

THE ROCK ACROSS AUSTRALIA 2003 END OF YEAR ANALYSIS

WOMEN BLITZ THE CHART

The year 2003 has been the most successful for female Christian artists since The Rock Across Australia reports were first published five years ago.

Stacie Orrico's *(There's Gotta Be) More To Life* is the year's number one song securing 13 consecutive weeks at number one on the weekly survey.

Stacie is also the most successful artist of the year scoring three number one songs - *(There's Gotta Be) More To Life*, *Stuck* and *Security* totaling 23 weeks at the top spot.

Radio adored Roma Waterman's *Lifting Me Up* airing it more than any other Christian song throughout the year. And Rebecca St James gained the most airplay of any artist.

AUSTRALASIAN MUSIC

Australasian music is continuing to grow in strength and rise to higher positions on the chart.

While slightly fewer Australasian songs have gained a position in the Top 100, almost half of these entries are in the Top 25. Australasians have recorded eleven of the year's Top 25 songs and albums.

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Top 25	11	5	7	4	7
Top 100	24	27	26	25	19

WORSHIP MUSIC CONTINUES TO GROW

The flagship of contemporary Christian music today is worship. More than a quarter of the Top 100 is worship oriented, with almost half of these in the Top 25. Half the Top 10 is worship-oriented music.

More than 60% of the most successful Australasian songs in the Top 100 are worship - the most successful being recorded by Newsboys, Hillsong - Marty Sampson, CCC Youth - Nikki Fletcher and Planet Shakers.

As more and more worship artists are creating studio albums and radio mixes of live tracks, Christian radio is steadily acknowledging the importance of this genre and increasing airplay.

2003 NEW ARTISTS

Most of the focus in Christian music this year has been on developing existing chart performers.

The most successful "new" artists have included Switchfoot, Planet Shakers, and Warren Barfield. While Switchfoot or Planet Shakers are not new artists in the true sense, 2003 saw their first appearances on TRAA.

Christian radio has been highly successful introducing several new and developing acts this year notably Across the Sky, Among Thorns, Jeremy Camp, Ceili Rain, Freddie Colloca, Melody Crystal, DJ Maj, Everyday Sunday, Ronnie Freeman, GlassByrd, Inside the Outside, Kutless, Jill Parr, Ramiyah, and Kristy Starling.

Ronnie Freeman and Jill Parr found positions in TRAA's Top 20 *Most Played Song* report.

2003 LONGEST STAYERS

Nineteen songs have stayed on TRAA's weekly survey for 20 weeks or more during 2003.

The most successful of these being Relient K's *Getting Into You* which has remained on the chart for a total of 41 weeks. If the song continues to generate airplay and sell at the rate it has this year, it will smash Paul Colman Trio's 44-week record for *Your Sweet Voice*.

WI	T100	TITLE	ARTIST	ALBUM
41	2	GETTING INTO YOU	RELIENT K	TWO LEFTS DON'T MAKE A RIGHT...
34	12	MORE THAN FINE	SWITCHFOOT	BEAUTIFUL LETDOWN
27	11	ONE DESIRE	MARTY SAMPSON	BLESSED
26	15	HOW DO I LOVE HER	STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN	ALL ABOUT LOVE
25	23	OPEN UP THE GATES	PLANET SHAKERS	MY KING
24	4	YOU ARE SO GOOD TO ME	THIRD DAY	OFFERINGS 2: ALL I HAVE TO GIVE
23	19	THE VALLEY SONG	JARS OF CLAY	FURTHERMORE
23	8	SPOKEN FOR	MERCYME	SPOKEN FOR
23	22	LIFTING ME UP	ROMA WATERMAN	PEOPLE CHANGE
22	14	DREAM MAKER	CCC YOUTH	RUN WITH YOU
22	3	THERE SHE STANDS	MICHAEL W SMITH	WORSHIP AGAIN
22	26	LEGACY	NICHOLE NORDEMAN	WOVEN AND SPUN
22	1	(THERE'S GOTTA BE) MORE TO LIFE	STACIE ORRICO	STACIE ORRICO
21	39	EVERY MOMENT	JOY WILLIAMS	BY SURPRISE
21	7	BETTER THAN LIFE	HILLSONG - MARTY SAMPSON	HOPE
21	21	DAY BY DAY	POINT OF GRACE	24
20	29	LOST WITHOUT YOU	JACI VELASQUEZ	UNSPOKEN
20	6	HE REIGNS	NEWSBOYS	ADORATION: THE WORSHIP ALBUM
20	5	ALL ABOUT LOVE	STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN	ALL ABOUT LOVE

2003 NUMBER ONE SONGS

Nine songs made it to number one during the year.

Stacie Orrico has spent almost half the year (23 weeks) at number one with three songs - *Security*, *Stuck* and *(There's Gotta Be) More to Life*. She is the only artist to score more than one #1 song.

Darlene Zschech has gained her first TRAA number one with *Everything About You*. It has been on top for nine weeks.

Third Day also has spent a total of nine weeks on top with *Offering* on three separate occasions throughout the year.

Others to reach #1 are Steven Curtis Chapman spent (7 weeks), Rebecca St James (3) and David Meece (1).

(There's Gotta Be) More to Life had the longest consecutive run at number one - 13 weeks.

