

# Harper

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Harper is one of Australia's most highly respected & multi award winning musicians. His numerous national and international tours and CD releases have established him as a much "sort after" performer and an excellent ambassador for Australian original roots music. Harper's first solo album "Live at The Soup Kitchen" was recorded at the famous Soup Kitchen in Detroit, Michigan in 1997. In 1997 Harper was awarded an International Touring Grant from Arts Victoria, Australia. In mid 2000, Harper released his second album "Glass on the Stepping Stone" (On Core Records). The success of this CD took Harper to Europe. Harper's European tours received an incredible response with a minimum of 3-4 encores per show with performances at "Blue Balls" in Lucerne, Switzerland and Market Plaza, Bonn, Germany as well as various shows in Austria. The Australia Council for the Arts sponsored Harper's 1999, 2000 and 2003 American tours. Harper released his third CD "Live at St Andrews" (On Core Records) in 2002. Harper released his multi award winning CD "Way Down Deep Inside" (UTR Music Group USA/ On Core) in 2003 receiving international airplay and critical acclaim. In late 2004 Harper signed with Blind Pig Records, USA and released "Down to the Rhythm" in 2005. Harper was the first foreigner to be signed to this prestigious US label. Now based in Michigan, USA, Harper released his second CD "Day By Day" through Blind Pig in 2007. In 2009/10 Harper toured England, Wales, Belgium, USA, & Canada. Harper and his band Midwest Kind were booked at 30 major festivals proving that Harper is a big hit on the festival circuit. His latest CD "Stand Together" Blind Pig Records was released, May 18, 2010.

*Harper: vocalist/harmonica/composer/didgeridoo.....world blues fusion!*

Born in the UK and raised in Perth, Western Australia amongst a culture of surfing, folk music, soul and blues. Harper is known for his powerful, soulful voice, unique virtuosic harmonica performances and "innovative and new" song writing style. From a wide range of influences, Harper singles out the inspiring music of Motown, the British Invasion of the late sixties and seventies with traditional English folk and American blues music, as a major source for his song writing. Harper combines these genres of music to create his own worldly take on the roots music genre. Harper describes his music as "World Blues Fusion". Harper's virtuosity on the harmonica has also gained him comparisons with the great "Sugar Blue" and John Popper. Heavily influenced by Australian indigenous culture, Harper began playing the didgeridoo (Australian Indigenous Instrument) and has incorporated its deep woody tones into his song writing. Moved by the plight of Australia's Aborigines, Harper delved deep into their unique culture and dedicated his 2003 release "Way Down Deep Inside" to their cause. This journey began with a chance meeting with a Hopi native in Colorado, USA. Harper felt a karmic connection with the flute playing "Dan Running Bear". This meeting made Harper realise how little he knew about the indigenous people of his own country of Australia. Part of his journey was learning to play the didgeridoo as well as learning about the Australian Aboriginal culture which spiritually connects us to the land. Harper's songs are also reflections of his own life on the road and the people he has had the opportunity to meet around the world. Harper is one of Australia's leading session musicians having performed on over 1500 major commercials for film, radio and television. His harmonica playing has been featured on major film sound tracks such as Paul Hogan's "Lightening Jack", Japanese film "Kuta", English film, "Elephant Boy", Canadian mini series "Mckenna", Australian mini series "Tracks of Glory", the ABC's "Once in a Blue Moon", "A River Somewhere" and several American films such as "Fast Getaway". Harper was also featured on the ABC Television series "Harper Live at The Basement" (Australia). Harper has been awarded "Best Album of the Year", and two harmonica awards "The Sweet Harmonica" and The Nasty Harmonica award" by US magazine "Guide to the Best of the Blues Harmonicas & Beyond". Harper received "Best Male Vocalist" and "Best Song" of 2004, by The Australian Blues Music Awards". Harper also received a TREV award for "Best Acoustic Act" of the year. Harper's song "Just What You're Looking For" was placed third in the prestigious 2007 International Songwriting Competition. Blues legend John Mayall was so impressed with the song that he released it recently on his new CD "Tough" (Eagle Records). Harper is the exclusive endorsee of Hohner Harmonicas, USA. Harper has performed with the world renowned Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Australia. Harper also performed with The Beijing Orchestra for the Chinese musical "Chinois". A Harper live session was recently aired world wide on the Paul Jones Show, BBC 2, London, England. Harper received a gold record for his vocal performance of "Sailing Australia" for the America's Cup Theme. He has performed for the Queen of England at a Royal Command Performance at Forest Place in Western Australia. Harper has opened for BB King, Van Morrison, Canned Heat, George Thorogood, Ko Ko Taylor, Jimi Thackery, Bernard Allison, Buddy Guy, Debbie Davies, Urma Thomas, John Mayall, E.C. Scott, Walter Trout, Snooky Prior, WAR, Charlie Musselwhite plus many more. Harper was recently invited to play harmonica with US super group "Journey" on their thirty year anniversary tour. Several of Harper's songs from "Down to the Rhythm" & "Day By Day" CDs have been featured on the hit US series "Dog The Bounty Hunter". Harper is also known for his charity work and has supported "Jennifer's Day" for the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation, Western Australia. Harper and his band perform harp/ didgeridoo workshops at various schools worldwide. Harper was also awarded a commendation for bravery by The Australian Government for his rescue of several women from a fire at a YWCA in Melbourne.

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