



Pop singer heads home for a show

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FORMER Gore entertainer Jackie Bristow is returning home this month to perform a series of live shows.

Bristow's warm, soulful, folk-pop style has seen her make inroads into the international music scene, after first moving to Australia in the mid-1990s and more recently basing herself in Los Angeles.

Bristow will tour the South Island, including a show in Gore, where her musical career started, singing in her school church choir at the age of eight. She will also play in Dunedin, Queenstown, Cromwell and Wanaka.

After 10 years of touring the US, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, Bristow has built up an enviable live reputation as described by *Desert Highway Magazine*: "Bristow brings to the stage a soulful voice, acoustic guitar with pop accessibilities and folk sensibilities".

In recent times, she has performed at the Canadian Music Festival in Toronto, had a sell-out Australian tour with Daniel Lanois, and performed with Art Garfunkel, Madeleine Peyroux, Renee Geyer, Bic Runga, Mark Seymour, the Whitlams, the Badloves and British band Capercaille.

Bristow relocated to Los Angeles in 2005 to



Coming home: One of Gore's most successful musical exports, Jackie Bristow, will perform in Gore on Friday night.

record *Crazy Love*, the follow-up to her 2002 debut *Thirsty*.

The album was recorded and produced by Helik Hadar, engineer to Rufus Wainwright, Madeleine Peyroux and Walter Becker.

Bristow's songs have featured on hit Australian television shows *The Secret Life of Us* and *Home and Away*, and in

2004 her song *Carry Me Away* featured in the Australian movie *Go Big*.

In 2005, Bristow won the Tourism Australia Song for Australia Competition for their international campaign to promote Australia to the world.

Her winning track, *This Is Australia*, was used in promotions worldwide.

In New Zealand, two

tracks from *Crazy Love* have been play-listed on Air New Zealand flights and two have featured on the hit New Zealand television show *Outrageous Fortune*.

Eastern Southlanders can see Jackie Bristow at ArtSouth this Friday night at 8pm. Tickets cost \$20 each and are available from ArtSouth, Hokonui Honda and Cairns Music.