

# STORMFRONT PRODUCTIONS TESTIMONIALS

## **BRAND SOUTH AUSTRALIA:**

*"The benefits of Stormfront Productions' work in the area of performing arts are far reaching. Not only do they provide opportunity for the community to enjoy their performing arts, they train and encourage young community members to be able to share their art.*

*The company's contribution to the Whyalla "Carols in the Park" event shows community spirit and offers another vehicle for artists to express themselves – and the introduction of Stormfront Productions' recording studio is a first for the region and provides another avenue of expression for the region's aspiring performing artists."*

## **TERISSA SHEPHERD – SAMARITAN COLLEGE PRINCIPAL:**

*"Alison Hams & Mark Tempany have been contracted as private music tutors to Samaritan College since 2004. In that time they have made a positive impact on the life of the College with their generous and always positive contribution to the Arts. They have so naturally developed a positive rapport with our young people and their families and go beyond the call of duty in terms of pastoral support of our students - particularly those working seriously towards careers in music.*

*They significantly contribute to our school community through providing and assisting with entertainment, supporting their students in showcasing their talents and in being present at many of our functions in a generous way. At all times they work interdependently and as a team in sharing their skills to the highest standards, showing outstanding commitment & inspiration to, and support of, our students' musical aspirations."*

## **MAYOR OF WHYALLA The Hon. (late) Mr. JIM POLLOCK:**

*"Stormfront Productions has been actively involved in the Whyalla music scene for a number of years. During this time Alison and Mark have made a positive impact on many individuals, groups and on general community involvement in music locally.*

*Their dedication to music and their expertise in this field has been translated into the wider community through their involvement and leadership in such major events as the annual 'Carols in the Park' and in smaller events such as workshops involving the Whyalla City Council and Youth Central.*

*Alison and Mark have demonstrated their ability and dedication to constantly improve their coaching prowess and expand the service they provide to the City of Whyalla and other regional centres."*

**ANTHONY STEWART - Touring & Recording Artist, Owner of RED BRICK RECORDING STUDIOS (Adelaide):**

*"Mark & Alison are committed musicians with a love for music, working with young people in their development of skills, self-esteem and enjoyment of music. I have been directly involved in a range of events and performances with Mark & Ali. At all times very professional in their approach.*

*Stormfront Productions has been involved in nurturing and fostering music with young people. I have seen them encouraging young people as they provide them with skills, but also promote their self-esteem to 'have a go' and above all to enjoy their music."*

**TAMARRA WELLMAN - Master of Management (Arts) UniSA/Concordia University Canada. Owner of Tamwel Arts Consultancy (Adelaide):**

*"My association with Alison Hams spans 16 years, ranging from judge, tutor, mentor and friend.*

*I first knew Alison as a judge and performer at the South Australian Country Music Festival and Awards. As a performer Alison helped strengthen my qualities as a country music singer, tutoring me in voice, diction, guitar and performance during 2003 and 2004. Unbeknownst to me I would go on to win over fifty trophies for my singing and be selected as one of the twenty graduates at the CMAA Australian College of Country Music in 2005.*

*As I progressed with my music, Alison was always willing to give advice and often provide columns for our Country Music magazine and give development workshops at Junior Country Crossover - a group coordinated and designed to engage young talent in South Australia.*

*Alison has been instrumental to my love and dedication to the South Australian Music Industry. Her assistance and encouragement has helped me believe in myself and strive for challenge. This is demonstrated through my four years of managing the South Australian Council for Country Music and Junior Country Crossover, and completing a Master of Arts and Cultural Management in Canada. I now own my own business assisting and developing musicians and organisations, something I have in part to thank Alison for.*

*It's now a pleasure to have Mark Tempany and Alison Hams involved in Events and Festivals I organise. Their skills and expertise in performance development go hand in hand with the way they can relate and engage with these kids and young adults to produce fantastic results in just one day. They also have extensive resources to go well beyond the call of duty of instrumental music lessons including mentoring, production and recording facilities. I highly recommend Stormfront Productions.*

## **CHAIRPERSON SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR COUNTRY MUSIC Inc.**

**The Hon. Peter Lewis M.P. (Adelaide):**

*"Our decision to nominate you as Independent Entertainer Of The Year was made due to your contribution to Country Music in South Australia and your ongoing commitment to encourage young talent around you.*

