Phil Burton OAM, Human Nature the Australian pop vocal band (v2 as at March 30 2023)

Phil Burton, 49 yrs, is one of Australia's most adored and respected entertainers for over 3 decades as a multi-talented pop group singer (Human Nature, 4 Trax), musical arranger, live performer, big events MC (including 1000 seat American Chamber of Commerce Alliance Gala Dinners 2021 and 2022 at ICC; 2022 with US Ambassador and AmCham Patron Caroline Kennedy), radio (including stand-in for Kyle and Jackie O KiiS 106.5 FM Christmas 2022) and TV media personality (regulars with Nat and Kochie on 7 Sunrise 2007, 2021-23, and Woolworths Carols in the Domain 2022), musical theatre performer (1999 role with the other Human Nature members, in "Happy Days: the Arena Mega-Musical" playing the 1950's pop group Naturals), and sensational solo performer (as in Phil's solo concert series "Songs that shaped my soul" commenced Feb 2023, and other gigs)- a huge Australian and global success.

Phil (vocals, guitar, piano) is co-founder and member of one of the world's finest pop vocal bands, Human Nature, formed in 1997 as a quartet with himself, Toby Allen, and brothers Andrew and Mike Tierney. They were already signed up by Sony Music 1995 after the Sony Australian CEO heard them perform.

Human Nature's distinctive harmonies, catchy tunes, and stellar live shows have won fans all over the globe cementing them as a music legend and one of Australia's finest exports.

Originally, they were school mates (with choir backgrounds) in western Sydney (Hurlstone Agricultural High School) who established themselves as a "doo-wop" group called "4 Trax" pop band performing in 1989 at a schools' combined concert. 4 Trax won the Johnny O'Keefe Encouragement Award 1992. the Variety Group of the Year Award 1992 and 1994. Phil has a passion for the development of young talent.

After forming Human Nature, they fast hit the world stage as support act for Celine Dion "Falling into you" world tours 1996, 1997 and "Let's talk about love" world tour 1998, and as the opening for Michael Jackson's "HIStory" world tour 1996-1997 (including at London's famous Wembley Stadium).

Human Nature performed the Australian National Anthem at the Sydney 2000 Olympics opening with singer Julie Anthony and musician James Morrison. In 2000, Human Nature also made a guest appearance on "Neighbours" and sang "He don't love you".

In 2008 Human Nature recorded their album "A Symphony of Hits" with Prague Philharmonic Orchestra, also performed their songs at Sydney Opera House with Sydney Symphony Orchestra, and other symphony orchestras around Australia (Beatles songs too)…and there's more than we can fit here.

In 2009, Human Nature moved to Las Vegas (US) having headline act "residency" performing over 2500 Motown-themed shows in its world-famous venues. They recorded a full-length US PBS concert special "Human Nature sings Motown with guest Smokey Robinson" in 2011 (no 1 on Motown Chart), followed by a 34 US city tour and also as musical guests on US Dancing with the Stars (in 2007, Human Nature performed on Australia's Dancing with the Stars). Phil has been interviewed/performed on Oprah and NBC Today in US; and In Australia, on 60 minutes, A Current Affair, The Block … and more.

Phil, his wife and their 2 children returned to Australia 13 years later (2019) and reside as our (Hugh and Annette Burne) dearest friends and wonderful next-door neighbours (St Ives). The other 3 singers and

their families remain in Vegas. Human Nature gets together for concert tours as they did in 2022 (75 concerts tour throughout Australia), and again Dec 2022 performing their most loved new and old songs.

Human Nature, since it was formed, has released 13 studio albums (4 were No 1 one in Australia) yielding 27 platinum awards (including 3 multi-Platinum ARIA), 19 Top 40 singles, 5 Top 10 worldwide hits, and over 2.5 million album sales in Australia alone. Their top 10 ARIA chart singles include “Everytime you cry” duet with John Farnham (1997) and performed this single with him on John’s “I Can’t Believe He’s 50” tour 1999. Motown and other classics include Run around Sue, Telling everybody, Wishes, Reach out I’ll be there, and their latest album (2022) “Broken Humans” with Guy Sebastian.

Human Nature was inducted into the ARIA (the Australian Recording Industry Association) Hall of Fame in 2019. Human Nature has had 16 ARIA nominations winning an ARIA Award in 2006 for Highest Selling Album- “Reach Out: The Motown Record”). Human Nature won The Australian Performer of the Year Award 1997, Contemporary Rock Performer of the Year Award 2001 and 2002.

Phil does lots for charities’ fundraisings including annual 26hr ch7 Perth Telethon streamed nationally on 7plus- most recently from RAC Arena Oct 2022; Starlight Foundation and much more.

Each band member was awarded OAM in 2019 (for services to charities, entertainment and the arts).

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