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TESTIMONIALS

PAT WILSON - www.patwilson.com

Just saw that you were up for an AWMA award for Humanitarian services, noted in the national ANATS newsletter. I am so proud and delighted! What you guys do up there is vital, and it saves lives. It's not just about the music, and I know that you know this.

Just want to let you know that I love your work, your integrity, and your vision. It's about those human spirits and their worth.

DAMIEN JUDD - SAMARITAN COLLEGE PRINCIPAL:

Stormfront have been part of our music programme at Samaritan College for nearly 20 years - more importantly in the last 4 or 5 years direct management and coordination of our Band and Performance programme, and it's been one of the best decisions we've ever made.

DANIEL HAMILTON - SUNRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

The positive response to (Stormfront's) Music Tuition was immediate. We've had exceptional feedback from the students and their families, and the staff. The expertise and effectiveness is really obvious.

LAI KUAN KIM - PORT AUGUSTA SCHOOL OF THE AIR HEAD OF CAMPUS:

It is no secret that (Stormfront) are well respected in the music industry across Australia. This is highlighted in their many awards as musicians, philanthropists and educators. Living and breathing music - imparting that energy and love for the arts to their students and indeed across our wider SOTA school community. We are ever so grateful to Alison and Mark.

**ANTHONY STEWART - Touring & Recording Artist,
Owner of RED BRICK RECORDING STUDIOS (Adelaide):**

"Mark & Alison are committed musicians with a love for music, working with young people in their development of skills, self-esteem and enjoyment of music. I have been directly involved in a range of events and performances with Mark & Ali. At all times very professional in their approach.

Stormfront Productions has been involved in nurturing and fostering music with young people. I have seen them encouraging young people as they provide them with skills, but also promote their self-esteem to 'have a go' and above all to enjoy their music."

MAYOR OF WHYALLA (2003-2015) The Hon. Mr. JIM POLLOCK:

"Stormfront Productions has been actively involved in the Whyalla music scene for a number of years. During this time Alison and Mark have made a positive impact on many individuals, groups and on general community involvement in music locally.

Their dedication to music and their expertise in this field has been translated into the wider community through their involvement and leadership in such major events as the annual 'Carols in the Park' and in smaller events such as workshops involving the Whyalla City Council and Youth Central.

Alison and Mark have demonstrated their ability and dedication to constantly improve their coaching prowess and expand the service they provide to the City of Whyalla and other regional centres."

**TAMARRA WELLMAN - Master of Management (Arts) UniSA/Concordia University
Canada. Owner of Tamwel Arts Consultancy (Adelaide):**

*"My association with Alison Hams spans 16 years,
ranging from judge, tutor, mentor and friend.*

I first knew Alison as a judge and performer at the South Australian Country Music Festival and Awards. As a performer Alison helped strengthen my qualities as a country music singer, tutoring me in voice, diction, guitar and performance during 2003 and 2004. Unbeknownst to me I would go on to win over fifty trophies for my singing and be selected as one of the twenty graduates at the CMAA Australian College of Country Music in 2005.

As I progressed with my music, Alison was always willing to give advice and often provide columns for our Country Music magazine and give development workshops at Junior Country Crossover - a group coordinated and designed to engage young talent in South Australia.

Alison has been instrumental to my love and dedication to the South Australian Music Industry. Her assistance and encouragement has helped me believe in myself and strive for challenge. This is demonstrated through my four years of managing the South Australian Council for Country Music and Junior Country Crossover, and completing a Master of Arts and Cultural Management in Canada. I now own my own business assisting and developing musicians and organisations, something I have in part to thank Alison for.

It's now a pleasure to have Mark Tempany and Alison Hams involved in Events and Festivals I organise. Their skills and expertise in performance development go hand in hand with the way they can relate and engage with these kids and young adults to produce fantastic results in just one day. They also have extensive resources to go well beyond the call of duty of instrumental music lessons including mentoring, production and recording facilities. I highly recommend Stormfront Productions.

TERISSA SHEPHERD – past SAMARITAN COLLEGE PRINCIPAL:

“Alison Hams & Mark Tempany have been contracted as private music tutors to Samaritan College since 2004. In that time they have made a positive impact on the life of the College with their generous and always positive contribution to the Arts. They have so naturally developed a positive rapport with our young people and their families and go beyond the call of duty in terms of pastoral support of our students - particularly those working seriously towards careers in music.

They significantly contribute to our school community through providing and assisting with entertainment, supporting their students in showcasing their talents and in being present at many of our functions in a generous way. At all times they work interdependently and as a team in sharing their skills to the highest standards, showing outstanding commitment & inspiration to, and support of, our students' musical aspirations.”

