

## Deb ‘Spoons’ Perry

### *Queen of the Spoons*

WA farmer and legend Deb “Spoons” Perry has gained a legion of fans in Australia and around the world since appearing on hit TV series *Australia’s Got Talent* in 2008.

While her first public performance was as a soloist spoon player in 1990 with the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra, Deb shared her passion for playing cutlery with the rest of Australia when her novelty act made the final twelve in the show. She received worldwide exposure when she was asked to lend her thigh-tapping skills to a song by US super group The Black Keys and the resulting YouTube video won her almost a million fans.



Since then, Deb has produced a DVD, appeared at the Tamworth Country Music Festival where she was voted in the Top 10 from 600 buskers in The Australian Country Music Busking Championships, had her video clip appear on *Ellen*, been invited to the US by Jay Leno and appeared on *Sunrise* and *The Circle*. But these achievements were just the beginning.

In 2011 she helped launch Australia Day by performing at WA’s Government House and in 2012, she had a contract from Warner Music. She also began receiving many invitations to perform her unique act at corporate events around Australia. One of these was from the Oz Harvest/Qantas-sponsored CEO Cook Off in Sydney where Deb performed and taught 1000 people to play spoons and was the support act for the band Icehouse. She’s also entertained for the City of Sydney and Melbourne Fashion Week, to name just a couple.

In early 2014 Deb had her own show at the Fringe World Perth Festival with near capacity audiences at each show. The show was nominated for the Fringe Music Award and received excellent reviews.

Deb was first taught to play the spoons in 1972 by an elderly man in The Stone Crow Wine Bar in North Fremantle and over the next few decades entertained friends and family as well as wider audiences in festivals, concerts, telethons and jamming with bands. In 2002 Deb, who has cracked, flattened and broken more than two-dozen dessertspoons, was judged Champion Spoon Player at the Spoon and Harmonica World Titles.

Using her body as the drum kit, Deb “Spoons” Perry plays upbeat music of all genres with her stainless steel dessertspoons and silver spoons (as well as plastic spoons, wooden spoons and various spoons from around the world), entertaining audiences of all ages. This gyrating granny is truly one of a kind and a hugely popular draw card for any event.

## Client testimonials

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“ In my time at Warner Music Australia I've been lucky enough to interview and work with a lot of big name artists from all over the world, but I've got to say the most charismatic and likeable personality I've ever encountered is a spoon playing Grandma from Bridgetown Western Australia named Deb Perry.

- *Michael Corbett, Creative Content Manager, Warner Music Australia*

“ She has a charismatic, wildly energetic on stage presence that can cross all genres. She has guest performed with many acts over the years in a vast array of settings and crowds react wildly to her feel good, manic antics. Having said that, Deb is the consummate professional and takes pride in the preparation and research that she puts in to these very special one off performances.

- *Blues at Bridgetown*

“ Perry bangs away with her spoons with as much energy Charlie Watts, Keith Moon and Tommy Lee combined. It's as though the spirit of a deceased rocker possesses this mild-mannered grandmother from Bridgetown. But as soon as the spoons are down she's just goes back to being Deb, completely unassuming and utterly delightful.

- *The West Australian*

“ ... was perfect ... entertaining and instructive ... fantastic, good on ya Deb ... I enjoyed your personal approach and easy manner, thank you ...that was great fun ... PHEW !! ... great and unusual entertainment ... excellent entertainment ... we should have more of it ... you make a lot of people very happy ...

- *Catholic Women's League Australia*

“ Deb “Spoonsperry” not only offered fantastic entertainment for close to a thousand of our vulnerable guests, she also made everyone feel very included and brought a cheerful and positive energy which shone through in her performances on stage. We would highly recommend Deb as part of your special event, function or fundraising extravaganza.

- 2013 CEO

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