Casey Donovan

Casey Donovan is one of Australia’s most versatile Entertainers, recently seen performing the role of Matron Mama Morton in the musical Chicago in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, heard on Spotify with her NOVA Podcast The Space and winning the public vote for her song Proud for Eurovision Australia Decides 2020 televised on SBS in a live show filmed on the Gold Coast in February 2020.

After a meteoric rise to fame at the age of 16, Casey became the youngest ever winner of *Australian Idol* in 2004. Over the last fourteen years, Donovan has made her mark not only as a musician, but also in the areas of stage, screen, presenting and writing. Casey is a multi-Award winner & nominee, including an ARIA No #1 Award for *Listen with Your Heart* and Deadly Awards for Best Album, Best Single and Most Promising New Talent.

After taking a break from music, Casey returned to the music arena with the release of her hotly anticipated single *Big, Beautiful & Sexy*. As a result of this inspirational song, she not only garnered new fans Australia-wide, but also became a poster girl for fuller-figured women. Casey took her *Big, Beautiful & Sexy* ethos further by touring in her own show, which has saw the remarkable singer perform to sellout crowds at some of the country’s most coveted venues and participate in events such as *Adelaide Festival, Brisbane Festival, The Rocks Festival of the Voice, Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute’s Spirit Festival, Darwin Festival* and *Yabun Festival*. Casey has also headlined her own Mama Cass Tribute concerts and supported the legendary Cyndi Lauper on her Australian National Tour.

Making her theatrical debut in *Miracle In Brisbane* for the *Brisbane Festival*. This was to be the first of many acclaimed theatrical performances, including *The Flowerchildren* (Magnormos), *As You Like It* (Company B), *Opera Yarrabah* (Opera Australia) and *The Sapphires* (Company B / Black Swan State Theatre Company), *RENT* (Hayes Theatre), *Funny Girl* (SSO), *We Will Rock You* (Andrew Pole/Ben Elton) as Killer Queen and in 2020 *Chicago* as Matron Mama Morton (GFO). Casey’s stage credits have earned her respect from the industry and the status of one of Australia’s most sought after performers, which has seen her receive a nomination for Best Newcomer and Best Performance by an Actress in a Musical in the Sydney Theatre Awards.

Over the span of her illustrious career, Casey has appeared on many television programs including; *The Morning Show, Sunrise, 20 to 1, Today Show, Today Extra, Cram, Family Feud, ABC Playschool Storytime, Studio 10, Fusion,* [*Yarramundi Kids*](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1669775/)*,* [*Spicks and Specks*](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0448300/)*,* [*Good Morning Australia*](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0278860/)*, Rove Live, Who Do You Think You Are, Interview - with Andrew Denton, Eurovision-Australia Decides, Carols by Candlelight, Australia Day and NYE at the Sydney Opera House.*  Casey made her scripted television debut as Tia the probationary parking inspector on Network Ten’s comedy series Streetsmart and in late 2020 launched wellness podcast *The Space with Nova and Spotify.*

Crowned QUEEN of the Jungle by vote of the Australian Public, Casey won the third series of I’m a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here which was filmed on location in South Africa. After six grueling weeks in the jungle this was her second reality TV win by a public vote winning $100,000 for the Starlight Children’s Foundation.
Casey’s appearance on the hit network 10 series has saw the versatile entertainer win an outpouring of love and support from Australian audiences. Casey has moved audiences nationwide with incredible performances in recent years, notably covering David Bowie’s song *Heroes* at the 2017 Logie Awards, for which she received a standing ovation and rave reviews from the Entertainment Industry. Twitter on was then set on fire Christmas Eve and New Years Eve 2018 and 2019 with her performances on ABC NYE live at the Sydney Opera House and Carols By Candlelight on the Nine Network.

Casey released her highly anticipated EP *Off The Grid and Somewhere In Between,* which was crowdfunded by her biggest supporters in 2017 with her single *Lonely* jumping 60 places overnight in the iTunes single charts to the Top 30; this was followed with a series of live and intimate shows around the country to reconnect Casey with music lovers and her biggest supporters, and captivating readers with her autobiography *Big, Beautiful & Sexy* (New Holland Publishers) releasing a revised edition of the book Big Beautiful and Sexier in 2018.

Casey became an ambassador for Coles Supermarkets, entertaining Australians with the Down Down campaign TV commercials and continues to lend her name and support to a number of charitable and non-profit organisations in her roles as Ambassador for RU OK, MMAD and Camp Quality and Advocate for the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Starlight Children’s Foundation, and Pancare and was one of the founding members of the New South Wales Indigenous Chamber of Commerce.