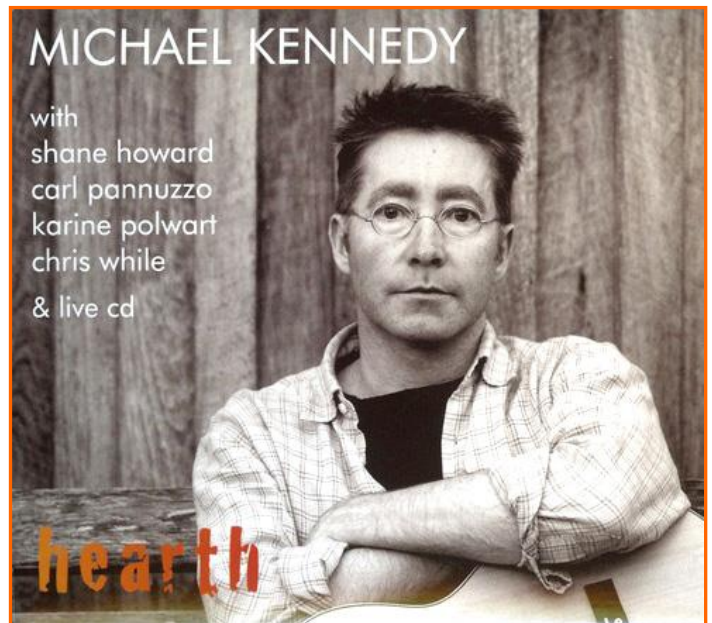


LEGACY LIVES ON

Some of you will remember Michael Kennedy (14/3/1966 – 19/8/2013) from his exquisite performance at the 2000 Jubilee concert or perhaps from his days at Sacred Heart College in Ballarat between 1989 and 1994. He was also at Damascus College Ballarat during 1995 and for a short time after.

Michael was extraordinarily brave and private about his terminal illness that eventually caused his passing at the age of forty seven. Some of the songs in his 2006 album, 'Seed' expressed his gratitude for the miracle of a double lung transplant that gave him ten years of easy breathing before the last challenging phase of his life. He was a man of searching questions and deep contemplations, qualities that fed his inspired song writing and angelic performances. There was a lot of love about his talent but he is now sadly missed for his qualities of reverence, tenderness and power as a person.



His double album was launched at the 2015 National Folk Festival in Canberra at Easter. Michael had been booked by the Festival two years running to appear as a headline act and both times illness prevented him from being there. Nor had he been able to complete the recording of his latest lyrics so Luke Plumb produced 'Hearth' featuring the voices of Shane Howard, Carl Pannuzzo, Karine Polwart and Chris White. The second disc is 'Michael Live' created from recordings of Michael singing live at venues. Listening to his exquisite, soaring voice on these tracks reminds us of the uplifting quality of his great gift.

Michael's wife, Carla (McKerrow) Kennedy describes the album in the following way:

"At this album's heart beat you will discover the delight of the natural world, songs for the Earth, mysticism mixed with tradition, challenging political thought and a little Irish magic to boot. It is about the world beneath your feet, your wild cathedral and then the mystery of our amazing beyond, our Earth, our Indigo. It is about the wonder of a new dawn, a bowing sun, that scarlet robin and your fragile life."

This album is available for borrowing through the Diocesan Resource Centre. If you wish to purchase your own copy it can be sourced through www.michaelkennedy.com.au