

# BOOMBOX BIO

Funky, cool, crazy, hip, happening - Boombox know how to have fun and will bring you along for the ride. Just like a personal stereo but with an oh-so infectious vibe, Boombox will play your favourite tracks to help you dance the night away. With five of the best musicians in the business, you're guaranteed to get the party started – and maybe never stop.

## **Marissa Saroca (vocals)**

How can such a big voice come out of such a little person?! That's the question most asked of Marissa Saroca, who has had a wealth of experience for someone of just 24. She was a soloist in the Hunter production *Starstruck* for seven years during high school, and was a graduate of the *Talent Development Project* (which launched the careers of *Australian Idol's* Paulini, Human Nature, and Nathan Foley from *Hi5*), leading to an appearance on the 2001 ABC documentary *Rising Stars*. Winner of Best Female Vocals at the ABC Newcastle Music Awards for two years in a row (2005, 2006), Marissa has recently been involved in theatre productions including lead roles in "RENT", rock opera "Shining Isle", jazz extravaganza "Ultra Swing Lounge" and "High School Musical". She is also in demand for session work and is currently recording her debut album.

## **TK (guitar, vocals)**

A rock star in his homeland of New Zealand, TK was lead singer of his band *The Patriots*, who had several chart hits in the early 90s and were featured in *Grind Magazine* as NZ's hottest band of 1992 and 1993. He then toured the East and West Coasts of America for two years gaining exposure to American audiences and music industry executives. TK has entertained thousands of holidaymakers during a two year stint as a musician on five star cruise ships, as well as being a regular at *Day on The Green* concerts in New Zealand.

## **Kent Jackson (bass, vocals)**

Think you've seen this face before? In the 80s, Kent Jackson was a founding member of the chart topping disco/funk (?) band *Eighty Eights*, who released four back-to-back national singles, an EP, and a full-length studio album to huge critical and commercial success. Their increasing popularity secured the band four *Countdown* appearances and a coveted spot on *Hey, Hey, It's Saturday* playing to national audiences, while their subsequent world tour included sold out concerts in Asia and Europe. Few bass players have been as in demand as Kent Jackson; as a session musician, he has played on four movie scores including Mel Gibson's first feature film *Summer City*.

## **Chris English (keyboards, vocals)**

Chris English is currently in his final year of a Bachelor of Music, majoring in piano performance at The University of Newcastle, Conservatorium of Music. During 2006 he performed, toured and recorded with Newcastle band "The Good" playing keyboard and Hammond organ. He has also played keyboards in JJK's return season of "Rent" and the locally written rock opera "The Shining Isle". Chris is currently working on a new originals project "Vaudeville", supporting himself with private teaching.

## **Ron Bult (drums and percussion)**

Ron Bult has been drumming since the age of 8, appearing in local bands CAMERA and SMALL TOYS and more recently, BIG BAM BOOM and HUSSY. He also performed as a backing musician for Ross Wilson, Alex Smith, Jimmy Little, and James Freud, touring the east coast from Cairns to Launceston. After taking a break away from music for almost 2 years, he is back with a vengeance to complete the Boombox outfit.

Boombox will entertain and excite you. This is one party band you must catch!