

Jason Donovan Biography

Jason Sean Donovan was born into a show business family in Melbourne Australia on 1 June 1968. His good looks and talent made him a natural on Australian TV. His first appearances on television there included as 'I Can Jump Puddles', 'Skyways' and 'Gold Pennies'.

His big break came with the role of Scott Robinson in the primetime soap 'Neighbours' which turned him into an international star gaining every Australian major award including Most Popular Actor. The series went on to become one of the highest rating shows in the UK which led to Jason's huge chart success within the PWL Pop era. His debut album 'Ten Good Reasons' was the biggest selling album of 1989 with sales of 1.5 million including the duet 'Especially For You' with Kylie Minogue and 'Too Many Broken Hearts' which contributed in the impressive world sales of 13 million albums and 4 UK No. 1s. Music was always a constant in Jason's career and in particular he shone in his portrayal of Joseph in Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' at London's Palladium in 1991 reaching 18-month sell out run, number one single and best-selling soundtrack album.

In 2003, Jason became the voice of Buzz, the popular Sony PlayStation game which went on to win the BAFTA for Best Casual and Social Game. The following year, 2004 Jason took the role of Caractacus Potts in 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and in 2006 took third place in ITV1's 'I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here'.

In 2007, Jason took part in the 'Concert For Diana' at Wembley Stadium in front of a live audience of 100,000 (worldwide tv audience of over 50 million), reprising his Joseph role with former Josephs. Same year, he also wrote his bestselling autobiography, 'Between The Lines'. In the following year, 2008, Jason starred in ITV1's docusoap 'Echo Beach' and one year later in March 2009, began an 18 month run in the role of 'Tick' in 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert' in London's West End which was met with much critical acclaim and huge box office success. In that same year, Jason began a regular Sunday slot on the award winning radio station, Heart.

In 2011 Angela, his partner of 17 years, gave birth to the couple's third child, a daughter called Molly, a sister for Jemma and Zac. In June of the same year, Jason travelled to Australia to examine his roots for the BBC TV programme, 'Who Do You Think You Are' where he discovered his ancestry led him to the great Australian pioneer William Cox who built a crucial crossing in Australia's Blue Mountains in 1815.

In November, Jason took up the role of 'The Artilleryman' in 'Jeff Wayne's Musical Version of The War Of The Worlds' European tour then as a new decade began, immediately began a tour as 'Captain Von Trapp' in Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'The Sound of Music' UK tour, 2011. Continuing on to autumn 2011, we saw Jason's welcome return to prime time television when he took part in BBC's 'Strictly Come Dancing'. He came a respectable third with his dance partner Kristina Rihanoff and in 2012 was interviewed by Piers Morgan for his ITV1 'Life Stories' series.

In the same year Jason was a mentor and judge in ITV's 'Superstar' talent competition alongside fellow judges Andrew Lloyd-Webber, Melanie Chisholm and Dawn French. During winter of 2012, Jason returned to 'Jeff Wayne's War Of The Worlds – The New Generation' but this time, playing the role of Parson Nathaniel with cast members, Marti Pellow and Ricky Wilson.

Throughout 2013/14 Jason put his heels back on and reprised the role of 'Tick/Mitzi' in 'Priscilla Queen of the Dessert' for the nationwide UK tour and in November 2014 for the

third and final time, toured with 'War of the Worlds' alongside Shayne Ward, Bryan McFadden and Carrie Hope Fletcher.

In 2015, it was announced that Jason would take on the role of speech therapist, 'Lionel Logue' in the stage adaptation of 'The Kings Speech' for which he received rave reviews.

From September 2015 until February 2016, Jason continued his role in 'Priscilla' then went straight into rehearsals for the show you are seeing this evening. The Ten Good Reason's album has never been toured so for the very first time, you will be able to hear the album live, back to back.

With 33 tour dates all over the UK between February and May, dates playing at summer Festivals and the continuation of his hugely successful Sunday evening show 'Jason Donovan's All 80's' on Heart Radio, 2016 looks to be one of Jason's best yet!!