CHAIRPERSON SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR COUNTRY MUSIC Inc.

The Hon. Peter Lewis M.P. (Adelaide):

"Our decision to nominate you as Independent Entertainer Of The Year was made due to your contribution to Country Music in South Australia and your ongoing commitment to encourage young talent around you.

Our selection panel has been mightily impressed by your professionalism across the board, particularly by your work as a performer, judge, entertainer, compere and mentor to talented young artists and songwriters. We thank you for that and believe that recognition is due to you. You are an example and inspiration to all around you.

We look forward to your successes for the future and wish you all the best for your current projects."

MIGELLE HISCOCK – Whyalla City Council/Out Of The Shed Project:

Stormfront have a natural rapport with young people and quickly established positive relationships with the students while maintaining discipline and motivation.

They were able to share their significant experience with the students who responded by putting maximum effort into absorbing a significant level of new skills.

It can be very difficult to achieve this level of connection with groups of young people and Ali and Mark are to be congratulated on their ability to achieve such positive outcomes.

BRAND SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

"The benefits of Stormfront Productions' work in the area of performing arts are far reaching. Not only do they provide opportunity for the community to enjoy their performing arts, they train and encourage young community members to be able to share their art.

The company's contribution to the Whyalla "Carols in the Park" event shows community spirit and offers another vehicle for artists to express themselves – and the introduction of Stormfront Productions' recording studio is a first for the region and provides another avenue of expression for the region's aspiring performing artists."

FROM WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS:

** You are amazing. Thank you for this, I really appreciate it. - Rebecca*

** Thank you so much for this weekend. I've learned so much and it's been a great opportunity - Michal*

** Thanks for 2 days of awesomeness - Tahlia*

** You are still the best! - Trinitie*

** Thanks for the awesome time - looking forward to the next one - Andrew*

** Best 2 days of learning EVER! - Blake*

.....AND FROM CLIENTS, PARENTS & STUDENTS OF STORMFRONT:

** Alison from Stormfront Productions is my son's music teacher. He is 5 and has Down syndrome. He loves music but find some things challenging. Alison has gotten to know him and has changed his lessons to suit his strengths, and works on areas he finds challenging. His MINI MUSO lessons have been great for his confidence, speech, focus, fine motor and attending skills. Every time he walks in to the lesson he feels like a rock star!! - Rachel*

Seeing my daughter's confidence and self esteem grow with the support of Stormfront MINI MUSO and performances has been absolutely amazing! This is such a dedicated couple running a company that builds young people up and is always involved in the community. We love the way you guys operate. Compared to other musical experiences my child has had in the past (where they could definitely have used your expertise) we know you guys will ALWAYS do a great job. It's great to be part of the Stormfront family! - Kirsty

Mark & Alison. Thank you so much for EVERYTHING.

You two are truly AMAZING!

You have both given me the confidence and ability to pursue something I love to do. **You always go out of your way to help everyone**, and my own experience with you both has now provided me with so much insight into the possibilities of singing - and given me skills I can carry outside of music.

I could not have asked for anybody better to guide my singing career.

BREEZE Millard

(Whyalla Recording Scholarship Winner 2017)

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** If you're passionate about singing & playing your instruments & want to learn to be better, you have to try Stormfront Productions. I have for almost a year now & LOVE IT. Mark Tempany & Alison Hams are dedicated teachers who strive to see you succeed. Give them a try people! - Terry*

Extremely proud as always of our daughter and extremely grateful that she is under your professional expertise. We hope that you continue to guide and mold our daughter's singing future. We really appreciate the time you put in with her. - Samantha

*Your enthusiasm for the kids is admirable and contagious,
and your patience is amazing. - Jenny*

** Dear Alison. You are special to me because you teach me how to play piano. You taught me Wild Rest, Cuckoo, The Old Grey Mare, Let's Go To America and Wake Up Brother John. You're the best music teacher. – Karin (age 7)*

Mark & Alison. You have inspired me with your talents, commitment, selflessness and dedication and I hope I can be as true of a musician as you both one day.

Thank you for **preparing me to take on the world.** Thank you for guiding me and giving me amazing opportunities. Your presence in my life is a gift.

