

Biography: GISELLA COZZO English

Gisella Cozzo, singer, song-writer..... "***an aussie girl with an italian heart!***"

Born and bred in Melbourne, raised in an Italian family, nurtures an immense passion for singing at an early age. Her enthusiasm for drama, singing and song-writing continues throughout all of her high-school years. She was often chosen to be the main role of all the musicals and productions during her teen years In Australia.

Her talent and bright colours shine, when she wins the **Grand Final** of one Australia's most famous talent shows, "**YOUNG TALENT TIME**". After this important victory, at the age of sixteen she tours with major Italian and Australian artists as a **support act**, all around the country. Australian names such as *Marcia Hines, Simon Galleghar* and Italian artists such as *Eros Ramazzotti, Toto Cutugno, Marcella Bella, Pupo, Fiordaliso, Riccardo Fogli, Mario Merola, Luciano Tajoli* and many others.

Gisella then has the opportunity to further her music studies in London, the 'heart' of international music and then to Italy. She continues her song-writing skills in Milan and graduates at the Milan Conservatorium.

EARLY RECORDING CAREER

Milan opened many remarkable doors for Gisella's debut recording career.

Gisella debuts in 88' and her debut single "**Get up**" is awarded "1st prize" at the "*Rino Gaetano*" Festival "**NEW GENERATION 88**".

Her **DEBUT album** is published in 91' entitled with stage name, "**GISA**" all songs entirely in English written by Gisella herself. Producers of the caliber of the La Bionda Brothers and Silvio Amato were just a few of Gisella's first record producers, publishers and inspiring mentors. She begins signing up with various Dance labels such as *Self, Time, Emi and Sony Music, Universal Music Group* writes and performs various hits in the italo-dance scene for more than ten years.

Thanks to Gisella's creative song writing she is awarded a **Musical song-writing scholarship at the CET, in Tuscany, (The Mogol school of Arts)**, as it could be called founded by one of Italy's best-renowned song-writers, **Giulio Rapetti (Mogol)**. She gets to work with important producers of the Italian panorama, like Gianni Bella, Umberto Iervolino, Fio Zanotti and many others.

Gisella then records and produces two albums for children, "*Kids Christmas Favourites*" and "*Traditional nursery rhymes*" on the Italian 'Duck Record' label, internationally renowned for children's music! An idea created by Gisella to enhance the need for Italian children to learn English through the love of music.

She works with important Italian artists like **Jovanotti**, **Gianluca Grignani**, **Caterina Caselli**, **Rosalinda Celentano**, **Fred Bongusto**, **Albano**, **Anna Oxa**, **I Neri per Caso**, **Cristian**, **I Pooh** and many others.

SONG FESTIVALS & AWARDS in ITALY

Gisella participates in various **Euro- Song festivals** in **Romania** and **Bulgaria** and is awarded the "**Golden Orpheus**" for "Best interpretation" with special guests such as Kylie Minogue, Dionne Warwick, Jerry Lee Lewis. She participated also in various talent shows in Italy **Festival Italiano** and sings with **Gianni Bella** and was finalist at the "**Castro-Caro Festival**". This contest has given tremendous recognition to artists such as Laura Pausini, Zucchero, Nek, Eros Ramazzotti; only to name a few.

JINGLES and TV COMMERCIAL MUSIC

In the ninety's Gisella is launched into another field, **the magical world of TV. Ads and jingles** and becomes the most important session 'singer' and voice, of many National and International publicity campaigns around the world. She was even asked to record many times in London especially for the "**Levis**" **Dockers Ad**, an Italian classic, '**Tu vuoi fa' l'americano**' **in English**, originally sung by **Sofia Loren** in Italian and released the single worldwide. With enormous success; she's known in Italy as the "**JINGLE QUEEN**"!

But one of the most famous, which have become a real classic 'evergreen', an Italian iconic ad for the Italian viewers at home is "**Joy (I feel good, I feel fine)**", written and sung by Gisella. In June, 2015 **Joy** celebrate its **20th Anniversary** back on air, to commemorate 60 years of the brand's birth, the making of the famous ice-cream '**Coppa del nonno**' on air still today. Other famous Tv Ads include *Coca Cola*, *Ciobar*, *Chante Claire*, *We Bank* (appears both as actress and singer in this commercial), *Mercedes*, *Nutella*, *Ford*, *Twinnings*, *Levis*.

Another special moment in the advertising biz was when **Yoko Ono** herself, chose Gisella to perform "**Power to the people**", a **John Lennon** song, for the Tv Ad, **Enel**.

