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Deborah Dicembre launches CD for those 'by the wayside'

Award-winning Australian singer and songwriter Deborah Dicembre will launch her much-anticipated CD at The Wayside Chapel on Saturday, 19 November at 7.30pm to raise money for Wayside Youth.

The CD - 'The Ballad of Malcolm Campbell' - is a collection of ten songs for the soul. Beautifully written and beautifully played, Deborah Dicembre moves effortlessly and expertly from jazz to folk to rock to gospel. She has that once-in-a-generation voice that feeds your soul while taking your breath away. Held in the theatre of The Wayside Chapel's new building, this rare Sydney performance of Deborah Dicembre and her all-star band promises to take audience members on a lyrical journey that is both entertaining and transforming.

All the proceeds from the sales of CDs, at the event as well as online and through record stores, will go to Wayside Youth, a drop-in centre and outreach service for young people (25 and under). As a young girl Deborah needed the kind of help Wayside provides to youth at risk.

"I have first-hand experience of growing up in and around the Cross and understand what it means to have a safe place to land. 'The Ballad of Malcolm Campbell' tells the tale of a young friend who didn't survive self medicating a broken heart," Deborah said.

Rev. Graham Long said Kings Cross continues to be a dangerous place for young people, where the opportunity for criminal activity and the ready access to alcohol and drugs can put them at great risk.

"From Monday to Saturday, Wayside Youth provides a safe and supportive environment for all young people with a particular focus on those living rough in the Kings Cross area," said Rev. Graham Long.

The event is on at The Wayside Chapel Theatre, 29 Hughes St, Potts Point. Tickets to the event are \$20 and can be purchased from Moshtix

(<http://www.moshtix.com.au/event.aspx?id=51637&ref=dicembrewayside>) or the following ticketing outlets: Resist Records, 294 King St, Newtown; Red Eye Records Pitt St, 370 Pitt Street, Sydney CBD; and Utopia Records, 511 Kent Street, Sydney

For further media information, photos or to organise an interview with Deborah Dicembre or Rev. Graham Long, contact Laura Watts at The Wayside Chapel on 02 9581 9108 or 0406 173 004 or email media@thewaysidechapel.com. The enclosed CD can be used as a giveaway.

The Wayside Chapel has provided unconditional love, care and support for people on and around the streets of Kings Cross since 1964. Today, under the banner of Love over Hate, Wayside runs a community services centre, youth space and outreach service, mental health program, community café, and Indigenous women's program; programs and services designed to ensure that the most marginalised members of our community have access to essential health, welfare, social and recreational services, as well as offering a place where people are welcome just to 'be'.