

Emma Donovan & The Putbacks



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LONG BIO

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The gospel elements of Emma's songwriting is a reflection of her childhood. She grew up singing church songs with her grandparents on the north coast of New South Wales, Australia. Her first secular gigs were singing in the family band, Award-Winning Australian Aboriginal Country Band, The Donovans, with her mother and five uncles. Throughout her career, she has toured and recorded with mainstays of Indigenous music, including Archie Roach and Dan Sultan, and was a member of the Black Arm Band project, where she met long-time veterans of the tour and studio circuit-The Putbacks. When these life-time professionals came together, their experience complemented each other to create a tight and dynamic sound reflective of their cross-genre musical talent and multicultural styles and backgrounds.

As a band, they value sharing traditional Indigenous language and storytelling. The "Crossover" tour features music from their critically acclaimed 2020 album and reveals new ways to tell Australian Aboriginal stories to help audiences discover a part of Australia's identity. Before each song, Emma explains the lyrics and stories behind the song, giving the audience a connection to the traditional Indigenous Australian language. Emma Donovan & The Putback's work is intimate. Their shows are built on celebrating connection through music, tradition, language and cultural discovery. Emma Donovan and The Putbacks continue the discussion around the history of Australia and how it is defined for future generations.

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Traveling: 6 artists + 1 crew + 1 staff. Note that Emma Donovan is a single mum and her two daughters will join the tour.

Technical specifications: [Tech Rider](#) | Supertitles are required to ensure education and awareness is shared of traditional Indigenous Australian language.

Web: [Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

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