

# Monique diMattina

## welcome stranger

ALBUM LAUNCH  
TUE 16TH NOV, 7:00PM  
THE TOFF IN TOWN

**"Sweetly seductive"**  
Jessica Nicholas, The Age

**"Cherishing each note she plays  
and the spaces between them"**  
Doug Spencer, ABC Radio National

**"Calm notes with a sharp intelligence"**  
Sue Roberts, BBC Radio

**"A touch, tone and sensibility only  
found in artists of the highest caliber"**  
Dr Tony Gould

Monique diMattina, Fulbright scholar come singer/songwriter launches her second album – **Welcome Stranger**.

Known for exquisite piano stylings (**Senses** 2009 enjoyed extensive ABC and BBC airplay), diMattina glides for the first time into the jazz/pop territory of her teen idol Rickie Lee Jones in this impressive release. Musical collaborators include guitar and bass virtuosi Doug de Vries, Sam Lemann and Ben Robertson, Steve Grant (C.W.Stoneking – accordion/trumpet) and perennial bluesman Andrew Swann on drums/guitars.

No stranger to songwriting or singing, diMattina returned to Melbourne to record **Welcome Stranger** following several years working in New York City, with artists as diverse as Lou Reed, Bjork and the bands of Peter Gabriel, Suzanne Vega and Norah Jones.

**Welcome Stranger** pays homage to diMattina's hometown, humour and pathos gloriously entwining in songs such as the blues-hip 'Livingest Place' ("the weather man tries but he really doesn't know") sardonic 'Joan of Burwood' ("all she ever does is burn the steak") and includes one cover – compatriot Paul Kelly's 'Dumb Things'.

Stylistically **Welcome Stranger's** catchy grooves draw from lyrical country blues and New Orleans roots. Fans of the solo piano album **Senses** will recognise the characteristic diMattina elegance and mystic serenity, which national audiences can look forward to enjoying soon – extensive touring is planned in early 2011.

**Welcome Stranger** will be launched at The Toff In Town, Melbourne, Tuesday 16th November, 7pm.

**Welcome Stranger** is out on Head Records

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