

Musical joyride



Country Music Notes

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Dynamic duo: Donna Fisk and Michael Cristian have a new album release on a brand new independent label, Rouseabout Records, which aims to send the dust flying in Australian country music circles. Photo: Allan Studios

Melbourne-based country artists Donna Fisk and Michael Cristian have released their brand new album, *Joyride*, on the new Rouseabout Records label.

The label has been established by former Larrikin Records and Festival Records boss, Warren Fahey.

Warren said it was only natural that Fisk and Cristian be the first signing to the new label as he had previously released their Dimboola single when he was with Festival.

Dimboola went on to achieve national chart success and airplay and the video clip became a firm favourite on CMT.

Donna is the daughter of Victorian veteran Gene Bradley Fisk. She has enjoyed an impressive career that has resulted in five Southern Hemisphere Country Music Awards but no Golden Guitar — and why that is, is a mystery to me.

She's an excellent singer and songwriter and combined with the extraordinary talents of Michael Cristian, this duo is nothing short of dynamic.

Michael was responsible for producing Johnny Chester's album, *Listen*, which effectively re-launched his country career after a decade's absence.

He's also produced albums for The Seekers and Judith Durham and is regarded as one of this country's leading guitar virtuosos and multi-instrumentalists.

Donna and Michael wrote and recorded Victoria's national football anthem, *Rock 'n' Footy*, which they performed to a sell out crowd of 100,000 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in 1998.

They're currently featured singing the new Centenary of Federation song, *Building On A Strong Foundation*, which was written by Bruce Woodley and produced by Michael.

Fear Of Falling is the new single from the album, released to Australian radio stations. Their up-tempo brand of country is a treat to the ears to be enjoyed by all.

I'm looking forward to seeing their names in the finalist list of the 2002 CMAA Country Music Awards of Australia.