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SINGER OPENS MÜSIC SCHOOL AFTER GLOBE TROTTING

Andrew Dawson

MEET Jodie-Joy Smith, a Logan mother who has travelled the world doing what she loves.

Jodie-Joy is a singer-song writer who only last weekend launched her first music video single called Make It.

The Tanah Merah resident has also been fine tuning the launch of her album titled JJ which comes out in May.

She finetuned her skills during a two-month tour of the United States earlier this year where she also worked with music producer and two-time Grammy award winner Marc Swersky.

"It (singing) is all I have ever done to earn a living. It has had its ups and downs, but a lot more ups than downs," the former John Paul College student said.

Jodie-Joy, 38, said Logan was rich with music talent, some of which she said was now nurturing after she opened a music school.

"There is a lot of talent," she said. "Savage Garden came out of here and there are good music stories from here.

"I have been travelling the world, a little Logan girl travelling the world."

She said she wanted to give back to the community by encouraging the city's music talent.

"Part of what I do is getting a lot

of joy out of developing other artists," she said.

"Where I can help, that was the inspiration for starting the music school. It was to help artists come through the ranks as well.

"We teach singing, piano and guitar."

Her music video clip is available on iTunes. Visit jodiejov.com.au.

For information on Jodie-Joy's music school visit multiplaymusic centre .com.au

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A joy to see Ms Smith again

REMEMBER Jodie-Joy Smith? She was one of the original reality TV stars and doesn't have nice things to say about her experience.

The Brisbane singer almost made it to the top of *Popstars*, just missing a spot in the now defunct all-girl band **Bardot** back in 1999.

When the series wrapped up, years of hard slog in Sydney followed.

"I wasn't going to join the Popstars in the end," the former Logan schoolgirl says.

After Popstars, there were guest spots on Channel 10s Good News Week with group the Poptarts. They appeared as the opening act at the Logies in 2000.

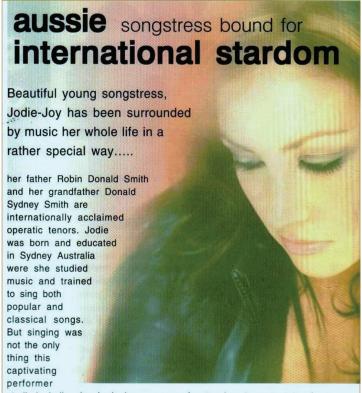
Now she's back in Brisneyland after releasing a record in Japan.

She has her own production company and has signed with an independent record label. Expect a single soon.



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studied. Jodie also had eleven years of extensive dance training from jazz to ballet to underpin her rhythm, style and presence on stage.

As well as developing her vocal skills and performing talent, Jodie has also worked hard to expand her talents as a songwriter. As a result, she has created expressive and powerful music, working with some of Australia's most notable artists and songwriters including Daniel Jones and Hayden Bell (Savage Garden), Thomas Who (Shannon Noll), Audius (Delta Goodrem), and Dead Mono (Ronan Keating).

Whilst Jodie's debut album 'I Still Believe', released by Columbia Records, Japan in 2005, has enjoyed significant success, her career is about to reach even greater heights ... the man who discovered Hayley Westerna is now about to sign Jodie to Universal Music International - London, a move which will launch her career internationally as a classical crossover artist. With a provocative mix of sensuality, a unique sound and a wealth of experience behind her, Jodie is poised to capture even more hearts with her stunning looks and truly magnificent voice. Visit www.jodiejoy.com.au

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Opening Act at the Logies Awards 2000



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