

Helen Ryder is a Melbourne based singer who is equally at home interpreting pop, country, soul and jazz, in her own shows and as a guest vocalist.

Helen has performed at the Aria Awards with the Whitlams, Jackie Orczarsky at The Darling Harbour Jazz Festival, Aria nominated Kerri Simpson and opened for Vika and Linda Bull at the prestigious jazz club, Bennett's Lane in Melbourne.

In 2012 Helen commenced recording her debut album *Someday Love*, eleven tracks of lush country and soul infused pop, which features a duet with Spencer P. Jones (The Johnny's, The Beasts of Bourbon), on the debut single *Lady Bird*. Helen is also joined by Kevin Bennett (The Flood) on *True Love Travels On A Gravel Road*, a classic country song re-imagined from a woman's perspective.

In 2014 Helen filmed the debut video for *Lady Bird* with Spencer P. Jones at Mt Macedon, Victoria.

And in 2015 Helen launched her debut single *Lady Bird* at The Yarra Hotel, Melbourne as part of the Leaps and Bounds Music Festival, followed by the launch of *Someday Love* at The Toff in Town, Melbourne, featured in The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald.

The album features Bruce Haymes on keyboards (Renee Geyer, Paul Kelly), Mark Punch on guitar (Renee Geyer, Kasey Chambers), Garrett Costigan on pedal steel (Don Walker), Jeff Raglus on flugelhorn (Bachelors from Prague), Bidy Connor on viola (Jen Cloher), Steve Hadley on bass (Tex Perkins), Peter Luscombe on drums (Rockwiz Orchestra), and Talei Wolfgramm (The Wolfgramm Sisters) on backing vocals.

Currently Helen is performing songs from *Someday Love*, writing and recording new material for her follow up album.

**“A beautiful selection of songs interpreted with great feeling and backed by some of Australia’s finest musicians.” - Brian Wise, Off The Record / RRR.**

**“Helen Ryder’s debut album is way overdue. To me, it sounds like the soundtrack to a romantic movie: Old Hollywood – romantic, wistful and moving. The voice is exquisite and the playing is beautiful.” - Jeff Jenkins, The Music / ABC radio.**

Official site: [helenryder.com](http://helenryder.com)

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnYJ8bfDHcl>

<http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/our-wrap-of-whats-on-around-town-20150906-gjexd4.html>

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