Alana Bray www.facebook.com/alanabraymusic

** My son really enjoyed his first EVER guitar lesson. He's feeling proud. Thank you for making his first experience enjoyable. - Melissa*

My daughter is a student at Stormfront Productions. They have built up her confidence and are teaching her to be the best she can be. Alison and Mark do everything for their students and spend so much time organising events and performances for their students and the community. I highly recommend them – Helen

** Both my daughters have been involved with Stormfront Productions for 6 years. Over the years Mark and Alison have encouraged and supported my girls - from singing to playing guitar to building their confidence to perform on stage. They definitely go beyond the "music teachers" title with the extra time they have put into my girls. I would definitely recommend Stormfront Productions to anyone looking at learning any form of music. - Cathy*

I was a student of Mark and Ali's for a number of years, driving over 150km for fortnightly lessons. Mark and Ali are not only amazing teachers but amazing people, who have helped and encouraged me to develop my musical and performance skills, which boosted my confidence and has lead me to achieving so many other things in life.

I had so much fun performing in events & Mark & Ali also encouraged me to compete in an Eisteddfod, in which I was awarded first place for my age group. I would 100% recommend Stormfront Productions to anyone, particularly young people, who want to enhance their musical skills as well as learning valuable life skills. - Dayna

I totally recommend Stormfront Productions for anyone interested in Music.

Mark and Alison **go above and beyond** to help their students strive for their goals and dreams. I attended Stormfront for 6 years (before moving for Uni) and went from being shy to confidently singing on stage as a performer.

In year 12, Mark and Alison mentored me with my major assignment recording a demo CD. They spent over 20 hours recording the song in their studio with me and teaching me how to mix the song and design a CD and all this was done free of charge!! They cared enough about **me and my music** to give up **countless hours** of their personal time.

If you are looking for teachers who **not only care about music but you personally** you can't go past Stormfront.

Jenna (*student 6 years*)

** The greatest pleasure is our little girl being less shy to sing at home, and we all enjoy listening to her. Thank you Alison, sometimes we need great people to make a difference in our lives.- Maxie*

I truly know that the kids love and enjoy each lesson you give them. Thanks so much for your support and advice and belief in them. As a parent I appreciate it more than words could ever express. - Jo-anne

** A couple of years ago when we were away we missed the Whyalla exams and beautiful Mark and Alison arranged for my daughter's exams to be done in Port Augusta (45 minutes away) and gave up their day to come along and support her and her music. ❤️ Amazing, beautiful souls who will go to any length for their students to succeed. Makes my heart sing. Thank you both. My daughter loves you guys as much as the music. –Fiona*

Mark, not only have you taught us the techniques of singing, but you've given us the confidence to show it. You are more than "just" our teacher. You have always listened and been our own personal counsellor, giving us advice (and a laugh) when we need it. Most importantly you have ALWAYS been a friend. You and Alison do so much for us and we will NEVER take that for granted. – Rhiannon

You have been my teachers, guides and mentors and your absolute faith in me has allowed me to believe in myself and do things I never in a million years thought I could do.

Now I can sing, play guitar, write my own songs and bring them to life, perform, audition and chase my dream of music all over the world. It's all because of you two that I am so passionate about this one thing (music) and I will forever be grateful for everything you've done.

Your amazing guidance, your own achievements, and your belief that I can do whatever I want to in life **has inspired me** to chase my dreams.

Thank you guys so incredibly much for everything you have done.

Romy (student 5 years)

** My daughter absolutely loved performing on Sunday. You guys are amazing with the kids. I wish I took photos of YOU guys and your smiles whenever the kids performed their songs.*

*Moments like those are priceless - **Maxie***

*Thank you for the CD - we all absolutely LOVE it. Our daughter is already planning more songs for when lessons resume. Thank you! - **Donna***

Thank you for your support and encouragement. We are blessed to have you guys nurture our children - **The Daniels-Francis family*

*Dear Alison. You are the best music teacher. Thank you for helping me in my first exam - **Charlotte***

Thank you very much for your time and effort in teaching - and your organising of such wonderful events - the experience and confidence it gives your students is priceless. - **Carly*

*I have been in tears listening to the CD. It is better than I could have imagined. Thank you, It is something both Hayley and I can cherish for the rest of our life - **Jo***

Thank you for my son's singing lessons. You have made a difference in his life. Thank you for helping him grow - **Kristen.*

*Thank you so much. I have loved learning from you, and appreciate your help with my exams. I look forward to learning more next year. - **Imogen***

Thank you so much for your time, effort, and dedication in teaching our son this year. He has shown so much growth and learned a lot, and it's all thanks to your guidance and encouragement. Music lessons are always his favourite time, and that speaks volumes to the positive /fun learning lessons. We are grateful for the impact you're making.

*- **Gen** (School Of The Air parent)*

I have had so much fun being a part of the **Stormfront family** these last few years and can honestly say my lessons are one of the things I am going to miss most next year.

