame Vera Lynn** is a special show.- **Rainer Jozeps** | Chief Executive Officer | Legacy Club of Adelaide Inc. - 29 June 2011

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You would remember **Melanie** for her **highly successful "The Judy Garland Story in Song"** which she performed here at the **Townsville Civic Theatre** as part of our **2004 Morning Melodies** series.

In this years tribute, **Melanie** recreates the era and the beautiful voice of **Dame Vera Lynn** when she was known as the Forces Sweetheart .Dont miss out once again to join Melanie, an incredibly talented songstress as she takes you on a trip down memory lane with the glorious songs of Dame Vera Lynn. **Posted by Townsville Civic Theatre**

Popular entertainer **Melanie Parry**, who performed her tribute to **Judy Garland** at Morning Melodies last year will take audiences on a nostalgic trip back to the 1940s. The memories are sure to come flooding back as she perform nostalgic favourites of the war years including : The White Cliffs Of Dover, Yours, A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square, Land Of Hope And Glory, I'll Be Seeing You, This Is The Army Mr Jones, There'll Always Be An England, Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye, Lily Marlene, Anniversary Waltz, It's A Lovely Day Tomorrow, We'll Meet Again, Now Is The Hour, You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To & many more! The **Magic of Vera Lynn** is a fully produced stage show featuring not only **Melanie Parry** performing the hits of the war years but also **archival material from the period** which is sure to bring the memories flooding back. Book early to hear this sensational entertainer as she brings you **A Tribute to Vera Lynn** performing at the Pilbeam Theatre on Monday April 18 at 11am **2005**. **Posted by Peter Mackay Rockhampton Venues for Pilbeam Theatre**

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