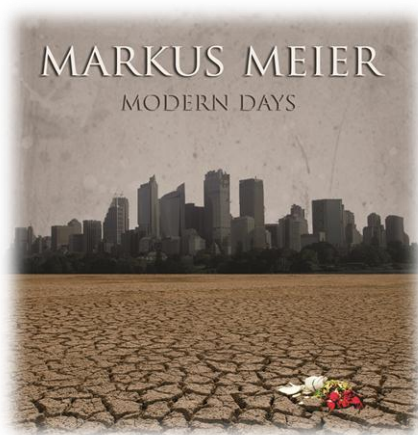


**MARKUS MEIER RELEASES 3RD ALBUM – *MODERN DAYS*
2ND SINGLE ONLY HUMAN OUT RELEASED SEPTEMBER 1**



After the successful release of the first single *A Perfect Night* from Markus Meier's third album, *Modern Days*, this talented country performer is gearing up for another chart topping song. Markus released the second single *Only Human* on September 1, and it is already garnering interest around Australia. With his third offering, Markus took a different direction with his music, and in turn, is steadily building a whole new fan base.

The album, *Modern Days*, which was released on July 16, was recorded with acclaimed producer Garth Porter, and written with Matt Scullion and Dan Conway. Recorded with a swag of the best musicians in Australia, including Pete Drummond (Dragon) and Ian Lees, the album shows why Markus has been getting the reputation for being one of the new breed of country artists to watch out for. As a two time Golden Guitar nominee,

Markus is no stranger to country music audiences, having toured in support of The McClymonts and Lee Kernaghan over the past 12 months, and holding the permanent position in Lee's touring band.

Modern Days is a different direction musically for Markus. "Music has always been a creative process and as an artist you must evolve with the music and with the times," he says. "*Modern Days* is an example of 'country' moving into the future and becoming 'new country' and 'country rock'. Our aim is to engage a new, youthful audience, perhaps even people who wouldn't normally listen to country music. This album is more general than my previous two and hopefully will win over some new fans and get them interested in new country music."

The first single from the album *A Perfect Night* hit #1 on the country charts. The release of *Only Human* as the second single for the album was an easy one for Markus. "*Only Human* is one of those songs that music lovers from all walks of life will find something to connect with," he says. "It has always been a standout track of the album for me personally. The track has a unique sound about it, which I love, but I think it will slot in on most radio playlists. It has an up-tempo country vibe with an infectious hook."

The video clip for *Only Human* is already attracting attention. Telling the story of a boxer's life in the ring, and the problems the violence of this life brings with it to his personal relationships. It was filmed with boxing champion Danny Price, professional fighter Harry El Hussein and model and actress Jessica Saras. Part of the filming also took part in Anthony Mundeen's training gym. Markus says the boxing concept seemed perfect for the song. "Boxing can be such a brutal sport with horrific injuries incurred, yet the athletic boxers almost glide across the ring like a ballet dancer would own a theatre stage," he says. "We used a lot of slow motion shots to display the boxing scenes more like an art form, and the whole clip is purposely shot quite dark to depict the mood of the song."

The song depicts the vulnerability of humanity. "No matter where we come from, we are all human beings and we are not as bullet proof as we think we are," Markus says. "Cut me and I bleed..."

Only Human is online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-LI-IPu4F0>

***Modern Days*, is out now through WJO Distribution. *Only Human* is at radio now.**

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