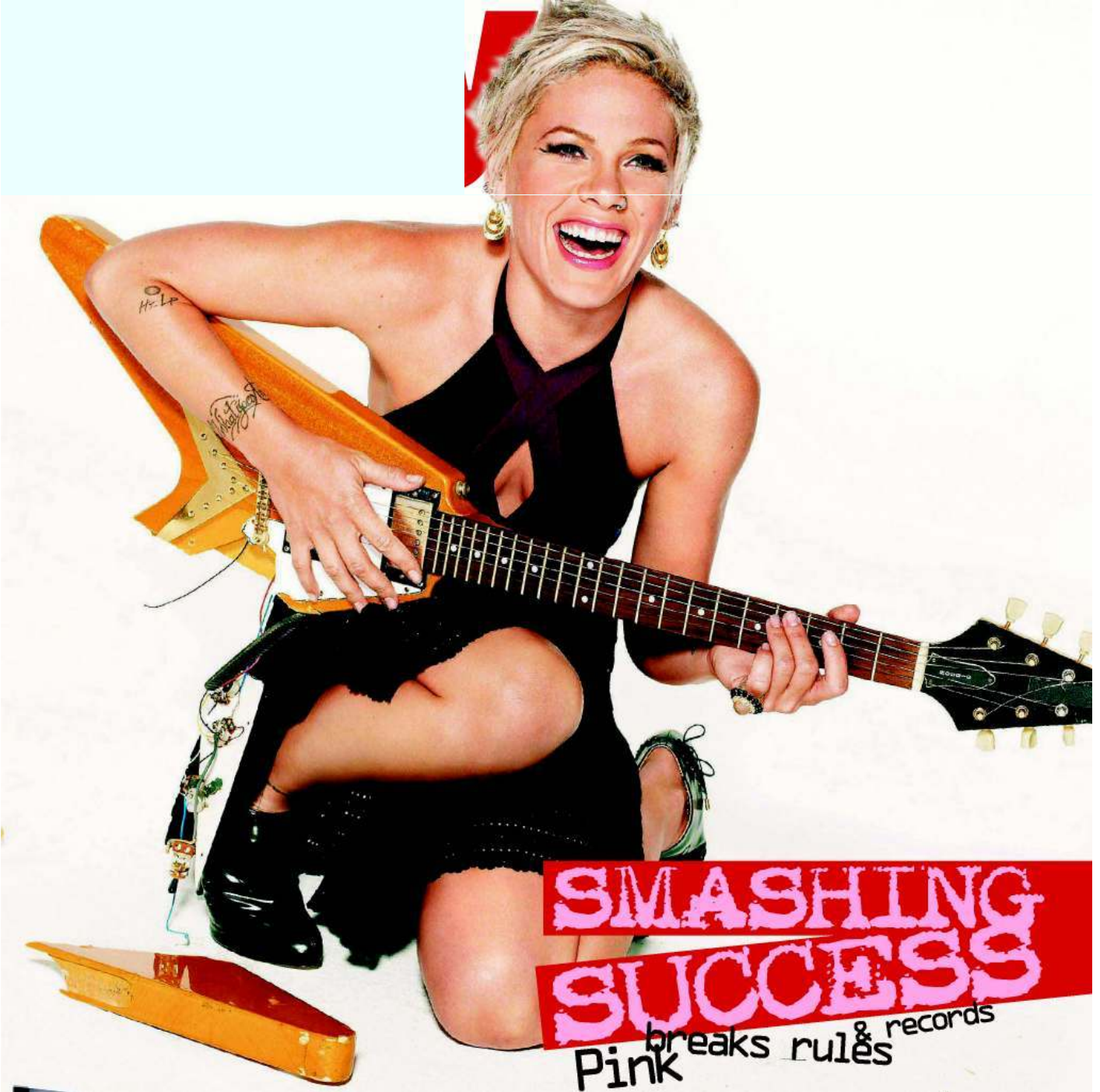




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Tour de force

The little lady with the big voice, Pink is ready to break records with her *Funhouse* extravaganza – the largest music tour ever in Australia

PINK hits our shores next week for what will be the largest music tour ever in Australia – a 46-show national run which continues through June, July and August.