*Our selection panel has been mightily impressed by your professionalism across the board, particularly by your work as a performer, judge, entertainer, compere and mentor to talented young artists and songwriters. We thank you for that and believe that recognition is due to you. You are an example and inspiration to all around you.*

*We look forward to your successes for the future and wish you all the best for your current projects.*

### **FROM WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS:**

*\* You are amazing. Thank you for this, I really appreciate it. - **Rebecca Aspey***

*\* Thank you so much for this weekend. I've learned so much and it's been a great opportunity - **Michal Hughes***

*\* Thanks for 2 days of awesomeness - **Tahlia Halliwell***

*\* You are still the best! - **Trinitie Fazah***

*\* Thanks for the awesome time - looking forward to the next one - **Andrew Hill***

*\* Best 2 days of learning EVER! - **Blake Brougham***

### **.....AND FROM CLIENTS, PARENTS & STUDENTS OF STORMFRONT:**

*\* Alison from Stormfront Productions is my son's music teacher. He is 5 and has Down syndrome. He loves music but find some things challenging. Alison has gotten to know him and has changed his lessons to suit his strengths, and works on areas he finds challenging. His MINI MUSO lessons have been great for his confidence, speech, focus, fine motor and attending skills. Every time he walks in to the lesson he feels like a rock star!! - **Rachel***

*\* Seeing my daughter's confidence and self esteem grow with the support of Stormfront MINI MUSO and performances has been absolutely amazing! This is such a dedicated couple running a company that builds young people up and is always involved in the community. We love the way you guys operate. Compared to other musical experiences my child has had in the past (where they could definitely have used your expertise) we know you guys will ALWAYS do a great job. It's great to be part of the Stormfront family! - Kirsty*

*\* Being in the audience with my autistic daughter singing the "Shape Song" she's learning with Alison, Beautiful! - Tricia*

*\* My daughter absolutely loved performing on Sunday. You guys are amazing with the kids. I wish I took photos of YOU guys and your smiles whenever the kids performed their songs. Moments like those are priceless - Maxie*

Mark & Alison. **Thank you so much for EVERYTHING.** You two are truly AMAZING! You have both given me the confidence and ability to pursue something I love to do.

You always go out of your way to help everyone, and my own experience with you both has now provided me with so much insight into the possibilities of singing - and given me skills I can carry outside of music. I could not have asked for anybody better to guide my singing career.

**BREEZE Millard (Whyalla Recording Scholarship Winner 2017)**

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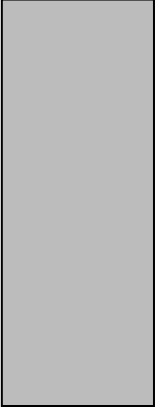
*\* If you're passionate about singing & playing your instruments & want to learn to be better, you have to try Stormfront Productions. I have for almost a year now & LOVE IT. Mark Tempany & Alison Hams are dedicated teachers who strive to see you succeed. Give them a try people! - Terry*

*\* Extremely proud as always of our daughter and extremely grateful that she is under your professional expertise. We hope that you continue to guide and mold Emily's singing future. We really appreciate the time you put in with her. - Samantha Rawlings*

*\* I would like to thank you Alison Hams & Mark Tempany (Stormfront Productions) from the bottom of my heart for getting me where I am today because if it wasn't for your constant dedication and belief in me and my musical dream none of this would be possible. I could not have had two better people to guide me (for nearly half my life) musically...emotionally. Thank you for always believing in me. - Emily Rawlings*

*\* Your enthusiasm for the kids is admirable and contagious, and your patience is amazing. - Jenny*

*\* Dear Alison. You are special to me because you teach me how to play piano. You taught me Wild Rest, Cuckoo, The Old Grey Mare, Let's Go To America and Wake Up brother John. You're the best music teacher. – Karin (age 7)*



Mark & Alison. You have inspired me with your talents, commitment, selflessness and dedication and I hope I can be as true of a musician as you both one day. Thank you for preparing me to take on the world. Thank you for guiding me and giving me amazing opportunities. Your presence in my life is a gift.

