

Victoria McGee A Heart Transplant Recipient Joins Star-Studded Line Up For Rodeo 4 Life



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Today, Rodeo 4 Life producers announced Victoria McGee, one of Australia's queens of country music, will join the Rodeo 4 Life star-studded line-up alongside Travis Collins, John Jarratt and 25 superstar bull riding cowboys in the explosive rodeo and country music arena spectacular at WIN Entertainment Centre on Saturday 30 November.

The Rodeo 4 Life arena spectacular will mark 7 months to the day since Victoria McGee received the heart transplant that saved her life.

Passionate about donating her time and talent to many worthwhile charity causes, McGee now brings her vocal talents to the centre arena to open Rodeo 4 Life by performing the Australian National Anthem.

Overwhelmed by the generosity of her donor, McGee said, "I'm one of the lucky ones whose life was saved because someone cared enough to register to become an organ donor and because of many years of dedicated research into organ transplantation.

"It's an incredible honour to be part of this special event to raise vital funds for the RPA Transplant Institute's important research to enable more lives to be saved by increasing organ transplants," she said.

"I will always be grateful for this gift of life my donor entrusted to me; and I'm humbled to be given the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at Rodeo 4 Life to give something back to transplant research while being a voice for all those whose lives have been saved and to pay tribute to the wonderful donors who've given many of us a second chance at life," Ms McGee said.

A country girl, McGee is no stranger to bull riding rodeos. Hailing from "The Bull Riding McGees" – a family considered among Australia's rodeo royalty, McGee's uncle is one of the only cowboys to ever ride the notorious rodeo bull, "Chainsaw" for the full 8 seconds.

Rodeo 4 Life's producer Doug Vickers OAM said, "It's an absolute honour to have Victoria join our line-up of extreme talent to play such a poignant role of singing our National Anthem on behalf of all of us who owe our lives to the researchers, surgeons, nurses, medical staff and above all, our generous donors.

"We owe this talented young woman a sincere debt of gratitude for getting behind Rodeo 4 Life and together we'll help save the lives of others in need of a transplant with 100% of profits supporting the vital work of the RPA Transplant Institute to help increase the number of lives that can be saved each year.

"The audience should be prepared for an 'edge of their seat' experience when Rodeo 4 Life explodes with a thrilling, action-packed night of electrifying live rodeo and country music entertainment," Mr Vickers said.

Rodeo 4 Life's star-studded line-up includes Victoria McGee, John Jarratt as MC and seven-time Golden Guitar winner and back-to-back CMC Male Artist of the Year, Travis Collins performing a full length concert with some of Australia's toughest bull riding superstars fighting the odds to stay mounted on the legendary JP Gill and Sons' mightiest rodeo bulls as they compete for the championship title and a whopping \$30,000 in prize money!

Rodeo 4 Life will also star Australia's legendary rodeo clown, Big Al Wilson, rodeo protection clowns Gene McDonald and Rodney-Ray (Rude) Mancell - both risk takers who'll put their lives on the line to distract the bulls away from the grounded riders, rodeo announcer Glen Morgan whose name is synonymous with Australian rodeo sports; and, the spectacular mighty rodeo bulls bred by John "Happy" Gill and Sons Rodeo Contractors who'll be doing their darnedest to send Rodeo 4 Life's bull riding superstars flying!

For tickets to the Rodeo 4 Life arena spectacular visit Ticketmaster or rodeo4life.com.au

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VICTORIA MCGEE

Victoria McGee made her performance debut at the tender age of eight before launching her professional career in the world of country music at just 14. Throughout her short career, Victoria has enjoyed much success, performing at events such as NRL Games, NBL Games, NSW Pro Boxing Championships & entertaining in some of the country's most prestigious venues, including Star City Casino, Vodafone Arena, on board P&O, Captain Cook and Sydney Harbour Cruises.

A young versatile and award-winning vocalist, McGee who is best known for her hit albums You'll Remember Me and Fire in the Wind has graced Australian television screens since she was 13-years-old appearing in charity telethons, The X Factor and Australian Idol and appeared on national television as a judge on Channel 7's hit TV Show All Together Now alongside industry greats such as Rhonda Burchmore, Mark Gable (Choirboys) and Ronan Keating.

With a reputation as one of Australia's queens of country music, McGee has starred in country music festivals including the Tamworth Country Music Festival and the Deni Ute Muster. Over her career Victoria has graced the stage with music legends Grace Knight, The Seekers, Wayne Horsburgh, Louie Shelton, The Wolverines, Angry Anderson (Rose Tattoo), Golden Guitar Winner Adam Harvey, Alan Jackson, Kasey Chambers, Morgan Evans & The Sunny Girls to name a few.

McGee performed at the 2013 CMA Festival in Nashville TN, headlining alongside artists such as Craig Campbell and many more.

Victoria is also very passionate about giving her talent to support worthy causes including Rodeo 4 Life.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Please see a high resolution image of Victoria McGee visit <http://bit.ly/RFL-Media> or rodeo4life.com.au/media

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