

A photograph of Thor Phillips, a man with a beard and curly hair, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and black suspenders. He is playing a red resonator guitar. The background is a white corrugated metal wall with a red section at the bottom.

THOR PHILLIPS



Thor wields his guitar like a hammer. Electric or acoustic, the confidence with which he plays is attention grabbing. From stomp box driven blues to intimate, laid back country, Thor performs like it's his right to be a musician, and it is".

-Award winning singer-songwriter John Harley Weston

MEET THOR PHILLIPS, the Australian singer-songwriter and guitar virtuoso who's passionate, powerful performances are stirring up storms across the nation.

A professional musician for over 14 years, Thor has played countless solo and band gigs across the country.

His new self-recorded, self-produced album Higher Ground (released September 2018) is his second full album showcasing a musical style that is rich and varied and song writing that goes straight to the heart.

Thor's music refuses to be pigeon holed; most call him 'Alt. Country' or 'Roots'... but with a nod to folk, a stomp of bluegrass and dusting of Americana.

What sets Thor apart is his dynamic energy, his confidence with the guitar, his rich voice, and his willingness to be both powerful and vulnerable within the same song.

Thor's audiences, from the small halls on dirt country roads, to the mains stages of city music festivals, connect with his integrity and depth. They are songs that stay with you long after the guitar strings have stopped humming.

Here is a recent review of Thor's latest release "Higher Ground" by Jon Wolfe from Country Music Capital News - Australia's Leading country music magazine.

"Thor is an Aussie multi-instrumentalist country, blues and roots singer with a great voice that captures attention from the first note of this release, his second album.

The album showcases Thor's flat picking, expressive dobro style and lyrics that go straight to the heart, with a lick or two of folk, bluegrass and settings that probably fit into contemporary country or Americana.

Highlights are the title track, Horse to water, Storm is Breaking (co write with Jeff Palmer) and the dobro laced Roll down the windows. And check out the rocky track Jump Into The Pool - it shows the depths of his talents and is better than some who try to lay claim to country rock credentials. I'll be keeping an ear out for more from him in the future".

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THOR HAS PERFORMED AT:

- Tamworth Country Music Festival 2018, '17, '15, '14
- Ballina Country Music Festival 2017, 2018 and 2019
- Broadbeach Country Music Festival 2017, '15, '14, '13
- Jacaranda Festival (headline for upcoming '18 festival)
- Bluewater Country Music Festival 2017, '14, '13
- Dorrigo Bluegrass Festivals 2017, '12
- Blues on Broadbeach Festival 2014
- Karuah Bluegrass and Folk Festival 2013
- Gympie Muster and Woodford Folk Festivals (guitarist)
- Urban Country Music Festival 2014
- Performance at National Rodeo Finals, Gold Coast 2014
- Other performance highlights include Arts in The Olives Festival (QLD), Big Scrub Bush Bash (NSW), Q-Song Music Awards Oodles Bundaberg, Bundaberg Crush Festival
- Regular performances as part of regional touring, in NSW and QLD

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BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in the Northern Rivers dairy farming community, Thor's musical roots took hold in the red dirt of country and blues. He first picked up a guitar at age 4 and this was to be the beginning of a lifelong relationship with music.

Over 14 years professional performing experience has seen him play guitar for many artists, from golden guitar winners, to Aussie rock icons but whilst also working on his solo career; singing, song writing and establishing a name for himself as a talented multi-instrumentalist.

Thor is currently a Part time professional Firefighter for Fire and Rescue NSW
Thor is also an experienced sound engineer and producer, recording albums for several independent artists through his studio.

A qualified tractor mechanic and jack-of-all trades, Thor also spent four years serving in the Australian Army. He now lives with his wife and high-school sweetheart, Jasmine (who also performs by his side in duo and band shows) and their three young children in the beautiful Northern Rivers of NSW.

In 2013 he released his first independent album 'Home Grown' on which he played all instruments, recorded and produced each track. And in September 2018 he followed up with his second album. Higher Ground; also self recorded and produced.

In 2017 and 2018 he performed more than 150 live gigs each year, from small halls in country towns to big city stages. He is attention grabbing, whether he performs solo, with Jasmine as a duo, or with his experienced band members behind him.

Thor has also been recognised as a talented song writer, with his song 'Freedom Now Begins' (co-written with fellow country singer Adam James) nominated for best country song at 2010 Q-Song Awards.

Thor has also co-written with many artists in the country and rock scene.

2020 will see the release of Thor's third album and he will be touring all over Australia

THOR IS AVAILABLE FOR:

- Live music venues small and large
 - Pubs, Clubs and RSLs
 - Restaurants and Cafes
 - Small intimate gigs including House Concerts
 - Sporting and Community Events
 - Weddings, Private and Corporate Celebrations
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- Solo shows
 - Duo shows with a backup vocalist/percussion
 - Small band shows (guitar, bass, drums, vocals/backup vocals)
 - Large band shows (2+ guitars, bass, drums, vocals, backup vocals/percussion, keys)



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