



PINK LADY ON SHOW

She is on a roller-coaster ride with her husband and her tour clashes with Britney Spears, but so what — Pink's still a rock star. **Nekesa Mumbi**
Moody and **Jonathan Moran** report

WHEN Pink came up with the circus-themed theatrics for her Funhouse tour, she didn't think she'd be sharing her big-top theme with another pop singer.

She sighs with resignation when a comparison is made to Britney Spears' latest tour, The Circus, which, like Pink's tour, features high-flying dancers and acrobats, and is a grand spectacle.

Both Pink and Spears based their theme on the title of their latest album (both CDs were released last year, Pink's came out first). Spears' tour opened in March. Pink hits Australia this month for a 50-show national tour that ends in August.

"Had I known that certain other people were going to base their latest thing about circus things, I probably would have went into another direction," the big-voiced, 29-year-old singer says. "I was six months before that and didn't really understand that it was a trend that was happening. I'm pretty out of the loop."

Not that anyone would confuse their tours. Spears' show is a dance-oriented affair, while Pink says her show is all about gritty, emotional rock 'n' roll — "two hours of group therapy".

But the "media circus" metaphor of these singers' lives is an easy one to draw — and it's one Pink encourages.

Rather than shy away from talking about her personal life, she sings about it openly, calling her husband, US motocross

champion Carey Hart, a "tool" in her hit song *So What*.

In the film clip to the song, she even takes a chainsaw to a tree etched with their names in a love heart.

But the pair, who split last year, seem to have settled their differences and, according to Pink, are "definitely back together". Hart will join Pink on her tour of Australia, where the pair will appear at a number of "lifestyle" events. But contrary to rumours, they won't be remarrying because they never actually divorced.

"We never really legally got divorced. Paperwork for both of us is really annoying," she laughs. "So we're choosing to be together. Our role models are Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon and Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn — people who just 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."

Ouch. Pink is not shy about wearing her heart on her sleeve when songwriting,

and much of her last record, *Funhouse*, dealt with her split. But she can see the fun in songs like *So What*, so

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has no trouble in singing them now.

"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, 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 really easy to just be right back there. I don't have a hard time transplanting myself straight back to that moment."

Lucky for Pink, Hart has a sense of humour, too.

"You gotta laugh at it," Hart told *The Sunday Mail*.

"If you can't laugh at yourself, who can you laugh at? She let me know what was

going on ahead of time and I thought it was hilarious.

"I feel like I've got a pretty good sense of humour, so you can't take that stuff too serious."

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The couple will spend the next few months together to rekindle their romance.

"We're definitely in a rebuilding phase right now," Hart said.

"I think that's the goal right now, get a start and

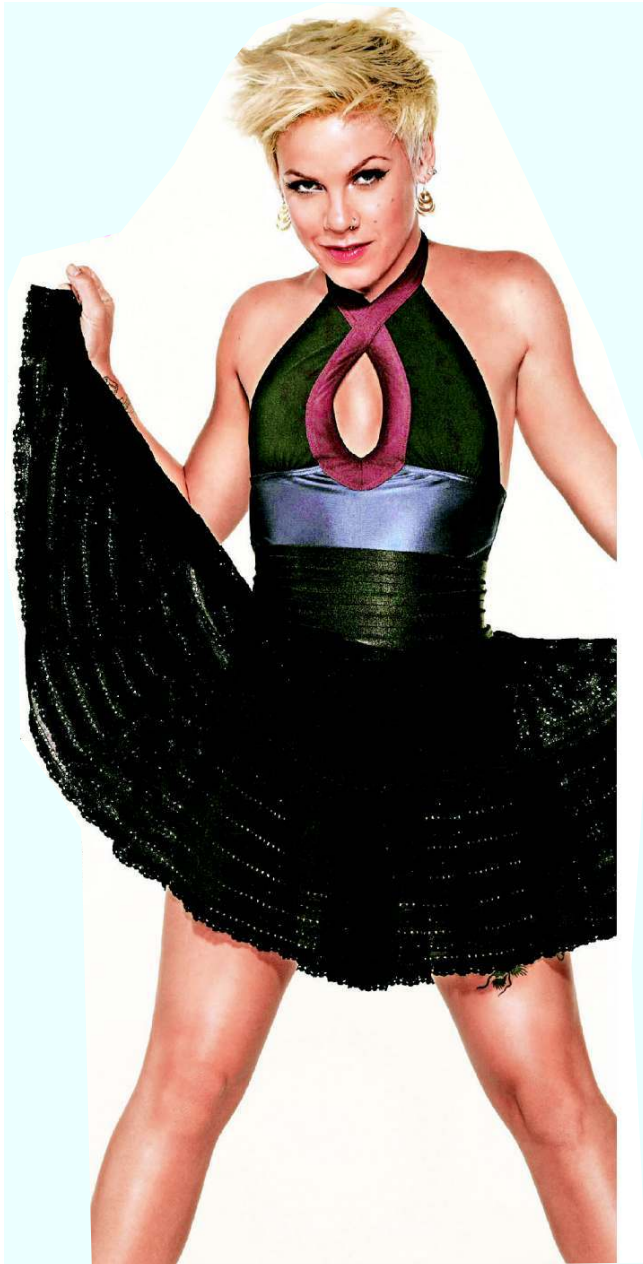
or titles or any of that stuff, it's about spending time together and focusing on living happily ever after."

One of the biggest problems in the couple's three-year marriage was coordinating their busy schedules — but that shouldn't be a problem for the next few months.

Pink's tour starts in Perth on May 22.

Hart will tour as part of the Hart & Huntington Freestyle Tour, a three-hour event of stunt demonstrations, art, fashion, music, bikes, cars and culture.

Pink performs at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre on June 12, 13, 15 and 16, and on July 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26. The Hart & Huntington Freestyle Tour comes to the Brisbane Entertainment Centre on June 13.



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