

ERNEST AINES – AUSTRALIAN SINGER SONGWRITER

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“Ernest Aines has the kind of voice that turns every head towards the stage and suspends conversation”.
Independent Music Review.

“He is a giant, musically and lyrically”. VanDyke Parks.

Ernest Aines, Australian Folk Artist of the Year 2023 (nominee) is an award winning and touring folk singer-songwriter. His music has drawn comparisons to the work of Ray Lamontagne, Bon Iver, Jeff Buckley and Nick Drake.

Critical acclaim for his album "Spiral Bound" solidified his status as a luminary in folk music. Notably, Ernest has graced renowned stages, including the Folk Alliance International (FAI) and a special tribute show for The Library of Congress, where his performances left lasting impressions.

Ernest's recent UK tour boasted sold-out venues and garnered rave reviews, affirming his reputation as a captivating live performer. AmericanaUK praised his music for its delicate balance between introspection and exuberance. Additionally, Ernest has received invitations to perform at Canadian and UK festivals. Ernest continues to captivate audiences globally with his evocative narratives and melodies, affirming his status as a masterful storyteller and leaving an indelible mark on the folk music landscape.

Ernest released his debut album, "Spiral Bound", at the end of 2023, which quickly earned accolades from critics for its "exceptional lyricism", "instrumental genius" and "boundless creativity". Australian Roots bible, Rhythms Magazine, described it as "a remarkable debut album" with a quality that is "universal, borderless and timeless".

Ernest's first UK tour in January 2024, through England and Ireland, followed the release, and, sold-out shows, standing ovations, and invitations to return to play, attest to the appetite of music fans for his authentic music.

Armed with only a guitar and a stomp box he is a master of the stage. In 2023 Ernest played at the Folk Alliance International conference in Kansas City, sponsored by Sounds Australia. After Ernest's performance at the 2023 FAI official showcase, Tom Paxton, Grammy Lifetime Achievement award-winner, went backstage and shook Ernest by the shoulders, exclaiming "Keep doing this, keep doing this!". Quite an honour from an icon of the Folk movement for over 50 years.

Planning is underway for further international and national touring later in 2024.

“Aines is a true contemporary master of the folk music form...”

*In terms of genres, across the ten songs on this remarkable debut album Aines has managed to weave elements of everyone from Peter Gabriel to Donovan to Art Garfunkel in a **sonic tapestry that is just breathtaking**. 'Lady In Waiting' is folk/madrigal/Gabriel-era Genesis/Fotheringay/Fairport/Steeleye all wrapped up in wonderfulness. From spare to sumptuous, delicate to anthemic, Spiral Bound deserves to be heard. Aines may be Australian but he has created something universal, borderless and timeless”*

MICHAEL GEORGE SMITH, RHYTHMS MAGAZINE

“You're rarely ever going to find an artist or band cracking the bat as hard as Ernest Aines has throughout Spiral Bound. I'm endlessly impressed, truly. I've spun this record inside and out since I got it, and I've got every plan to continue that habit over here in Canada. If there was anything at all that he could have done any better, I didn't hear it. I never doubted the man for a second, but it sure was awesome to hear him exceed even my wildest hopes and expectations – you can consider me a sincere fan of Ernest Aines, and I'm absolutely certain that you'll feel the same.”

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The new album has amassed thousands of streams online, has earned high-rotation on Australia's Public Broadcaster ABC Country and ABCDoubleJ, TripleR and 3PBS iconic Independent Melbourne Radio stations and internationally on BBC Sounds, BBC Wales, Brum Radio Birmingham, Deal Radio UK, and Canadian and USA stations.

Milestones

2024

Jan: Spiral Bound reaches 100,000 streams on Spotify
UK Tour – 14 gigs through England & Ireland
#7 iTunes Charts Ireland for Yellowstone
Nannup Folk Festival
The Blue Mountains Folk Festival
The National Folk Festival
Yackandandah Folk Festival

2023

Woodford Folk Festival
Dorrigo Folk Festival
Sept: Memo Music Hall launch “Spiral Bound”
Featured artist on ABC TV Art Works
Sponsorship by Pratley Guitars
Nominated as Folk Artist of the Year by Folk Alliance Australia
Folk Alliance International - Official Showcase, Sounds Australia - Kansas City, USA
- Library of Congress Archive tribute show,- representing Sounds Australia.



LINKS:



EPK: <https://lingapp.com/ErnestAines>

Reviews <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xHJ5HCy38txsmyKnqfXA8-azs-Uzgr4C/edit>



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