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**Sister Cities of Nashville Announces first-ever “Nashville to Tamworth Cross Country Experience” Artist**

Nashville, Tenn.- Sister Cities of Nashville (SCN) announces singer-songwriter Anna Hamilton to participate as Nashville’s featured artist in the first-ever Nashville to Tamworth Cross Country Experience. The competition is sponsored by Visit Music City.

Hamilton will travel to Tamworth, Australia in January to represent Nashville as an attendee at the 2024 Senior Singer-Songwriter Course at the Academy of Country Music, and will perform during the annual Tamworth Country Music Festival.

“We are so proud to have Anna as Nashville’s representative in Tamworth this year,” said Sister Cities Board Member, Mark O’Shea (half of the multi-CMAA award winning country duo, O’SHEA). “Just like Music City, she’s one-of-a-kind and a great representative of the world class songwriting and musicianship that is synonymous with Nashville. Australia’s going to love her!”

“One special thing about music is how it connects people,” says artist Anna Hamilton. “I’m excited to have the opportunity to travel to our sister city to represent Nashville songwriters in Tamworth this January.”

Tamworth is known as the “Country Music Capital of Australia” and became Nashville’s 7th Sister City in June 2013, with the common connection being music. Since the partnership began, the two cities have engaged in a number of music, student, and professional exchanges. This unique exchange is possible because of support from Visit Music City, Nashville’s Convention and Visitors Corp, to promote Nashville abroad and share our culture with the world. Sister Cities of Nashville gives special thanks to the Country Music Association of Australia (CMAA), City of Tamworth, and the Academy of Country Music (Australia) for their partnerships.

“This exchange is an example of how we can benefit and work together across cultures,” said SCN Board President Mina Johnson. “The programs of Sister Cities bring international culture and entertainment to and from Nashville and allow artists, who otherwise may have never met, to collaborate, and make real, lasting connections in different parts of the world.”

In an effort to form lasting connections between Nashville and Tamworth, the two cities collaborated to create this reciprocal, annual music exchange. Young musicians from Nashville were invited to apply for the very unique opportunity to collaborate and connect with their international counterparts while representing our city abroad. Participants committed to stay with a local family and immerse themselves in the culture of our partner city. Earlier this year, Nashville received Tamworth musician Gretta Ziller, winner of The CMAA

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Academy of Country Music's inaugural Nashville Exchange Program. Ziller performed at the 2023 AmericanaFest, collaborated with local Nashville musicians, and stayed with families in the area.

The Academy of Country Music is a professional initiative of the Country Music Association of Australia developed to mentor, support, and contribute to the careers of young performers from Australia and New Zealand.

Founded in 1990, Sister Cities of Nashville (SCN) is a chapter of Sister Cities International, which is based in Washington D.C. SCN is a volunteer organization that connects Nashvillians with friends around the world through exchanges, cultural programs, and partnerships. For more information about Nashville's 10 Sister Cities, or to find out how to participate in Sister Cities of Nashville's events, student exchanges, adult exchanges, and other opportunities, please visit [www.scnashville.org](http://www.scnashville.org).

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