

## MEZZANINE, GROUND BREAKING EXPOSURE

When Rebecca St James, Newsboys, Michelle Tumes, and the Paul Colman Trio relocated to the US a few years ago, it stimulated the emergence of a new global interest in Australasian Christian music.

Far from being a “brain drain”, this has become an important part of national life influencing the development of homegrown songwriting, recording and performance practices.

This can be seen by the growing number of new and developing artists that have begun to emerge in this region.

Woodlands Media’s new promotional project *Mezzanine* aims to help identify the pick of new and developing talent and present them to a national audience through radio and press.

Wes Jay, the Director of Woodlands Media says he hopes that *Mezzanine* will, in time, become widely recognised as a filter for new and emerging Christian music and musicians.

The first four *Mezzanine* acts include two female singers (Aliko and Cindy V), a rock band (inflight), plus a male vocalist (Tarun Stevenson).

**Tarun** has been inspired by a wide range of singer songwriters including Bob Dylan, Marvin Gaye and Ben Harper. The Melbourne based singer songwriter shows a great love for melody, diverse rhythms and songs that have something to say. ([tarunstevenson.com](http://tarunstevenson.com))

**Aliko** (pronounced ‘a leaky’) is a Brisbane singer, speaker and writer who’s known only by her first name. She was a finalist in the 96Five Creative Challenge, and the prestigious MusicOz Awards. ([aliko.com.au](http://aliko.com.au))

Melbourne pop-rock act **Inflight** defies typical expectations and simple labels delivering the unexpected every time. Sometimes described as ‘battlers’, the group has played some unusual gigs including a rehab centre in the US, plus large events such as Youth Alive in Australia and the Parachute Festival in New Zealand. ([inflight.com.au](http://inflight.com.au))

And, if you’re a fan of Joni Mitchell, Ginny Owens, or Sara Groves, then you’ll probably want to get into the music of Aussie newcomer, **Cindy V**. The part time English and Language teacher, sings and writes songs with deeply spiritual lyrics. ([cindyv.com](http://cindyv.com))

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