

Q&A KYLA

Who are you?

Kyla Sexton, 27, Sagittarius, single but attached (to a boy, sorry ladies).

What do you do for a lesbian living?

I've been lucky enough to be able to get work in the gay and straight nightclub scenes and have sung freestyle with many of Australia's top DJs including Sista P, Sveta, Neroll, Kate Monroe.

What are you best known for in the lesbian community?

For putting on a sexy and heartfelt live show every time I perform.

You regularly perform at Bitch. How did they recruit you?

I was introduced to Renee Schembri from Bitch four years ago through a mutual friend who mentioned that Renee should put me on one night for a special event. I've been there ever since. The Bitch crew are like family. The regulars have seen me grow and develop my own style, they have always supported and appreciated my shows and for that I am very grateful. Renee is planning an awesome Bitch tour for the UK and Ibiza. I'm excited! I will be playing at the Soho Pride recovery,

Ministry of Sound in London and all the clubs in Ibiza. I'm also going to be recording tracks with some UK producers.

The thing least known about you?

That I can hypnotise you! I'm an NLP therapist by day. I coach people to overcome all sorts of challenges including depression, relationship issues, confidence, self-esteem and health problems. It's a pretty cool day job!

Your ultimate dream come true would be...

Have my debut album go platinum and win an ARIA! Is that too much to ask?

Do redheads have more fun?

I think sometimes you do get a bit more noticed because you're in the hair color minority. I choose to have fun as often as I can.

Can a girl buy you a drink, and what'll it be?

Ladies can buy me an Agwa shot with lime or a lime and soda with no ice (for the voice). I have one shot before I start and then I'm on lime and sodas the rest of the night. Just so you know too, you don't have to buy me a drink to come and say hello. Visit kylacom.au.



INGRID



27 year-old Ingrid Brooker is suddenly on the international music map. "By complete happenstance and a transatlantic cluster of random coincidences, (lesbian musician and former LOTL cover girl) Kaki King was introduced to my work. Kaki saw my films online and was immediately interested in

working on a project together. We met up while she was in Melbourne last year and discussed the possibility of a stop motion film clip for her song 'Air and Kilometers'. Kaki was very drawn to the aesthetic qualities of my work and thought that my use of rich, textured environments would be a good match to her music. She was also quite moved by the emotional content of my films. Whilst watching 'Vixen' (a harrowing tale of romantic catastrophe) Kaki said with a pained expression, 'Oh god, I've been all of those people.' She loved the visual rhythm of my 'Scrabble City' and thought something similar would be ideal for 'Air and Kilometers.'

While proficient in painting, sculpture and multimedia, Ingrid is a self-taught stop motion animator. "I made my first animation in high school and have been tinkering away ever since." It may look easy but animating is "a painstaking process of photographing objects which are moved millimeter by millimeter. Each second of footage is comprised of 25 individual photos. A lot of work goes into post production and editing. The payoff is when you watch your footage at the end of a shoot," explains Ingrid. "To breathe life into an inanimate object or transform the mundane into something beautiful can be exhilarating." The clip to Kaki King's 'Air & Kilometers' and Ingrid's other work can be viewed at agastopia.com.



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MELISSA & LOUISE

Melbourne artists Louise McDonald (left) and Melissa Voderberg (right) formed Studio Latitude, designing innovative Australian Made products for the tourism industry. With help of artist friends they put together a small collection and submitted it into a national competition. "To our surprise, one of our designs was chosen as the National Meme of Australia!" Melissa told LOTL. "Since then we have won many design awards and now sell our collection to shops across Australia." Studio Latitude will be part of the Melbourne International Design Festival where selected studios open their doors to the public. Melissa is a jewellery designer and Louise, a graphic designer and sculptor, produce hand-made fashion books, jewellery and gifts based on Australian botanicals and the beauty of the landscape. "When you see a product in a shop many people don't realise the diverse processes and design modifications it has gone through to get there." Design Discovery Tour: Studio Latitude is on July 25, 11-3pm. Bookings info@studiolatitude.com.au.