Date #1	W@#1	TOP 100	SONG	ARTIST	ALBUM
6-Jan	5	10	SECURITY	STACIE ORRICO	WOW 2003
10-Feb	3	5	ALL ABOUT LOVE	STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN	ALL ABOUT LOVE
3-Mar	1	41	LET MY WORDS BE FEW	REBECCA St JAMES	WORSHIP GOD
10-Mar	4	5	ALL ABOUT LOVE	STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN	ALL ABOUT LOVE
7-Apr	4	9	OFFERING	THIRD DAY	OFFERINGS 2: ALL I HAVE TO GIVE
5-May	1	38	I JUST WANT TO BE WITH YOU	DAVID MEECE	THERE I GO AGAIN
12-May	3	9	OFFERING	THIRD DAY	OFFERINGS 2: ALL I HAVE TO GIVE
2-Jun	2	20	I THANK YOU	REBECCA St JAMES	WAIT FOR ME
16-Jun	2	9	OFFERING	THIRD DAY	OFFERINGS 2: ALL I HAVE TO GIVE
30-Jun	5	43	STUCK	STACIE ORRICO	STACIE ORRICO
4-Aug	13	1	(THERE'S GOTTA BE) MORE TO LIFE	STACIE ORRICO	STACIE ORRICO
3-Nov	9	27	EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU	DARLENE ZSCHECH	KISS OF HEAVEN

CARRY OVER CHAMPIONS

One fifth of TRAA's 2003 End of Year Top 100 songs also scored positions in the previous year's Top 100.

And four songs have scored positions in the Top 50 of each year:

- There She Stands - Michael W Smith
- Imagine - Amy Grant
- Security - Stacie Orrico
- I Worship You - MercyMe

MercyMe's version of *I Can Only Imagine* has found a place in TRAA's Top 100 reports for the past three years. Amy Grant's version, titled *Imagine*, has also scored positions in the Top 50 in 2002 and 2003. At this rate, *I Can Only Imagine* could become the Christian song of the decade.

SONG TITLE	ARTIST	2003 TOP 100	2002 TOP 100	2001 TOP 100
THERE SHE STANDS	MICHAEL W SMITH	3	38	-
SPOKEN FOR	MERCYME	8	84	-
SECURITY	STACIE ORRICO	10	48	-
NO OTHER HOPE	DAVID MEECE	30	51	-
BREATHE YOUR NAME	SIXPENCE NONE THE RICHER	34	69	-
IMAGINE [also known as I CAN ONLY IMAGINE	AMY GRANT	37	15	-
I WORSHIP YOU	MERCYME	44	10	-
HOLY	NICHOLE NORDEMAN	50	56	-
MY HEART IS SET ON YOU	POINT OF GRACE	54	68	-
IN THE MORNING	MARY MARY	56	5	-
IT'S ALRIGHT	THIRD DAY	62	2	-
ALL I CAN DO	JUMP5	67	46	-
BEAUTIFUL	SARAH SADLER	68	55	-
SONG OF LOVE	REBECCA St JAMES	74	1	-
J-TRAIN / J-TRAIN (MATH REMIX)	TOBY MAC + KIRK FRANKLIN	78	60	-
FILL MY CUP (2002)	PAUL COLMAN TRIO	79	80	-
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE	MERCYME	84	83	25
SURRENDER	JOY WILLIAMS	90	73	-
POOR MAN	SOULJAHZ	96	32	-
ONE FOOT IN THE WATER	4HIM	97	28	-

2003 MOST SUCCESSFUL ACTS

Stacie Orrico and Third Day are the only acts with two songs in the Top 10 of TRAA's 2003 End of Year Top 100.

Stacie and Rebecca St James have three titles in the Top 50.

In total, Rebecca St James, Third Day and Michael W Smith have scored four positions in the Top 100.

Eight acts - Stacie Orrico, Planet Shakers, Paul Colman Trio, MercyMe, David Meece, Mary Mary, Jars of Clay and Jump5 - have scored three songs.

ARTIST	SONG	TRAA TOP 100
REBECCA St JAMES	EXPRESSIONS OF YOUR LOVE	17
	I THANK YOU	20
	LET MY WORDS BE FEW	41
	SONG OF LOVE	74

TRAA 2003 OVERVIEW

ARTIST	SONG	TRAA TOP 100
THIRD DAY	YOU ARE SO GOOD TO ME	4
	OFFERING	9
	NOTHING COMPARES	57
	IT'S ALRIGHT	62

ARTIST	SONG	TRAA TOP 100
MICHAEL W SMITH	THERE SHE STANDS	3
	SIGNS	36
	LOVE IS MOVING	92
	LORD HAVE MERCY	94

ARTIST	SONG	TRAA TOP 100
STACIE ORRICO	(THERE'S GOTTA BE) MORE TO LIFE	1
	SECURITY	10
	STUCK	43

ARTISTS WITH THE MOST WEEKS ON TRAA

In 2003, just three acts spent a total of 52 weeks or more on TRAA during 2003. These were Rebecca St James, Planet Shakers and Third Day. Each of these artists is a leader in contemporary worship-oriented music.

ARTIST	SONG	WEEKS ON TRAA	TOTAL WEEKS
REBECCA St JAMES	EXPRESSIONS OF YOUR LOVE	19	55
	I THANK YOU	17	
	LET MY WORDS BE FEW	14	
	SONG OF LOVE	5	

ARTIST	SONG	WEEKS ON TRAA	TOTAL WEEKS
PLANET SHAKERS	OPEN UP THE GATES	25	54
	RESCUE ME	19	
	REASON I LIVE	10	

ARTIST	SONG	WEEKS ON TRAA	TOTAL WEEKS
THIRD DAY	YOU ARE SO GOOD TO ME	24	52
	OFFERING	17	
	NOTHING COMPARES	6	
	IT'S ALRIGHT	5	