I can only imagine it must be tough sometimes, but all your efforts are greatly appreciated and mean an awful lot.

I started learning music from a teacher, but I now head off to college leaving a friend.

Alicia (student 6 years)

Thank you for believing in L'Lianna and grooming her into a confident singer. She loved every moment she had with both of you. She told me that she doesn't think she will find another mentor and teacher as amazing as both of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. She is already missing you and we will definitely keep in touch. The bond between you and her is strong. - Nuala

**Mark and Ali - thank you for everything you do for our daughter - she truly loves her music lessons with you - Natasha*

*Our daughter has learned so much from you and she looks forward to learning more. Thank you for being a remarkable teacher. I am very grateful to have you as her teacher
- Jimmy (Port Augusta)*

**Thank you for everything you have taught me over the last few years. My confidence has grown so much and I never thought I would be able to sing and play in front of an audience. -
Chloe*

You are two of the most amazing and genuine people
I know and I wouldn't be where I am today without you.

Thank you for all you do.

Shakira Lea Fauser
(Whyalla Recording Scholarship Winner 2018)

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My heart is beaming with pride for both of you and the work you have done for the Whyalla Recording Scholarship girls. We are all very lucky to have you in our lives and in our community to help guide the younger generation of musicians in our town. I am beyond excited to for the new singles to be released! -Simone

** Love what you guys do in Whyalla! Your community is so fortunate to have you*
- Lauren Moxey (Sydney Vocal Academy)

We don't know how to THANK YOU and the efforts you've put into restoring this guitar handed down to our son from his uncle. We also truly appreciate the way he is being taught by you in learning the guitar. His passion for this new activity is amazing and something he'll remember for years to come. Again we truly appreciate everything you've done for us -
Penny (Samaritan College Band parent)

** Our daughter's first year in the Samaritan Band choosing a challenging instrument in the flute. Thank you to her awesome tutor Kym, and to Mark and Alison for your expert direction of this Programme. Thank you for your hard work in a challenging year for performing arts. You are such great role models for aspiring musicians and make band fun and accessible to everyone. - Maresa (Samaritan College Band parent)*

My daughters had their first online singing and piano lessons with Alison at Stormfront this afternoon. It brought some 'normal' back into their week, and I thoroughly enjoyed watching them in their lessons, with so much concentration and joy. -Karinna

Thank you for everything you have done for me over the past 8 years. Every week I'm greeted by the most welcoming smiles. From teaching me guitar, helping me audition for musicals, teaching me to dance and sing (and fixing my guitar!) to being a friendly face I could talk to - you both have been **everything a mentor and teacher should be.**

I cannot put into words how thankful I am for both of you.

Ali, you are one of the most inspirational women I have ever come to know, and Mark - you are the kindest soul, and always able to put a smile on my face. Thank you.

- Summer (student 8 years)

Thank you so much for all the work you are doing to fit in lessons and adapting to online, we really appreciate it!

We especially appreciate that our daughter can keep doing her lesson as she lives for music and singing. Being able to still have music lessons has really helped her emotionally. Thank you Mark for encouraging her, it is wonderful to get that from outside of family, she is really starting to believe she can sing.

Thank you Alison for developing our other daughter's love for music and playing the piano, she loves her lessons and always comes back so happy and chatty. I can always tell that she not only loves the lessons but feels encouraged, safe and has a good relationship with you. -Kerry

** Mark & Alison, your kindness, patience, listening ears, understanding and non-judgement has meant so much to me. It has been a massive year of unrest felt by everyone, who knows where we go as a collective from here? I am so grateful you will be part of my journey - Deb*

*You have helped me with stage fright, allowing me to perform better on-stage in front of people, and in musicals. Thank you for the past 8 years -***Logan**

** Thank you so much both of you for all your hard work and the continued support you have given my daughter this year. If it wasn't for you she certainly wouldn't be the player she is, she just loves coming to Band -***Lana** (Samaritan College Band parent)

*My daughter is doing so well in such a short time. What a great teacher! -***Cassie**

** Having had lessons elsewhere (my daughter) got in the car after her first lesson at Stormfront and said "Mum I learned more in that lesson than I have all year!" Thank you! She really enjoyed it -***Sophie**

*You guys are absolutely amazing!!! Thankyou so much for all you've done -***Michelle** (studio client)

*You guys rock!! Thankyou so much Alison & Mark, that is the first time ever seeing my daughter play the drums. My heart nearly burst with pride, thank you. -***Megan** (Samaritan College Band parent)

Thanks to you both! It's been an amazing **10 years!**

We are extremely proud of our daughter and the young woman she has become. An experiment to see if she'd like guitar has grown into a love for music and performing. **You have fostered this passion** throughout the years and have always been encouraging and supportive. Thank you again for all you have done!

