

# Singer home to acclaim

By CLAIR WEAVER

AN Australian singer who has found fame in the US is back on home turf to release a new album.

Since leaving Sydney with one suitcase in 2000, Karen Jacobsen has become a darling of the New York music scene.

Among her achievements was singing the US national anthem to a massive crowd — which included Woody Allen and his family — at Madison Square Garden.

She also performed one of her songs for the Dawson's Creek DVD, won numerous music awards and shared the stage with Norah Jones, Christopher Cross and Cyndi Lauper.

Now, the singer from Mackay hopes to replicate that success here with the release of *Here In My Heart*, a collection of melody-driven love songs.

"I'm really excited that my record has been released here," she said. "I think the music scene here is awesome, there are so many great young artists coming out."

Despite missing her family and sausage rolls, Jacobsen now calls New York home.

She is married to tour manager Tom Hudak, who has looked after the likes of Madonna, Mariah Carey and Stevie Nicks. "Tom and I are both obsessed with travelling and music and we want to do that wherever we go."



**New York success:** Karen Jacobsen has been making an impact in the US