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BECCY COLE – FOOLIN' AROUND

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Country singer Beccy Cole makes a dramatic personal revelation on the next **Australian Story** program.

"I think for years Beccy has had this secret that she really does want the world to know but didn't really know when the right time was," says her friend and fellow country star, Gina Jeffries.

"She's always felt like she's holding something back from everyone," says Kasey Chambers, Beccy's best friend since they were teenagers in South Australia.

Now Beccy Cole has decided she is ready to tell audiences about a personal dilemma which has dogged her for more than ten years.

"It's definitely uncomfortable if you've got a big part of yourself, if such an important part of yourself is a secret and kept inside," she told Australian Story. "In the darkness of an evening, sometimes that has been a difficult thing for me to cope with over the years."

Beccy Cole has won 9 Golden Guitar awards and twice been voted Entertainer of the Year by the country music industry.

In the program she also reveals that a letter from a disgruntled fan was the inspiration for her chart-topping song, "Poster Girl."

After returning from a trip to entertain Australian troops in Iraq, she was shocked to receive the letter from a fan who said he was tearing down her poster because of her "support for the war."

The song "Poster Girl" was written in just 20 minutes and was her way of saying, "I wasn't supporting the war, I was supporting the troops."

Ironically, it went on to become her biggest hit.

MONDAY INTERVIEWS ARE AVAILABLE

Producer: Ben Cheshire

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