

Alana Wilkinson (AUS)



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Full Biography

The shining beam of sunlight that is Alana Wilkinson has had a big few months since the release of her debut single *Closer* in late 2018. Now following up *Closer* is the release of her second single, *Partner In Crime*, and if you have not yet fallen in love with Alana Wilkinson, this is the track that'll send you swooning.

Partner In Crime is a poignant and moving tale of adventures with her childhood bestie, Amy, capturing the spirit and carefree nature of growing up in the Melbourne burbs. Accompanied by a beautifully crafted video where Amy and Alana are played by their own respective 'mini me's', *Partner In Crime* is sure to build on the reputation for whimsical, funny and brilliantly executed words, music and visuals that Alana has established.

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Combining delicate melodies with disarmingly insightful vignettes about the human condition, Wilkinson is a smiling assassin. Her songs skewer ex-lovers, would-be suitors, ridiculous social norms and the absurd challenges of suburban life in a merciless, yet strangely affectionate way, leaving audiences feeling like they're sitting in her living room, chatting about life over a steaming cuppa.

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The debut single *Closer* was instantly added to ABC Local Radio nationally, seeping into the soundscape of the summer through car radios across the country. The song even found its way onto the playlist of a chain of national department stores fulfilling an unrealized life-goal for Alana. Hello Kmart.

Drawing on the spirit of Woody Guthrie she seeks to connect in the most direct way possible - taking her large repertoire of songs on the road accompanied by just guitar and ukulele - and the caustic wit, theatrical delivery and questionable dance moves that serve her oh so well.

Alana Wilkinson, in all her sunshiney glory, is one to watch.

"Her gentle guitar work, accompanied by soft and beautiful vocals, leaves the audience smiling, reflective and ready to have fun. Alana manages to deliver a paradox - cut-throat lyrics with an infectious smile on her face. Her genuine honesty and enthusiasm throughout her performance is refreshing, as the crowd laugh and sing along with her..."

- MEL Live.

"This new track radiates a feeling that can only be described as bittersweet. Partner in Crime is an emotionally gripping single disguised by innocent lyrics that take listeners back to when Alana Wilkinson was younger. Her use of raw acoustic major-key guitar strumming brings a sense of warmth to the surface and compliments her songbird-like vocals incredibly well."

- Pilerats

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