

# JON ENGLISH BIOGRAPHY



## Career Highlights by Date

- 1949 Born 26 March, London
- 1961 Emigrated to Cabramatta, Australia
- 1966 Joined local band 'Sebastian Hardie'
- 1968 Toured with 'Sebastian Hardie' as support to Johnny O'Keefe
- 1972 - 77 Played 'Judas' in Harry M Millers 'Jesus Christ Superstar'
- 1973 1<sup>st</sup> album, 'Wine Dark Sea' (Single - *Handbags and Gladrag's*)
- 1974 2<sup>nd</sup> album, 'It's all a Game' (No 1 single - *Turn the Page*)
- 1975 Produced 'Sebastian Hardie' album, 'Four Moments'
- 1976 3<sup>rd</sup> album, 'Hollywood Seven' (No 1 single - *Hollywood Seven*)  
Sang the role of 'Ned' on the album 'Ned Kelly'  
Aria award for 'Best Male Vocalist'  
RAM Magazine 'Best Male Vocalist'  
Guest appearance on television drama series 'Number 96'  
Guest appearance on 'Homicide' telemovie 'Stopover'  
Nominated for Best Actor Penguin award for 'Stopover'  
Toured with Bryan Ferry
- 1977 4<sup>th</sup> album, 'Minutes to Midnight' (Single - *Lay it all Down*)  
5<sup>th</sup> album, 'Words are not Enough' (No 1 single - *Words are not enough*)  
RAM Magazine 'Best Male Vocalist'  
Guest appearance in television drama series 'Matlock Police'  
Guest appearance in television drama series 'Division Four'  
Toured with 'Thin Lizzy'
- 1978 Played convict, 'Jonathan Garrett' in the 13 part television mini series 'Against the Wind'.

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Wrote and sang theme song '*Six Ribbons*' and all incidental music for '*Against the Wind*'.

6<sup>th</sup> album, '*Against the Wind*' (with Mario Millo)

'*Six ribbons*' becomes number 1 hit in six countries.

Logie award for 'Best New Talent' for '*Against the Wind*'

Countdown award for 'Best Male Vocalist'

RAM Magazine 'Best Male Vocalist'

Guest appearance on television drama series '*Chopper Squad*'

1979

7<sup>th</sup> album, '*English History*' (No 1 single - *Get your Love Right*)

'*English History*' album goes double platinum

Interviewed for '*60 Minutes*'

Late 70's  
Early 80's

Regular appearances on television variety shows '*Blankety Blanks*',

'*Hey Hey It's Saturday*', '*Don Lane Show*' etc.

1980

8<sup>th</sup> album, '*Calm Before the Storm*' (Singles - *Hot Town* and *Carmilla*)

Appeared in feature film '*Touch and Go*'. Wrote movie soundtrack.

Elected 'Writer Full Member of APRA' (Australian Performing Rights Association)

1981

9<sup>th</sup> album, '*Inroads*' (Single - *Straight from the Heart*)

Toured Germany and Scandinavia with own band '*The Foster Brothers*'

Norway '*Det Nye*' and '*VG Magazine*' award for 'Best Concert by Visiting Artist'.

Toured with American band '*Chicago*'

Guest appearance in television drama series '*Bellamy*'

1982

10<sup>th</sup> album, '*Jokers and Queens*', with Marcia Hines

Interviewed on '*Parkinson*'

1983

11<sup>th</sup> album, '*Beating the Boards*', double live recording with '*The Foster Brothers*'. (Single - *Beating the Boards*). Album goes Gold.

12<sup>th</sup> album, '*Some People*'. (Single - *Some People have all the Fun*)

Second European Tour with *The Foster Brothers*.

Music and performer credits for feature film '*Coolangatta Gold*'.

1984

Played '*The Pirate King*' in Victorian State Opera '*Pirates of Penzance*'

Melbourne Theatre Critic's Greenroom Award for 'Best Performance'

Mo award for 'Male Vocalist of the Year'

Mo award for 'Entertainer of the Year'

1985

AFI award for soundtrack on '*Street Hero*' with Renee Geyer

Return season as '*The Pirate King*'