**Alana Bray (singer/songwriter)**

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*\* My son really enjoyed his first EVER guitar lesson. He's feeling proud. Thank you for making his first experience enjoyable. - Melissa*

*\* My daughter is a student at Stormfront Productions. They have built up her confidence and are teaching her to be the best she can be. Alison and Mark do everything for their students and spend so much time organising events and performances for their students and the community. I highly recommend them – Helen*

*\* Both my daughters have been involved with Stormfront Productions for 6 years. Over the years Mark and Alison have encouraged and supported my girls - from singing to playing guitar to building their confidence to perform on stage. They definitely go beyond the "music teachers" title with the extra time they have put into my girls. I would definitely recommend Stormfront Productions to anyone looking at learning any form of music. - Cathy*

*\* Thank you for the CD - we all absolutely LOVE it. Our daughter is already planning more songs for when lessons resume. Thank you! - Donna*

*\* I was a student of Mark and Ali's for a number of years, driving over 150km for fortnightly lessons. Mark and Ali are not only amazing teachers but amazing people, who have helped and encouraged me to develop my musical and performance skills, which boosted my confidence and has lead me to achieving so many other things in life.*

*I had so much fun performing in events & Mark & Ali also encouraged me to compete in an Eisteddfod, in which I was awarded first place for my age group. I would 100% recommend Stormfront Productions to anyone, particularly young people, who want to enhance their musical skills as well as learning valuable life skills. - Dayna*

**I totally recommend Stormfront Productions for anyone interested in Music.**

Mark and Alison **go above and beyond** to help their students strive for their goals and dreams. I attended Stormfront for 6 years (before moving for Uni) and went from being shy to confidently singing on stage as a performer.

In year 12, Mark and Alison mentored me with my major assignment recording a demo CD. They spent over 20 hours recording the song in their studio with me and teaching me how to mix the song and design a CD and all this was done free of charge!! They cared enough about **me and my music** to give up **countless hours** of their personal time.

If you are looking for teachers who **not only care about music but you personally** you can't go past Stormfront. - **Jenna**

*\* The greatest pleasure is our little girl being less shy to sing at home, and we all enjoy listening to her. Thank you Alison, sometimes we need great people to make a difference in our lives.- **Maxie***

*\* I truly know that the kids love and enjoy each lesson you give them. Thanks so much for your support and advice and belief in them. As a parent I appreciate it more than words could ever express. - **Jo-anne***

*\* It's been fantastic! Thank you both. My daughter loves you guys as much as the music! –**Fiona***

*\* Mark, not only have you taught us the techniques of singing, but you've given us the confidence to show it. You are more than "just" our teacher. You have always listened and been our own personal counsellor, giving us advice (and a laugh) when we need it. Most importantly you have ALWAYS been a friend. You and Alison do so much for us and we will NEVER take that for granted. – **Rhiannon***

*\*Thank you for your support and encouragement. We are blessed to have you guys nurture our children - **The Daniels-Francis family***

*\*Dear Alison. You are the best music teacher. Thank you for helping me in my first exam - **Charlotte***

*\*Thank you very much for your time and effort in teaching - and your organising of such wonderful events - the experience and confidence it gives your students is priceless. - **Carly***

*\*I have been in tears listening to the CD. It is better than I could have imagined.Thank you, It is something both Hayley and I can cherish for the rest of our life - **Jo***

*\*Thank you for my son's singing lessons. You have made a difference in his life. Thank you for helping him grow - Kristen.*

*\*Thank you so much. I have loved learning from you, and appreciate your help with my exams. I look forward to learning more next year. - Imogen*

*\*I have had so much fun being a part of the Stormfront family these last few years and can honestly say my lessons are one of the things I am going to miss most next year.*

*I can only imagine it must be tough sometimes, but all your efforts are greatly appreciated and mean an awful lot. I started learning music from a teacher, but I now head off to college leaving a friend.-Alicia*

*\* Thank you for believing in L'Lianna and grooming her into a confident singer. She loved every moment she had with both of you. She told me that she doesn't think she will find another mentor and teacher as amazing as both of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. She is already missing you and we will definitely keep in touch. The bond between you and her is strong. - Nuala*

*\* You have been my teachers, guides and mentors and your absolute faith in me has allowed me to believe in myself and do things I never in a million years thought I could do.*

*Now I can sing, play guitar, write my own songs and bring them to life, perform, audition and chase my dream of music all over the world. It's all because of you two that I am so passionate about this one thing (music) and I will forever be grateful for everything you've done.*

*Your amazing guidance, your own achievements, and your belief that I can do whatever I want to in life has inspired me to chase my dreams. Thank you guys so incredibly much for everything you have done. - Romy*

*\* Our daughter has learned so much from you and she looks forward to learning more. Thank you for being a remarkable teacher. I am very grateful to have you as her teacher - Jimmy (Port Augusta)*