In March 2015 has been chosen to perform the **Chiquita Banana Ad** "*just Smile*" campaign for the global market by the **Armando Testa Agency**. In December Gisella is chosen to interpret another Tv Ad to add to her never-ending list of jingles for Bergader Cheese. The song performed is a parody of the **Raffaella Carrá's** hit **Tuca Tuca**, one of Italy's most famous entertainers of all time.

2016: Host and producer for the webseries; "La mia vita in uno spot / My life in a commercial". Gisella is the presenter and writer of this new format consisting of four interviews on Youtube describing the "behind the scenes" of Advertising and the outstanding musicians with whom Gisella has worked and sung commercials for in Italy past and present.

SOUNDTRACKS FOR ITALIAN & INTERNATIONAL CINEMA / TV SERIALS

Gisella begins to work with great film score-writers and sings for great successful films such as "**L'ultimo Capodanno**" di Umberto Bertolucci singing Donna Summer's *I Feel love* with an acclaimed cast including, Monica Bellucci and for the 'musical' American film, "**A time for dancing**" directed by Peter Gilbert. She has also co-written and performed the theme song, "**Living Alone Again**" for the film "**Torno a vivere da solo**", an Italian comedy directed by the popular comic / actor Jerry Calá. Teamed up also with Silvio Amalto, writing lyrics for many tracks for **Centro Vetrine** Italy's long running Soap Opera on Canale 5, Mediaset Tv.

In October 2018, Gisella is called to write all the english lyrics and adaptations for the European and International Childrens' Tv Series and production "**Miracle Tunes**", the italian remake of the japanese "Idol X Warrior" directed by **Roberto Cenci**.

Recent Albums & Events

On April 27th, **2010 "THIS IS ME"** Gisella Cozzo's new 'autobiographical' album was released in Italy, distributed by **Universal Music Group**. Distributed also in Australia by Colossal Records for her 2011 "*Back Home Tour*" in Australia.

"THIS IS ME", 12 tracks including Joy (I feel good, I feel fine) the theme song of an ice-cream Ad, (Nestlé). The whole album is entirely written in English except for a couple of songs in Italian; such as "Il Girotondo" and **GOOD MORNING HAPPINESS**, a sweet reminder of her Italian origins, co-written with **Laura Pausini**, Italy's most famous and Internationally respected artists. **Three video-clip** have been released and distributed for the singles "**DON'T TELL ME LIES**", "**QUANDO QUANDO QUANDO**" and the lyric video "**PER RICOMINCIARE**".

2012-CHARITY ALBUM FOR HAITI “Gisella Cozzo & Xmas Friends 4 Haiti”

Gisella produces a **Xmas Charity** album for the **Children of Haiti**, for the **Francesca Rava Foundation, NPH of Milan**. She composes an original song “Xmas for U & me, in bilingual versions, featuring Nick the Night Fly and Cristina D’Avena and other Italian personalities and artists. This album was produced together with many Italian, European and Australian producers, under Gisella’s supervision and production. All proceeds have gone to the Saint Damien Children’s Ward of Haiti. This album was inspired and dedicated to Gisella's late grandmother, to whom Gisella was very attached. The album is available on digital download and on CD.

Bilingual album: 2015 DOUBLE

Gisella is now ready for the release of her new and upcoming bilingual album **DOUBLE**. A selection of famous worldwide hits re-arranged and performed in Italian and English. A tribute for Gisella's love of Italian music, with the addition of two original tracks and an exceptional interpretation of **Caruso**, homage to **Lucio Dalla**.

2016/17

Creates her own radio show “**Music stories & More**” on the Italian leading web radio *Deejayfox Radio Station*. Entertaining radio listeners while singing and telling about her favourite artists.

Novembre 13TH , 2017 THE NEW SINGLE “Santa Claus is Coming To Town”

Gisella Cozzo & the Sanpa Singers sing Christmas 2017 .

From an idea created by Gisella with the collaboration of the choir of the community of San Patrignano, the new single “**Santa Claus is Coming To Town**” is available now in all digital download stores.

‘LE DIVE DEL POP’ SHOW:

For the past three years Gisella has presented her new show divas performing songs from her favourite artists such as Tina Turner, Donna Summer, Diana Ross, Whitney Houston, Barbra Streisand; Dionne Warwick, Dolly Parton and many more...

Gisella’ Show is not only entertaining and a blast but but will surely get you dancing up and off your feet.

Russia 24-May -3rd June: ‘Special Guest’ at the *ART-FOOTBALL FESTIVAL in MOSCOW*. An International event, where 16 nations around the globe are involved combining music and soccer for one cause: “Under the flag of kindness”!

October 2018:

TV Children's Show: **MIRACLE TUNES**

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