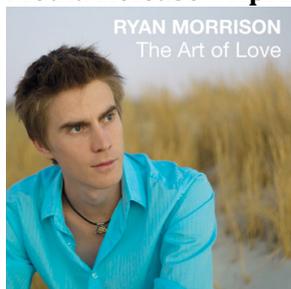


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### **RYAN MORRISON DEBUT ALBUM LAUNCH**

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May – ALBUM LAUNCH The Memorial Hall, Camelot Theatre, Mosman Park**

It's not every day that the engineer recording your album falls asleep in the middle of a song, but Ryan Morrison takes this as a compliment. "Though my album is basically acoustic folk/pop songs, I wanted it to be as beautiful and relaxing as possible – this is a good sign!" laughs Ryan.

Ryan recorded his debut album *The Art of Love* with Lee Buddle at Crank Studios in Perth, following two years of touring Australia with NSW songwriter Kate Rowe. He has developed a reputation as a songwriter with a tender heart, whose peaceful, poetic songs weave a spell around his appreciative listeners. And it will not surprise his fans that the album is indeed all about the art of love. "I try to write about other things, but it's a big theme with me — the many shades of love," says Ryan.

Inspired by Feist's classic 2007 album *The Reminder*, Ryan set out to create a varied tapestry of gentle acoustic arrangements. *The Art of Love* is for listening and relaxing: it's a gentle wash of sound rich in harmony, melody, and light grooves. Songs range from the cheeky pop song 'I Like Your Face', to the deep, dark 'Stuff To Make You Go Mmm'. 'Devil Woman' is a warning song taken from an encounter with a dodgy man with a beard, while 'Holy Wine' and 'Art of Love' (the sleep-inducing lullaby mentioned earlier) feature a vocal sextet singing in exquisite four-part harmony.

Ryan sought out a collective of his favourite musicians in WA to create the sounds of the album. The launch will feature many of these musicians, including Pete Jeavons on double bass, Chris Tarr on drums, Tal Cohen on piano, Craig Sinclair on slide guitar and banjo, Lara Norman on violin, Kate Rowe on harmony, and a six-piece vocal ensemble made up of members of Summerhouse. Support acts at the launch will include The Peppercorns, Kate Rowe and Summerhouse.

Ryan has been songwriting and performing for eleven years. He grew up in Perth and was drawn early on to harmonies and arrangement, singing with Perth a cappella group Summerhouse for many of his formative years, and composing, directing and arranging Georgian-style music for The Spooky Men of the West. Ryan also conducts singing workshops on his own behalf, and as part of The Spooky Men's Chorale.

Ryan Morrison launches his debut album *The Art of Love* on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at the Memorial Hall at Camelot Theatre in Mosman Park.

#### ***The Art of Love* ALBUM LAUNCH**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011 - Doors open 7pm

Memorial Hall, Camelot Theatre, 16 Lochee St, Mosman Park

Tickets: \$20/\$15 Conc/\$10 kids under 12

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