

BROOKE FRASER ANNOUNCES THEATRE TOUR

Brooke Fraser follows her April sell-out club tour with her first national theatre tour of Australia commencing at Melbourne's Athenaeum Theatre on Saturday 25 August and continuing through major state capitals.

The New Zealand singing sensation has made Sydney her home for the past three years filling venues, including a three night residency at Sydney's legendary Basement.

Brooke returns to the stage with an expanded line-up featuring backing musicians from Ireland, Detroit, Australia and New Zealand.

Brooke's sophomore album *Albertine* and first single *Deciphering Me* have been warmly received on both sides of the Tasman.

The album's second single *Shadowfeet* has already topped the New Zealand charts. It will be released in Australia to coincide with Brooke's tour. It is already #29 on TRAA's Top 30 airplay chart.

Albertine is four times platinum in New Zealand and approaching Gold in Australia.

Tickets to all shows go on sale Wednesday 18 July.

Tour dates

CITY	DAY, DATE	VENUE	TICKETS
Melbourne	Saturday 25 August	Athenaeum Theatre	Athenaeum - (03) 9650 1500
Perth	Sunday 26 August	Octagon Theatre	BOCS - 1800 193 300
Brisbane	Wednesday 29 August	The Tivoli	Ticketek - 132 849
Adelaide	Friday 31 August	Her Majesty's Theatre	Bass - 131 246
Sydney	Saturday 1 September	Enmore Theatre	Enmore Theatre- (02) 9550 3666



BLACKSTUMP ANNOUNCES 07 LINE UP

Blackstump has announced its headliners for 2007.

Artists include Reuben Morgan, Revive, and Scat.

Organisers say the festival is more than music. It's about engaging God in the whole of life: community, creation, arts, music, teaching and the Bible; and engaging others in justice, mercy, compassion and respect.

Blackstump runs Friday 28 September to Monday 1 October 2007 at Cataract Scout Park, Appin NSW.



Reuben Morgan

AGMF UNVEILS NEW NAME

The Australian Gospel Music Festival – or AGMF as it is better known - has changed its name and refocused its purpose.

The Toowoomba based Easter festival, which turns ten next year, is now Easterfest.

CEO Isaac Moody says it's an "exciting time" to change the name and emphasis of the festival.

"First of all, Easterfest is a shorter, simpler name," Isaac says.

"It has a national meaning, and it recognises that Easterfest is not only an event at Easter, but an event *about* Easter.

"The message of Easter is our priority," he emphasises.

Easterfest will be held 21-23 March 2008.



Isaac Moody

WEDDING BELLS FOR JACK AND WHITNEY

Jack Mooring (Leeland) has married Michael W Smith's oldest daughter, Whitney.

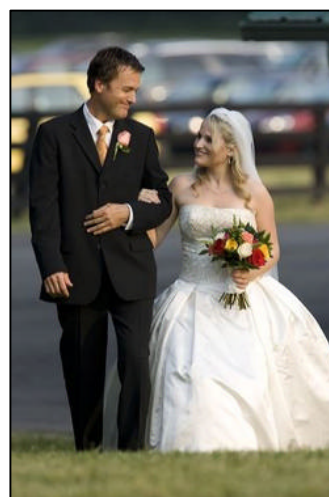
The couple met when Smith and Leeland Mooring, Jack's younger brother, began writing for Smith's *Stand* record.

The wedding took place at Michael's farm in Franklin Tennessee last month.

Smith's latest song *How To Say Goodbye* was inspired by Whitney, and written with long-time friend Amy Grant.

"It captured my feelings of letting my little girl go off to college for the first time. It was the first time we'd been apart for an extended period of time and, because our family is very close, having her all the way across the country was pretty tough to get used to," says Smith.

Jack and Leeland Mooring are this week's guests on *The Reality Zone*. Mark Schultz pops in too.



Proud father Michael W Smith with daughter Whitney.

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Newsboys recently topped the Radio & Records Christian CHR chart with *Something Beautiful*. The radio single's success marks newsboys' 23rd #1.

Sydney band **Revive** is heading to the US next month to play with Third Day and Sanctus Real at the Charlottesville Pavilion.

Sony BMG will release **Chaka Khan's** new CD *Funk This* in September. Mary J Blige and Michael McDonald make guest appearances on the CD.