- **Terri**

** Cannot thank you both enough for introducing me to the world of music and teaching and guiding me through this journey. Thank you so much for absolutely everything!! -***Jenna**

*Thank you Alison and Mark for the support you give my daughter.
She is more confident thanks to you guys, we appreciate it! - Marcia*

** Thank you, the girls have enjoyed every lesson, workshop, exam and performance and not to forget the annual "Carols In The Park". (As we leave Whyalla) we wish you the best - and will miss you and Stormfront - John & Maresa*

Thanks Ali and Mark for putting your effort and time into teaching me and many others to learn how to sing. I really appreciate it. - Maddie

**Thank you for all the hard work you put in for your students - to teach us skills and confidence whilst having fun learning along the way! I have loved being a part of the STORMFRONT team over all these years - Keira*

*Thanks for being the best music teacher that anyone could have -
you have made my dream to play piano come true - Izzy*

** Thank you for being such amazing music teachers as well as just generally amazing people!
Thank you for the opportunities you've given mealong with all the memories I'll never forget - Isabella*

My daughter really enjoyed her first ever online singing lesson today (you guys are amazing and always go above and beyond for your students) and we are very grateful. She was quite proud of herself showing off her piano practice while being stuck at home during the Covid-19 isolation days -Chantelle

** Amazing work Miss Alison - we are so blessed to have you as our daughter's music teacher and as a mentor for strong women - Natasha*

Thank you for years of pouring out your love and talent for our children.

Thank you for finding that sweet spot where music collides with heart.

Thank you for **patience and kindness**, and all the little and big things you do - sometimes unnoticed, but always making a **big difference**.

Lessons, performances, instrument exposure, recording opportunities, **investing in their character** and turning frowns into smiles!

- Lize

I just wanted to personally congratulate you on an amazing performance. The confidence that my son showed tonight brought a tear to my eye and we have you to thank for that

- **Tarlei** (Samaritan Band parent)

You have been the best music teachers I could ever ask for.

I really appreciate and value everything you have done. It has been a privilege. - **Janke**

We wanted to let you know how much our daughter is enjoying your lessons. She absolutely loves logging onto the lessons and thinks you're a fantastic teacher so thank you for doing what you're doing. I know online is not always easy but she is really enjoying the learning

which is great to see. - **Kirsty** (School Of The Air parent)

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the work you have done with our kids in Band this year. It's amazing to see how far they've come in such a short time. We are so proud -

Kimberley (Samaritan Band parent)

Mark, you taught me everything I know. My success is attributed to your dedication.

You are both such fantastic humans.

*I hold you both in such a high level of respect. - **Blake***

I would like to thank you Alison Hams & Mark Tempany (Stormfront Productions) from the bottom of my heart for getting me where I am today because if it wasn't for your constant dedication and belief in me and my musical dream none of this would be possible. I could not have had two better people to guide me (for nearly half my life) musically...emotionally.

*Thank you for always believing in me. – **Emily***

Something Alison and Mark have proven time and time again;

*that they can do it....and do it well - **Geniene***

The children just love coming to their lessons - it's not just about the learning, but the engagement, atmosphere, care and dedication you show.

*Thank you - **Dietrich** (Port Augusta)*

*My child is just so happy to go to school on Band days - it's the one thing he really enjoys. Thank you - **Mitchell***

Highly recommend Stormfront for music tuition. They have always gone above and beyond.

*While raw talent is a great start, cementing foundations through their music tuition and personal growth support has been instrumental in (my son's) success - **Tina***

*Alison & Mark...taking music lessons at Stormfront has been absolutely life-changing for me. I have written my own songs, had the lead in the school musical.... I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for all that you do. – **Nyasha***

*Alison and Mark, You are so both supportive and amazing musicians and teachers.
Whyalla would be lost without you both.*

*Thank you for always encouraging my son, he loves his lessons with you.
You have inspired him to step out of his comfort zone and this has helped him grow!*

*Thank you so much - **Jemilly***

We really appreciate your enthusiasm and kindness - so incredibly valuable!

-Dr Diana Tolmie, AWMA Juror Council chair

I've just listened to your "Out Into The Blue" song. It is truly so breathtaking,

*I am in awe. You are both so amazing - **Maddie (student)***

We were so impressed with the Samaritan Band at the Samaritan Spectacular concert.

You guys do such a great job with the children, they are very lucky to learn from you.

*Our daughter loves being a part of it! - **Chantelle***

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