



# Joanne Janzen

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## Quick Facts

**Born:** Queensland, Australia

**Currently Resides:** Leduc, Alberta

**Instruments:** Guitar, & Voice

**Awards:**

\* 2006 NACMAI – Female Vocalist of the Year –  
Traditional Country

\* 2006 NACMAI – Female Entertainer of the Year  
– Traditional Country

\* 2005 Grand Winning Act – Country Vocal  
Spotlight Open Division

**Musical Influences:** Gretchen Wilson, Kasey  
Chambers, Sugarland, Carolyn Dawn Johnson

## Biography

Born and raised in a small sugar cane farming community in Queensland, Australia Joanne learned the ropes of performing at a very young age watching her Dad and his band playing weekend gigs. Through local theatre groups she began challenging her musical talent as she began being rewarded bigger roles.

After earning a Bachelor's degree in Business she was offered the lead female role in a Broadway type musical called "Roads" put on by a group called Up With People. Here she traveled extensively for the next 18 months throughout the U.S, Canada and Europe putting on over 170 shows in 108 cities. Joanne says of her experience "It was the experience of a lifetime. Meeting and performing for so many people and sharing a lifetime of memories in each city we stayed."

It was during this year that she met a fellow cast-mate that would later become her husband...who happened to be Canadian! They eventually married and moved back to Canada and made Edmonton their home.

Since moving to Edmonton and more recently to Leduc, Alberta, Joanne has been very busy. After competing and winning the Northlands sponsored event "Country Vocal Spotlight" she earned a spot in the Global Rising Star program that pushed her further into the spotlight. Being as busy as she was she decided to quit her day-job and focus on music and her hard work has paid off. She was awarded both Female Entertainer and Female Vocalist of the year awards in 2006 at the North American Country Music International competition in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Deciding to further her knowledge of the music industry she recently earned a Music Business certificate from Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Over the past few years Joanne has had the opportunity to perform on some of the best stages in Alberta and along side some of the very best artists in Canadian Country Music including, Brad Johner, Shane Yellowbird, Patricia Conroy, Eli Barsi, Kenny Hess, Gary Fjellgaard and many more...

Fresh out of the recording studio finishing up her first two radio ready singles she is on her way to completing her first independent album, a dream she has dreamt for many years. Joanne says of her love for music "It has its ups and downs like all things in life. Music is enjoyed by nearly every single person and I love every opportunity I have to get on stage and share part of myself with them"

Her powerful vocals portray her passion for country music and bring to the surface the emotion in each song. This ability to connect with the audience makes each performance a special one.

For more on Joanne & upcoming performance dates go to:

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### **Past Appearance Highlights**

- Edmonton Oilers National Anthems
- Edmonton Cracker Cats National Anthems, TELUS Field, Edmonton, AB
- Canadian Finals Rodeo, Rexall Place, Edmonton, AB
- Capital Ex Events, Edmonton, AB
- A Taste of Edmonton, Edmonton, AB
- Rainmaker Rodeo Showcase, St Albert, AB
- Global Country Festival of the Stars concerts, Winspear Centre, Edmonton, AB
- Lamont Rodeo, Lamont, AB
- Alberta Senior Games, Fort Saskatchewan, AB
- Farm & Ranch Show, Northlands Agricom, Edmonton, AB
- NACMAI (North American Country Music Association International) conference, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
- Monster Truck Jam National Anthems, Rexall Place, Edmonton, AB
- CBC Radio Stage New Year's Eve, Edmonton, AB
- Farm Family Awards, Northlands Agricom, Edmonton, AB
- Limousin Bonanza Gold Show National Anthems, Northlands Agricom, Edmonton, AB
- 790 CFCW Booth, Rexall Place, Edmonton, AB
- Global TV Morning Show, Axe Music studios, Edmonton, AB
- Country Vocal Spotlight, Edmonton, AB
- River City Roundup, Edmonton, AB
- Hand Hills Lake Stampede, Hand Hills, AB
- Bashaw Festival of Stars, Bashaw, AB
- Alberta Men and Women of Country Music concert, Rimbey, AB
- ALL-IHC (International Harvester Company) show, Lacombe, AB
- Easter Seals 24 hour Relay Closing ceremonies, Edmonton, AB
- Denzil Community Days celebrations, Denzil, SK
- 75th Anniversary celebrations of the Village of Waskatenau, Waskatenau, AB
- Fundraiser for Horizons Centre of Wetaskiwin, AB
- A Greenview Country Night, Edmonton, AB
- Salvation Army Fundraiser, Westaskiwin, AB

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- Norwood Legion, Edmonton, AB
- Canadian Blood Services Awards Ceremonies, Edmonton, AB
- Spirit of Edmonton, Northlands Agricom, Edmonton, AB
- Rising Country Superstar - Semi-Finals, Cook County Saloon , Edmonton, AB
- A Country & Western Concert, Memorial Arts Centre, Wetaskiwin, AB
- Rainbow Country Opry, Westaskiwin, AB

For a complete listing of past performances and events please refer to:

[www.joannejanzen.com/tour\\_past.html](http://www.joannejanzen.com/tour_past.html)

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- 2006 NACMAI (North American Country Music Association International) International Traditional Female Entertainer of the Year – Traditional Country.
- 2005 – Grand Winning Act Country Vocal Spotlight Open Division

### Accomplishments

- Completed a **Specialist Certificate in Music Business**, through Berklee College of Music, Boston, Massachusetts – December 2006
- Became part of the **Global Country's Rising Star** Program – November 2005

### Media appearances

- Radio interviews with **Q91** DJ's Bob Brown and Mike Diesel, May 12 & 23, 2006.
- Featured in **Australian Country Music News** – May 17, 2006.
- Featured in **Edmonton Journal** Jamie Hall's People section – March 22, 2006.
- Featured in **Country Music News**, article written by Bill Borgwardt – April 2006 edition.
- Live performances and interview on **Edmonton's Global TV morning** show November 8, 2005 & November 6, 2006, October 30, 2007
- Live Radio interview with Jackie-Rae Greening and Graham Neil on the **790 CFCW** morning show.
- Live TV interview with Graham Neil on **CTV** during Canadian Finals Rodeo and River City Round-up events, November 2005.
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### Memberships & Affiliations

**SOCAN** – Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers

**ARIA** – Alberta Recording Industry Association

**CCMA** – Canadian Country Music Association

**CMAA** – Country Music Association of Australia

### Upcoming Tour

For a complete and up to date list of Joanne's upcoming performances please refer to

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