

Shellie Morris



Short Biography

Multi-award-winning singer/songwriter Shellie Morris creates music and sings in around 17 Australian Aboriginal languages, preserving and promoting culture. A celebrated international touring vocalist, feature performer in Black Arm Band and part of the internationally award-winning musical documentary Prison Songs, she is a varied and captivating artist.

Full biography

One of Australia's favourite and celebrated female vocalists, Shellie Morris has spent the past 25 years creating and engaging in music as a healing tool. She imparts the importance of having a voice and that each individual is important.

While she has been in the spotlight over the years for her involvement with Black Arm Band, Deadly awards, ARIA nominations, Music Australia award, NAIDOC Award, G.R. Burarrawanga Memorial Award and Australian of the Year award; by and large, she works on the ground empowering and gently effecting change. Shellie creates music and sings in around 17 Aboriginal languages, many considered "sleeping".

Since discovering her Wardaman and Yanyuwa roots over 20 years ago, she has tirelessly worked to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians, especially in the Northern Territory.

She is the 2014 NT Australian of the Year, the 2014 NAIDOC National Artist of the Year, a multi Deadly Award winner and a driving force of the acclaimed album Ngambala Wiji li-Wunungu and the internationally award-winning musical documentary Prison Songs. The documentary has won film and humanitarian awards around the world and is nominated for five AACTA awards (including best sound and score), ATOM Awards - Best Indigenous Resource and a Walkley Documentary Award.

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"Talking to Shellie Morris is like talking to an old friend you didn't know you had. She has a voice that rings with truth and courage and raw sincerity both when she sings and when she talks."

– Sharon Lenehan, NQ Music Press

"Quite possibly the hardest working Indigenous entertainer in Australia is Shellie Morris. Shellie tirelessly spends no less than 9 months of each year on the road. Her work is divided up between her music, community development, as an educator and mentor."

– Rico Adjrun, Radio National

"Her music crosses boundaries and musical borders with ease"

– Australian of the Year Awards

Approved Quote

"Rural and remote areas are so close to my heart, I've been working in them since I started my journey sharing song and language. These communities are the beating heart of our country contributing so much to the valuable social fabric and boasting countryside that is second to none across the world. I can't wait to visit all these incredible communities and share my stories, hear from the wonderful people and of course get back on the road safely!"

– Shellie Morris