

HASCHEK WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Compliments Of Gus keyboardist Jared Haschek recently won two of the nation's most prestigious songwriting awards in Sydney.

Haschek won Australian Songwriting Awards for *Rain Down* in the Spiritual category and *Night Divine* in the country music division.

Compliments Of Gus recorded both songs as part of its latest CD *If This Is The End*.

Jared says he's honored and humbled to have won the Australian Songwriting Association Awards.

Rain Down is tipped as the group's next radio single to follow *Not Ashamed*.



Jared Haschek

MATT LUCAS TO RELEASE NEW PROJECT

Sydney singer songwriter Matt Lucas this month releases his new CD *Some Days Are Better*.

Matt wrote eight new songs for the project including *The Long Way Home* and *Mercy Lights My May (I Am Free)*.

He also recorded a remix of his 2006 TRAA hit *Watching Over You*, plus three covers including *Long Long Way To Go* (Phil Collins), *My Confession/Your Grace* (Paul Colman/ Jack Jones,) and *I Still Pray* (Kasey Chambers).

Matt says he loves the sentiment of Kasey's song.

"I really like the fact that *I Still Pray* possesses such a profound Christian message," he states.

But there's a surprise inclusion to the song.

"For me, adding the bridge of the Paul Colman Trio's hit *The Killing Tree* contrasts the birth of the Christ child and the innocence of his tragic death 2000 years ago.

"It's a death, that today, provides healing and salvation for a broken generation," he says.

The Colman Trio link is not surprising as Pc3 drummer Phil Gaudion produced the CD.

Don Bartley who has worked with Powderfinger, John Farnham, Cold Chisel, and Midnight Oil did the mastering.

Matt and his band will launch the CD at Blackstump later this month.



Matt Lucas