

DONNA LEE

BIOGRAPHY

Donna Lee comes from a long line of show business history in Australia, being the 5th generation in her family to go into the business. As a child she travelled Australia and performed with her talented parents, her father **Frank Cleary**, a juggler and variety performer, and her mother **Gloria Dawn**, one of Australia's foremost music theatre performers.

Donna loves music theatre and has performed in many productions starting as a child in Noel Coward's **Sail Away** followed by **Annie Get Your Gun**. Since then she went on to fulfill her love of musicals and appear in numerous shows such as **The Music Man**, **Fiddler on the Roof**, **Gypsy**, **Jesus Christ Superstar**, **Showboat**, **They're Playing our Song**, **Oklahoma!**, **Snoopy the Musical**, **Dames at Sea**, **Summer Rain**, **Forbidden Broadway**, **Nunsense**, **Hello Dolly**, **Les Miserables**, **Anything Goes**, **Menopause the Musical**, **Beauty & the Beast**.

Her performance as Ado Annie in **Oklahoma!** won her a **Green Room Award**. Since then she has been nominated for her roles as Madame Thenardier in **Les Miserables**, and the Dubbo housewife in **Menopause the Musical**. Also a **Mo Award** nomination for her performance as Ms Darbus in **High School Musical**.

Other plays that she has appeared in are **The Magistrate**, **Stepping Out**, **Crimes of the Heart**, **Biddies**, **Thank You for Being a Friend**.

Donna is an established cabaret performer and has been honoured with two **Mo Awards** for her cabaret work.

Her tribute show **Donna Lee Sings Doris Day** always plays to packed audiences as well as her new tribute show **Donna Lee Sings Petula Clark** which audiences are also absolutely loving wherever she plays.

Her television credits include, **The Restless Years**, **The Young Doctors**, **A Country Practice**, **Neighbours**, **The Mike Walsh Show**, **The Ray Martin Show**, **The Bert Newton Show**.

Her recording "**You're gonna hear from me**" with maestro Tommy Tycho and his 40 piece orchestra recorded at studio 301 in Sydney is one that Donna is most proud of and says with Tommy's wonderful orchestrations and the marvellous Martin Benge as producer she knew this was going to be something special. And it truly is!!!

Other recordings:

- **Donna Lee - Impromptu Lounge Session** - a tribute to Doris Day
- **Donna Lee - Live at the School of Arts Café**
- **Oklahoma!** Australian cast album
- **Menopause the Musical** Australian cast album

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