

SEEING CLEARLY

BACK IN SYDNEY, MISSY HIGGINS IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE GLOBAL WARMING BANDWAGON.

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SHE’S DOING HER BIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

“We made our [last] tour carbon neutral by using green energy to power the venues and hiring hybrid cars wherever possible. Everything else leftover is being offset by carbon credits.”

HER NEW ALBUM SHOWS HOW MUCH SHE’S CHANGED SINCE HER DEBUT

“The album [On A Clear Night] hopefully reflects where I’m at right now. I just feel a lot clearer about who I am and what I want to be doing with my music. I’ve still got so much to learn but I think I’ve moved on from most of the confusion and self-doubt I felt when I was just starting out.”

SHE DISAPPEARED FROM THE AIR WAVES FOR A WHILE

“I made a conscious decision to try to be invisible in Australia last year. I was sick of hearing myself on the radio, so I can only imagine how much everybody else needed a break from me for a while.”

SHE REALISES JUST HOW SHORT LIFE REALLY IS AND HOW SMALL WE ARE

“A lot of the songs on the last album were written from fairly dark places, but *Steer* is really the opposite of that. It was inspired by a realisation I had one night on the beach, looking up at this amazingly clear sky

above me. It dawned on me how small we are, how short life is and how ridiculous it therefore is to spend any of it feeling compromised or unfulfilled. I felt so liberated to have finally figured that out and the song *Steer* just kind of fell out of that moment.”

SHE WAS INFLUENCED BY HER FAMILY’S MUSICAL TASTE

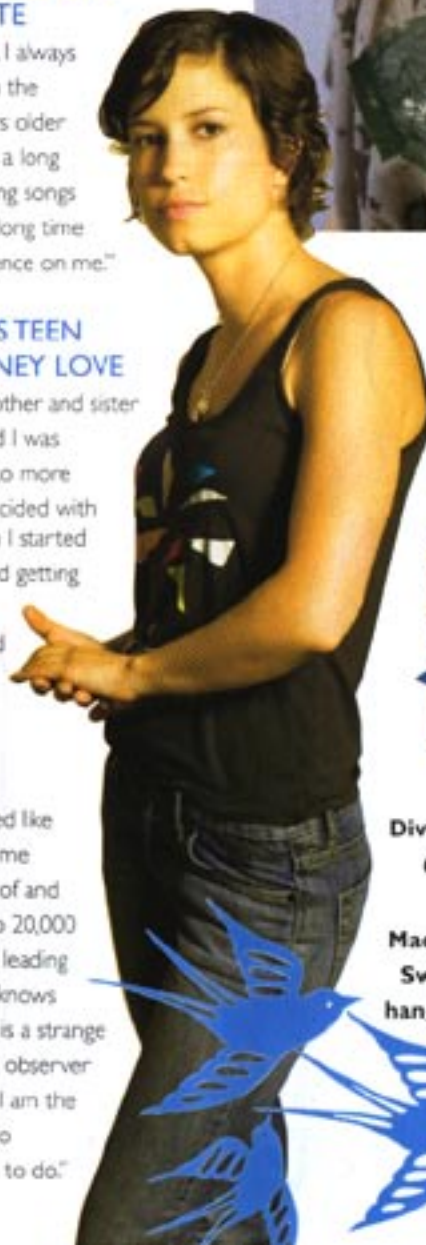
“When I think of my childhood, I always think of my dad playing piano in the house. My brother is a few years older than me and he was into music a long time before I was. He was writing songs and performing in jazz bands a long time before I was; he was a big influence on me.”

SHE WAS A REBELLIOUS TEEN AND DIGGED COURTNEY LOVE

“I used to listen to what my brother and sister listened to. Then, when I realised I was an individual, I started listening to more grunge music and I guess it coincided with my more rebellious stage, when I started smoking and wagging school and getting into trouble. It was really to escape. My friends and I used to listen to Courtney Love.”

SHE’S OVERWHELMED BY HER RISE TO FAME

“The whole thing almost seemed like a blur. One minute I was just some opening act nobody had heard of and the next minute I was playing to 20,000 people in Centennial Park. I am leading this life where everybody now knows my name and recognises me. It is a strange reality to live in. I was always an observer and quiet. Now all of a sudden I am the centre of attention. But I am also extremely lucky with what I get to do.”



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