The entertaining dynamo has based the tour's theme on the title of her latest album, *Funhouse* – a grand spectacle of gritty, emotional rock 'n' roll with high-flying dancers and acrobats. 'Two hours of group therapy', as Pink likes to call it.

"The logistics are challenging. It's a travelling circus," says *Funhouse* Australian tour promoter Michael Coppel.

Literally.

"All of us, when we were little, probably wanted to run away and join the circus, because it's full of what mainstream society considers freakish and it's kind of sexy and exciting and big and over the top," says Pink.

Pink will be joined in Australia by her motocross rider husband Carey Hart, as the pair rebuild their marriage. Hart will hold a series of free motocross events in conjunction with shows on Pink's tour (see report, right).

The couple separated in February last year but are 'definitely' back together, says Pink.

"We had to come up with a way to be able to both go to work and both see each other," says Hart.

"We are in a working relationship. We love each other to death and are working to live happily ever after.

"It's going to be a very exciting time for both of us to actually go to Australia and tour together for two months."

Hart says he is more in love with his pop star wife than ever.

"She's brilliant, smart and talented. She is such a great support system to me," he gushed to *In Touch Weekly* magazine.

Pink, 29, and Hart, 33, have been married for three years and remained close even after their separation.

"We never really legally got divorced. Paperwork for both of us is really annoying," laughs Pink.

"So we're choosing to be together. Our

role models are Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon and Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn – people who choose to be together every day, because they want to be there.

"And labels have never been our thing, so, we're just diving into that empty swimming pool, headfirst."

Pink – real name Alecia Moore – first met Carey at the 2001 X Games. They split for a short time in 2003, but reunited and tied the knot in Costa Rica in January 2006 before their second separation.

Pink's recent hit *So What* was written about the split, but she says she has no trouble performing the song now she and Hart have reconciled.

"Aside from a few songs that are completely vulnerable for me, when I'm writing even my angry kind of *So What*, for me, it's every emotion involved – I'm being sarcastic, I'm being silly, I'm being angry . . ." she says.

"I'm all of these emotions, all at the same time, so I include them in my songs. So it's still silly, it's still funny, I still have anger. It's easy to just be right back there. I don't have a hard time transplanting myself back to that moment."

Pink has however had to work hard to up the thrills with *Funhouse* following her rope-swinging, girl-kissing, soul-baring, Bush-baiting *I'm Not Dead* tour (the biggest Australian tour by a female artist).

"I have to step it up. It has to be higher, more dangerous, something I haven't done before. I did love the acrobatic stuff and it is the *Funhouse* tour, so there's a lot to work with," she says.

Pink is so big in Australia, she even has her own radio station while she's here.

Austereo (which owns Fox FM) has launched new digital station Pink Radio, which will run for three months, while Pink winds her way around the country.

"Pink is the most played and requested artist on our Today network and the *Funhouse* tour is one of the most anticipated tours ever," says Austereo's Jeremy Macvean.

Pink Radio can be accessed via www.foxfm.com.au



CAREY Hart was the first person to successfully land a backflip on a motorcycle. That makes him a legend in the world of freestyle motocross, but he is also known around the world as the other half of singer Pink. Now the pair are joining forces with something special for Australia – a series of free ‘events’ in the main cities, where Pink is performing on her latest tour. There will be art, music and fashion but, best of all, a combination of cars and bikes and FMX action. Hart is recruiting a team of Australia’s best aerial bike experts and they will join him at five local shows, in the Hart & Huntington Freestyle Tour, from Melbourne to the Gold Coast from May 30 to June 20. “We’re all too aware of what Australians have been enduring with the fires, floods and financial crisis, so we decided it was time everyone had the opportunity to have a good time,” says Hart. “Australia and its people have been so good to my wife and I over the years and we honestly feel this is our home away from home. We want this to be a real reward for fans of the sport and wider culture that has provided me with so many opportunities.” The tour has backing from Holden and will start in Melbourne on May 30, moving to Newcastle, Sydney, Brisbane and the Gold Coast finale on June 20. Pink’s tour starts in Perth on May 22.

Pink plays the Brisbane Entertainment Centre on June 12-13, 15-16, and on July 20, 22-23 and 25-26.