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- 1986 13<sup>th</sup> album, 'Dark Horses' (Singles - *Dark Horses* and *Another Brand new Day*)  
2<sup>nd</sup> return season as 'The Pirate King'  
Toured Australia with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers
- 1987 Played title role in musical 'Rasputin'  
14<sup>th</sup> album, 'Busking' (Single - *Always the Busker*) with David Mackay
- 1988 Played 'Pap Finn' (and others) in hit musical 'Big River'  
Bicentennial Celebrations, including Concert for Prince Charles and Lady Diana.  
Features in Bicentennial commercial shown world wide
- 1989 Writes and records rock opera 'Paris' in London, England  
Appears with Mike Batt and Tim Rice in concert series for Vic Arts Festival  
Appears in Concert version of 'The Hunting of the Snark' with Mike Batt and Michael Parkinson
- 1990 Releases 'Paris'. Album becomes largest selling Australian musical  
'Paris' wins Aria award for 'Best Cast Album'  
Guest Appearance on television drama series 'Flying Doctors'
- 1991 Plays 'Bobby Rivers' in the television sit-com 'Altogether Now'  
Writes the theme song and all incidental music for the series
- 1992 Second series of 'Altogether Now'  
Logie award for 'Best Comedy'  
Logie nomination for 'Best Male Comedy Performer'
- 1993 3<sup>rd</sup> series of 'Altogether Now'. 101 episodes filmed in total.  
Guest appearance in television comedy spoof, 'Frontline'
- 1994 Stars again as the 'Pirate King' in EssGee's production of 'Pirates of Penzance' throughout Australia and New Zealand  
'Pirates' wins Aria award for 'Best Cast Album'
- 1995 Plays 'Pooh-Bah' in EssGee's production of 'The Mikado' throughout Australia and New Zealand  
'Pirates' video and DVD sales send it double platinum.  
'The Mikado' goes platinum.
- 1996 Guest appearance in children's television series 'Ocean Girl'
- 1996 - 97 Appears in EssGee's 'HMS Pinafore' and then 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum' throughout Australia and New Zealand.

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- 1998 - 99      Tours extensively with his own show, 'Turn the Page'  
Tours nationally in the British theatre comedy 'Noises Off'  
Featured on 'This is your Life'
- 2000            Writes, produces, and performs own stage show 'Buskers and Angels'  
in Newcastle, Canberra, and Melbourne.  
Guest appearance in television comedy series 'Pizza'  
Guest appearance in feature film 'Walk the Talk'
- 2001            'Buskers and Angels' nominated for Green Room award for 'Best  
Original Music and Lyrics'  
Appears as Mr Lucas in the stage adaptation of 'Are You Being Served'  
with John Inman from the original television series.  
Appears in the stage show, 'Bedside Manners' - also with John Inman  
Appears as 'The Pirate King' again in a month long season of 'Pirates'
- 2002            Appears in national tour of stage show 'Don't Dress for Dinner' with  
Denis Waterman.
- 2003            Final performances of 'Pirates' throughout regional Australia and  
Tasmania.  
First performances of 'Uncorked' music show with Peter Cupples.  
Amateur rights to 'Paris' are released followed by numerous  
productions in Australia and the UK
- 2004            Appears in the musical 'Dad's Army' in Australia and New Zealand
- 2005            National 'In Concert' tour around Australia  
Featured on the ABC's 'Talking Heads' program  
Guest appearance on television series 'Last Man Standing'
- 2006            Tours nationally with 'Countdown Spectacular' stage concert  
Tours 'Uncorked' show with Peter Cupples and 'In concert' solo  
Guest appearance ABC's 'Spicks and Specks' music trivia show
- 2007            Continues touring with 'Uncorked'  
Reunites with 'The Foster Brothers' for series of concerts  
Appears in the musical 'Blood Brothers' as The Narrator  
Records 'Symphony of Australia' CD with Gavin Lockley and performs  
at the world premiere concert version at the Sydney Opera House  
Films the futuristic 13 part children's mini series 'Time Trackers' in  
New Zealand, playing the role of 'Old Troy'.
- 2008            Appears as 'Menelaus' in a successful season of his own musical 'Paris'.  
Commences touring nationally with support band 'Jonah's Road'

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- 2009 'Buskers and Angels' released for amateur rights in Australia  
Jon plays the role of 'Harry' in the first season of 'Buskers' in Newcastle.  
'Paris' is translated into German.  
Jon headlines 'The Rock Show', a theatre tribute to the 60's and 70's rock generation, and tours regionally across Australia.
- 2010 "The Rock Show" continues touring to sell out audiences around the country.  
Appears in a season of the black comedy "The Removalists" with the Perth Theatre Company, playing the role of the removalist.
- 2011 TV Guest appearance on SBS's 'Rockwiz'.  
More shows around the country with Jonah's Road.  
'The Rock Show' set for a big year at major capital city venues.  
'The Rock Show MORE!' underway.

## STILL TO COME IN 2012

- 2012 Jan/Feb: 'The Rock Show' to do a final tour of Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, finishing up at the State Theatre in Sydney on 18 Feb. Tickets to all venues on sale now.
- March: Jon to appear in Jesus Christ Superstar in the role of Pontius Pilate at the Princess Theatre in Tasmania in support of the Save the Tassie Devil appeal.

